

LILY AND THE WITCH



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Dedication

I would like to dedicate this book to my mother and father, for helping me with the tricky words and grammar while always cheering me out to see this final thing.

To my brother who helped me with his Acrylic colors to complete my drawings.

For all the kids like me who dream about the beautiful bed time fairy tales.





Foreword

In an increasingly complex global future, the "Hemamala Upahara" book project, led by Mahamaya Girls' College, stands as a turning point in girls' education. Over a decade, it has successfully nurtured thousands of children to become young authors.

This year, by collaborating with other schools, we aimed to provide students with a wealth of new experiences. The goal was to develop multi-faceted skills, including communication, values, and creative growth. As a result, children have written books that pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic – the supreme symbol of the Buddhist world – to the Hill Country (Kandy).

I extend my gratitude to everyone involved, including the students who contributed their creativity and the teachers who guided them.

Shashikala Senadhira
Principal
Mahamaya Girls' College

Congratulatory Message

It is a great honor for me, as the Governor of the Central Province, to send a congratulatory message for the launch of the books created through the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project initiated by Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy.

Education is the fundamental foundation for the progress of society, and it is further strengthened through books and literary creations. It is clearly commendable that students' talents, creativity, and intellectual abilities are emerging through projects such as this.

I believe that this book creation project will provide valuable knowledge and a precious literary contribution not only to the students but to the entire society. Furthermore, I hope that through such efforts, future writers who will bring pride to Sri Lanka will emerge.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation and blessings to the Principal, the academic staff, the students, and everyone involved who dedicated themselves to this successful endeavor. I wish this project and the book launch ceremony great success.

Sarath B.S. Abeykoon
Governor, Central Province
Emeritus Professor,
University of Peradeniya
2026-05-10

Congratulatory Message

I highly appreciate the noble and outstanding effort of the Principal and the academic staff of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, the student daughters, the students of other participating schools, and everyone who dedicated themselves to plan and implement this book publication project. The project was organized under the leadership of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, with the participation of other schools in the Kandy Zone, with the aim of encouraging children toward book creation within the current school system, as a tribute to Hemamala Kumariya who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic to Sri Lanka.

For several decades, Sri Lanka has been committed to providing free, compulsory, quality, and equitable education to all children, thereby producing a future generation of intelligent and skilled citizens. In such a context, this book creation program for school children helps develop creative ability, critical thinking, and other positive qualities for a balanced and well-rounded personality, and contributes to building a future knowledge-based society.

May all activities of the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project be successful through the blessings of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Pradeep Nilanga Dela
Diyawadana Nilame,
Sri Dalada Maligawa.
2026.05.10.

Lily & The witch

Once upon a time there was a girl lived in a small house near a big forest. Her name was Lily.

Her father died when she was very small. She lived happily with her mother.



There was an evil witch called Began, who lived in a castle in the forest near this house.

She was jealous with Lily, because Lily was so pretty and kind. Witch caused many problems to Lily's family. Once she turned Lily's mother in to a statue with an evil spell.



Lily was alone with no family in her house. “You, evil witch, What did you do to my mother?” asked Lily. Her eyes were filled with tears and loneliness.

Then the witch took Lily to her castle in the forest.



There was a prince called Benjamin in the palace near this forest. He knew there is an evil witch living in this forest.

He got to know that Began is hiding a girl in the castle. He wanted to rescue the girl and destroy the castle.



Prince Benjamin started his rescue journey. Two days he walked in the dark forest and finally he could see the castle which was dark and haunting.

The evil witch knew that the prince is coming to rescue. She disguised her self as Lily and appeared before the prince.



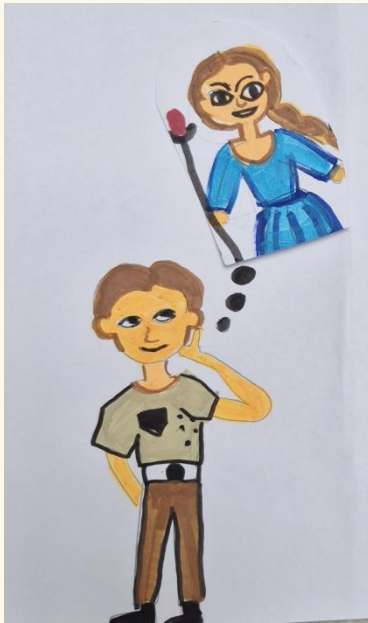
She said “I don’t want to go anywhere with anyone, I’m really happy in this castle” and she also said “I’m not going to go out of this castle.

The prince was disappointed. He turned back and decided to walk back to the palace.



But after walking back from the castle he suddenly realized that this girl was not the real one since she was carrying something like an evil magic stick.

“Began must be the one who disguised as Lily and did this to me” The prince said to himself.



He immediately turned back and started to walk to the castle again. At that moment, the witch had sent a rock monster to stop the prince from coming back to castle.

The big rock monster appeared before the prince and tried to stop him. The prince laid a trap and the monster fell into the trap and it was destroyed.



Began knew that the prince is coming back to rescue the girl. She had a giant at the entrance to the castle to stop the prince. The prince saw that he could enter the castle only through the mouth of the giant.

Prince threw some sand to the nose of the giant and he started to sneeze. When giant open the mouth he ran through the mouth to the castle.



The prince came to the top of the castle where Lily was tied to a post. He used his sword and destroyed the magic stick of the witch. The witch became a statue and her spell was broken.

Lily was rescued and her mother also got out of the spell and came to alive.



Prince took Lily out of the castle and the castle was completely destroyed. Lily could find her mother. The prince took Lily and her mother to the palace.

The Prince proposed to Lily, to marry him. They lived happily ever after.



THE END

Afterword

With the approval of the Ministry of Education, this research-based project has empowered thousands of student authors for over ten years. Educationists recognize it as a program that significantly enhances the quality of school education.

In alignment with modern educational reforms, encouraging students to author a research work is a milestone in this journey. In this digital age of "Smart" technology, the modern school must demonstrate through research that books and technology should be used together. This is because the unique joy a child receives from a book cannot be replaced by anything else.

To prevent children from drifting away from books—which remain our primary educational tool and storehouse of human knowledge—Mahamaya Girls' College has spearheaded the "Hemamala Upahara" project for many years. Its primary objectives are to foster academic discipline, promote values, and pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who fulfilled a historic mission to empower women.

We express our gratitude to the Principal, teachers, parents, alumni of Mahamaya Girls' College, representatives of other schools, the Diyawadana Nilame, and the staff of the Sri Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic) for their support.

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(Project Creator)