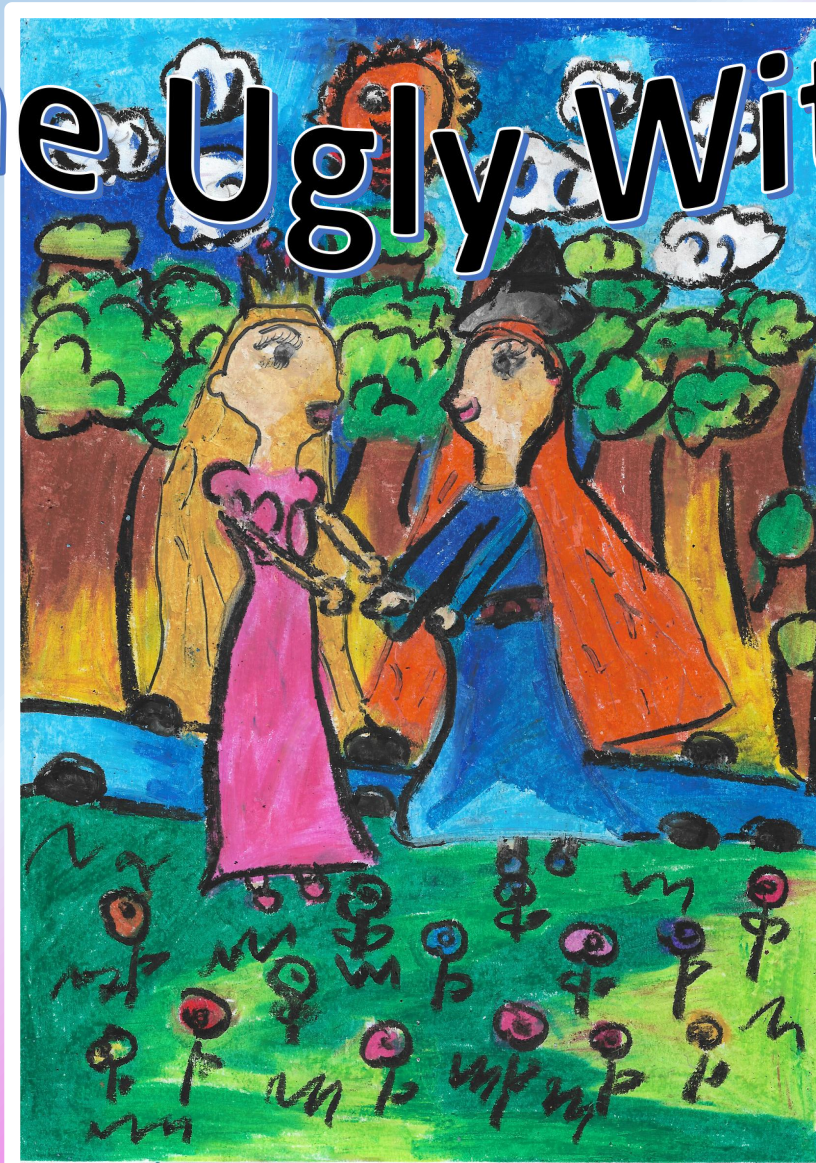


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## Dedication

This book is dedicated to my beloved parents, Aunty Shoba, my sister Jenuli and my class teacher Mrs. Dilshani who always encouraged and helped me to bring this book to success.

Thankyou!





## 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.





Once upon a time, there lived a kind princess. Her name was Jessica. Princess Jessica was very kind and beautiful. She was very helpful and friendly to everyone. Every morning, she walked through the kingdom, talked with all the people she met, listened to their stories, and looked after their needs. She gave food and presents to poor children and people.

So everyone in the kingdom liked her and loved her. They all talked about her kindness and helpfulness to the people. Because of that, Princess Jessica became very famous in other kingdoms too.

The king and queen were proud of their daughter and her good work, which made it easy for the king to rule the kingdom.

But unfortunately, one day something bad happened, the king died from an evil spell cast by a witch.



This witch was very ugly and was very jealous of Princess Jessica's beauty, kindness, and popularity. So the witch always thought about how to defeat the princess one day. The witch spoke to her magic spellbook and asked,

“Magic spellbook,” she said, “tell me how to make the princess ugly?”

“There is no spell” said the magic spellbook.

“But why?” the witch cried.

“Because Princess Jessica's beauty is too strong,” said the magic spellbook.

So the witch thought, “if I take a poisonous flower and let the princess smell it, then she will die, and I will be the prettiest among them all.”

“Ha ..ha...haa,” she laughed.





So the witch put a spell on her to look like a flower seller and walked to the kingdom. She made her flower stall in front of the palace, where the princess could see it easily.

Days passed the princess saw this stole with beautiful flowers every day. The princess went to the flower stall and talked with the witch in disguise. The wicked witch got her chance to get friendly with the princess by pretending to be an innocent lady.

Further, she was asked to bring a flower basket every day to the palace at the request of the princess.

The witch sent a beautiful flower basket everyday to the palace and won everyone's heart. The princess was happy to see, smell and decorate the palace with those beautiful flowers, so she always sent gifts to the flower seller, and they became good friends.





Time passed by and the wicked witch started her plan to kill the Princess. She made beautiful flowers, which she hadn't sent earlier to the princess, and put a spell to make them poisonous.

The next day the witch took the flower basket to the palace.

Innocent princess Jessica took the basket surprisingly.

“Wow, what a beautiful flower basket. I haven't seen these flowers before,” said the princess.

“Thank you so much. Was it hard to find these flowers?” asked Princess.

“Yes, my dear princess, those are very rare flowers which bloom once a year, and they have a sweet smell too.” said the witch.

“Oh , really! Let me try,” said the princess and smelt the flowers.





Suddenly the princess fell down to the floor.

“Ha ha... haa” the witch gave a weird laugh.

“ your princess is dead now, I’m the prettiest among them all... Ha ha ha” said the witch.

Then she appeared in her true self as the witch.

“Now you all are under my control...this whole Kingdom is under my control...ha...ha..ha..” she screamed and vanished.

Everyone in the palace and the Kingdom was terrified.

Servants ran to the princess and tried to wake her up but they couldn’t. They asked for doctors to treat the princess but they all failed.

Countrymen were very sad and they didn’t know what to do.They were afraid that they would have to follow the witch's orders. So everyone gathered around princess Jessica’s body lying in a glass box, and they prayed to bring her back again.



Fairies heard these prayers of the people and gathered around princess Jessica's body and tried to rescue her from the evil spell. But the witch's spell was too strong, and they didn't know how to break that spell.

The witch came back and said , “you all are going to die if you do not obey me hereafter, now you all should do what I say.”

The people shouted and acted angrily ,the guards also fought and tried to defeat the witch. The witch's powers were too strong. So many people died with this fight in the kingdom.

Again the witch screamed. “ Do you remember all of you have laughed and treated me cruelly in the past because I'm ugly, now it was my turn to make you all suffer.”

“Ha...ha.. haa.” again she vanished with that horrible sound.



Next, everyone, along with the fairies, gathered and discussed about the witch's anger with them and how to resolve this and bring back princess Jessica alive.

After the discussion every one realised why she became very bad . It was because of the ignorance and the loneliness which turned her into such a wicked woman.

This was all caused by people's bad behaviour, and they accepted their faults.

“we should go to the witch and apologise for what we have done wrong,” all agreed.

They all went to witch's place and apologised.

“ we have realised what we have done wrong ,please forgive us. please cure our princess and bring her back.” they all cried.



“ Princess Jessica did nothing wrong to you, she treated you well,she treated you as a true friend,and she cared about you, so please bring her back,” cried the fairies.

The witch felt sorry and embarrassed, She started to think about what she should do now.

“All-right, I’ll cure the princess, but I want to be pretty and loved by others like princess Jessica,” the witch said.

Then the fairies said,“Of course you can.”

“The secret of princess Jessica’s beauty is her kind heart . you also can be like that if you rid yourself of your anger and fulfil your heart with love and kindness.”Said everyone.

The witch felt sorry for what she had done and promised she won’t do any harm hereafter.Then she went right away to cure the princess.

“Please forgive me, my dear princess,” the witch said with kind, warm heart and broke the spell.



Suddenly, Princess Jessica woke up .

“What has happened to me? Did I sleep too long?” said the princess, and staring surprisingly at the witch.

“You are so pretty.Who are you ?” asked Princess, looking at the witch.

The witch was surprised by Princess Jessica’s words.

“What?” “Who is pretty?” asked the witch, touching her face.

Then she turned to the mirror, she couldn’t believe her eyes. “ The ugly witch had became a beautiful woman” she said to herself . She felt very happy and joyful, so she looked at the fairies and said “thank you”

“We didn’t do anything ,it was you who had made yourself pretty by filling your heart with love and kindness,” said the fairies.



Then the witch told princess Jessica everything about what she has done. But princess Jessica didn't get angry with the witch.

“We all do mistakes , but the best thing is we have realised it and guided ourselves to the correct path,” said the princess .

Finally, Princess Jessica and the witch became best friends and helped people in the kingdom.

\*\*\*\*\* 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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