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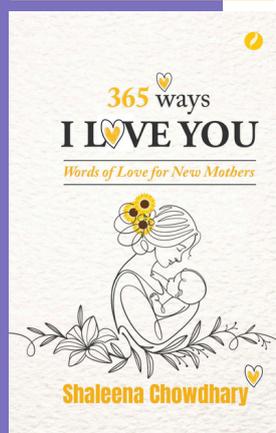
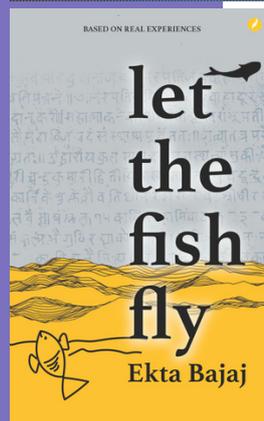
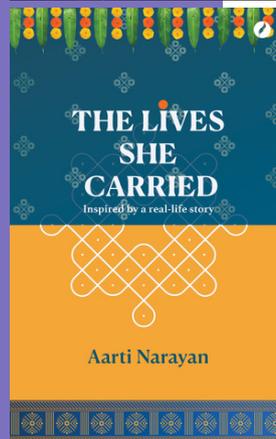
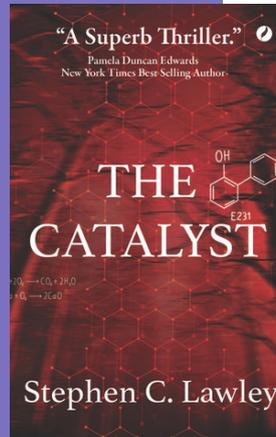
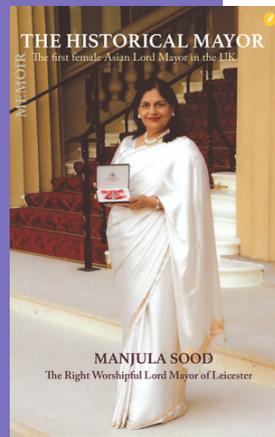
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## FICTION and NON FICTION

Stories rooted in specific cultural landscapes but speaking to universal human experience.



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# LET THE FISH FLY

Based on real mystic experiences

Genre : Literary Fiction / Spiritual Fiction

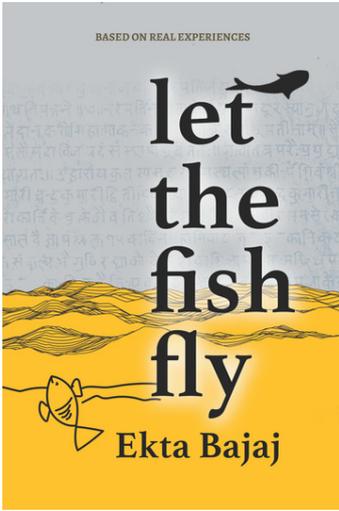
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**A philosophical literary novel where Eastern wisdom meets modern existential questions.**

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International Publishing  
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## About the Book

**A deeply reflective novel about identity, awakening, and the courage to listen to the quiet voice within.**

Set between the quiet majesty of the Himalayas and the hidden landscapes of the human mind, *Let The Fish Fly* follows a woman who begins to question the life she has carefully built.

As the structures of success, identity and belief begin to unravel, she is drawn into a deeper journey of self-discovery, one that moves beyond logic into intuition and inner awareness. Along the way, the voices, memories and choices of the women who shaped her life begin to surface, revealing the subtle threads that connect generations.

Guided by encounters, questions and ancient wisdom, she begins to see the world through a different lens. Rooted in Sanskrit philosophy and Vedantic thought, *Let The Fish Fly* explores the delicate tension between the mind and the soul, and the timeless search for a life lived in truth.

ISBN: 978-1-7392214-5-4

Author: Ekta Bajaj

Publisher : Author In Me Publishing

Genre : Literary Fiction / Spiritual Fiction

Format : Paperback

Language : English

Book Size : 127 x 203 mm

Retail Price: £11.99

Pages : 370

## Key Themes

- Identity and spiritual awakening
- Sanskrit philosophy and Vedantic wisdom
- Cross-cultural reflections on life and purpose
- A contemplative journey into inner transformation

## Comparable Titles

- The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
- Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse
- The Forty Rules of Love by Elif Shafak

## About the Author

Ekta Bajaj is a UK-based author, podcaster and cultural curator. She is the co-curator of the AIM Literary Festival in the UK.

Having studied Sanskrit and Vedanta for several years, she brings ancient philosophical ideas into contemporary storytelling. Her work explores the intersection of identity, spirituality and human consciousness. *Let The Fish Fly* is her debut literary novel.



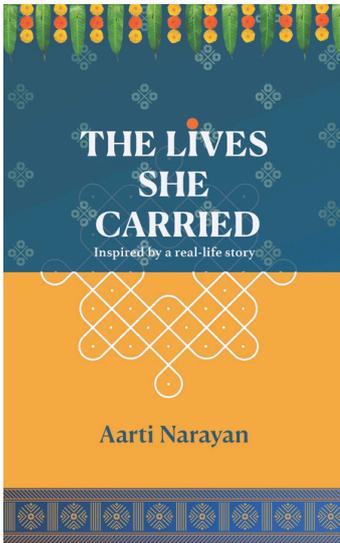
# THE LIVES SHE CARRIED

Genre : Literary Fiction / Historical Family Saga

**A powerful generational story of motherhood, resilience and quiet rebellion across decades of changing India.**

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## About the Book

She was told to be a patient wife. She chose instead to become a brave mother. Married at fourteen, Lakshmi grows up believing sacrifice is a woman's duty and silence her only armour. But when her husband's choices begin to threaten the future of her children, she is forced to confront an impossible decision: remain quiet and survive, or find the strength to defy the life that has been written for her.

Spanning decades from a small village in Kerala to the bustling streets of Mumbai, *The Lives She Carried* is a moving portrait of a woman determined to break generations of unspoken silence, for herself and for the daughters who follow.

Rooted in history, culture and the intimate realities of family life, the novel explores motherhood, resilience and the quiet acts of courage that reshape destinies. A story of love, loss, sacrifice and the enduring strength of women.

**ISBN: 978-1-0684448-2-1**

**Author: Aarti Narayan**

**Publisher : Author In Me Publishing**

**Genre : Literary Fiction**

**Format : Paperback**

**Language : English**

**Book Size : 127 x 203 mm**

**Retail price: £12.99**

**Pages : 365**

## Why This Story Travels Internationally

While rooted in the cultural landscapes of Kerala and Mumbai, *The Lives She Carried* explores universal themes of motherhood, resilience and the courage to challenge inherited expectations. Lakshmi's journey from silence to self-determination reflects the struggles of women across cultures and generations.

## Comparable Titles

- The Henna Artist
- Pachinko
- The Island of Missing Trees

## About the Author

Aarti Narayan was born and raised in Mumbai, India. She received her MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, and spent over twenty-five years in the corporate world before turning to writing.

Her early work appeared in the Modern Love: Tiny Love Stories column of the New York Times. She is now a full-time writer based in Singapore, where she lives with her husband and two children.



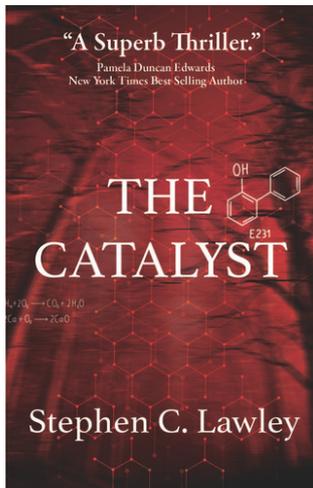
# THE CATALYST

Genre : Thriller / Science Fiction

**A high-stakes environmental thriller where experimental science and global conspiracy collide.**

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## About the Book

**The Catalyst is a fast-paced thriller about a scientific breakthrough that could transform the future of humanity.**

When visionary scientist George Carruthers believes he has discovered a solution that could create a safer and more sustainable world, he gathers a group of bold young allies to help turn his idea into reality. But powerful corporate forces see the discovery as a threat, and will stop at nothing to keep it hidden.

As the team races across continents to protect the truth, they find themselves caught in a dangerous battle between innovation and control.

In a world where progress comes at a price, the question remains: is the catalyst humanity's greatest hope, or its most dangerous illusion?

**ISBN: 978-1-7384200-3-2**

**Publisher: Author In Me**

**Genre : Science Fiction / Thriller**

**Book size- 127 x 203mm**

**Language: English**

**Format: Paperback, B&W pages**

**Number of pages : 322**

**Retail Price: £11.99**

## Key Themes

- Environmental crisis and climate science
- Experimental technologies and scientific ethics
- Global conspiracy and power structures
- The moral responsibility of scientific discovery

## Comparable Titles

- The Andromeda Strain
- State of Fear
- The Da Vinci Code

## About the Author

Stephen C. Lawley was born in London's East End and now lives in Buckinghamshire. Drawing on a lifetime of varied professional and personal experiences, he brings scientific insight and global awareness to his fiction.

He studied Industrial Chemistry at university, graduating with honours, and his early exposure to chemical research sparked a lifelong interest in the power and responsibility of scientific discovery. Extensive travel and time spent in the United States deepened his understanding of environmental challenges and the global impact of fossil fuel dependency.

These experiences inspired his debut novel *The Catalyst*, which examines the intersection of science, environmental responsibility and political power.



# THE VOICE OF KALI

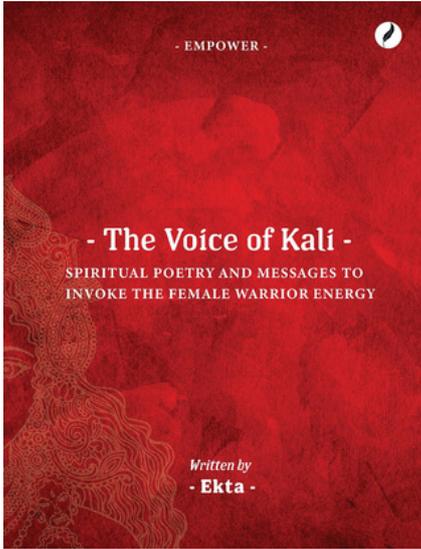
Female Empowerment, Inner Transformation, Spiritual Awakening

Genre : Spiritual Writing / Inspirational Poetry

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WOW WOMAN  
OF THE YEAR  
2022

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## About the Book

**A powerful collection of spiritual poetry and reflections inspired by the transformative energy of the goddess Kali.** The Voice of Kali is an empowering and deeply reflective collection of poetry and spiritual messages that invites women to reconnect with their inner strength and awakening.

Drawing inspiration from Kali, the ancient goddess who symbolises transformation, courage and liberation, the book guides readers on an inward journey of healing, self-realisation and personal power. Through evocative poetry and reflective prose, it explores the emotional landscapes of pain, resilience, renewal and spiritual awakening.

Each piece encourages readers to confront the parts of themselves that have been silenced or forgotten, and to rediscover the creative and transformative energy within. Printed in full colour and accompanied by twelve original paintings by the author, the book blends art and spirituality to create a meditative and visually immersive reading experience.

**ISBN: 978-1838204754**

**Publisher: Author In Me**

**Genre : Spiritual Writing /  
Inspirational Poetry**

**Language: English**

**Book Size: 14.2 x 0.7 x 18.4 cm**

**Format: Paperback, Full colour**

**Number of pages : 116**

**Retail Price: £8.96**

## Why This Works Internationally

The archetype of the divine feminine and the search for inner transformation resonate across cultures and spiritual traditions. The Voice of Kali speaks to readers interested in mindfulness, spirituality and personal growth.

Its combination of poetry, visual art and spiritual reflection makes it particularly appealing to audiences drawn to inspirational literature and contemplative writing.

## Key Themes

- Spiritual awakening and personal transformation
- The archetype of the divine feminine
- Healing, resilience and self-discovery
- Creative expression through poetry and art

## About the Author

Ekta Bajaj is an author, visual artist, and co-founder of the AIM Literary Festival. Her work explores themes of identity, spirituality, and personal transformation, drawing inspiration from Vedic philosophy and Sanskrit wisdom. Through storytelling, poetry, and reflective writing, she encourages emotional and spiritual growth while advocating for women's voices in literature and culture.



# THE HISTORICAL MAYOR

The Memoir of the First Female Asian Lord Mayor, Manjula Sood MBE

To be published in October 2026

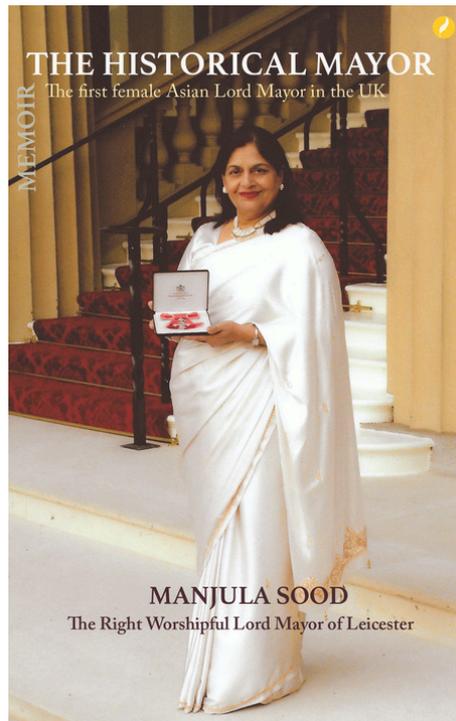
Genre : Memoir / Biography / Political & Social History

## Rights Available:

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International Publishing  
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## About the Book

**A remarkable true story of courage, migration and public service, the life of the UK's first South Asian woman Lord Mayor, told in her own words.**



Manjula Sood MBE was a name synonymous with dignity, grace and public service in Leicester, England. As the city's first female Lord Mayor of South Asian heritage, she became a symbol of resilience, community leadership and cultural bridge-building.

To be published in October 2026, The Historical Mayor will be released following her passing in December 2025 and stands as the only personal account of her extraordinary life story, told in her own voice.

From an unloving childhood in Punjab, India, to the challenges of migration and rebuilding a life in Britain, Manjula's journey is one of perseverance, inner strength and unwavering commitment to service. Beginning her career as a schoolteacher and later entering public life after the loss of her husband, she dedicated over twenty-five years to serving the diverse communities of Leicester.

## ISBN Hardback:

978-1-0684448-9-0

**Author: Mayor Manjula Sood MBE**

**Publisher : Author In Me**

**Genre : Memoir / Biography**

**Format : Hardback**

**Language : English**

**Book Size : 127 x 203 mm**

**Retail price: £16.99**

**Pages : 240**

In 2008, she made history as the United Kingdom's first Asian female Lord Mayor of Leicester. Always elegant in her sari and guided by humility and faith, she became a powerful advocate for multicultural dialogue, community cohesion and inclusive leadership.

Part memoir and part social history, The Historical Mayor is an inspiring story of migration, courage and public service, and a lasting testament to a woman who devoted her life to bringing communities together.

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Original art from our book, The Voice of Kali

-Ekta

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Inclusive stories that inspire courage, kindness and curiosity in young readers.

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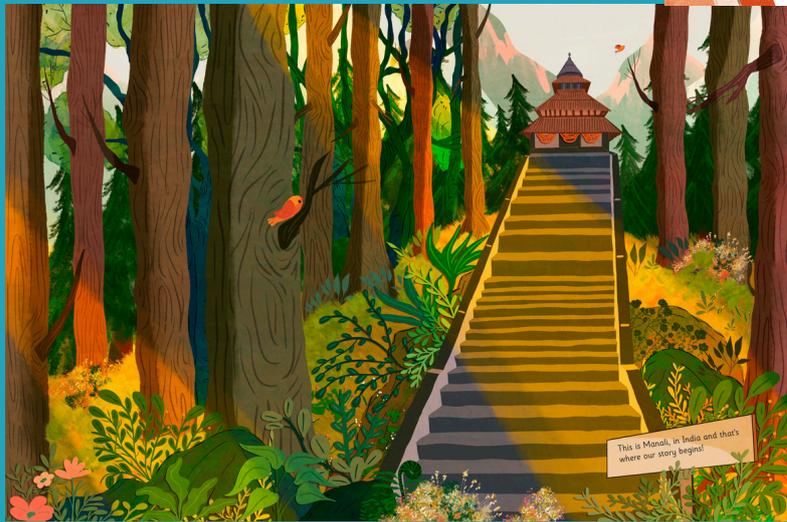
Age 9

As I danced Kuchipudi to the sitar tune, The scintillating stars above me, like mudras, circled the magical moon, And in the graceful, eternal dance, I could do anything, leap and prance.

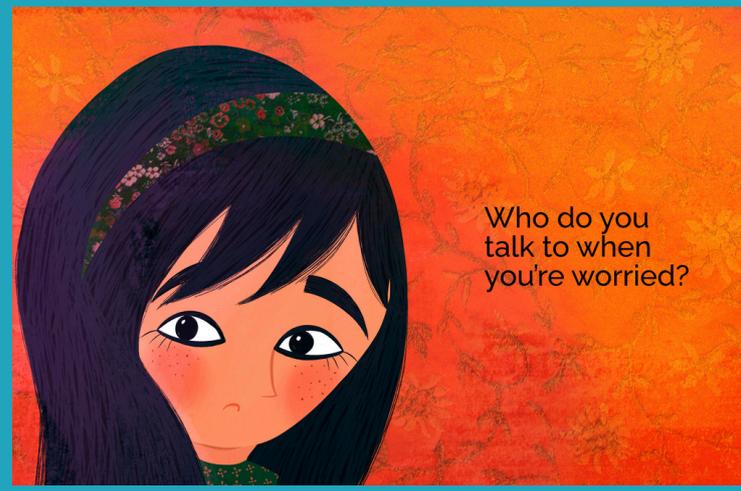


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This is Manali, in India and that's where our story begins!



Who do you talk to when you're worried?

'Do you mean that trees stop the rain, Nani?' asked Kabir.  
'No, but their roots soak up the rainwater like sponges,' Nani replied sadly.  
'So there's less flooding?' asked Isha.  
'Exactly!' said Nani.

'Wow! What else do trees do?' Isha asked.  
'A tree's leaves slow down the rain as it falls. This can reduce the amount of water that floods an area,' Nani explained.  
'Trees are the gifts that give back,' said Nani.



Among the beautiful forests of the Himalayan mountains lay a small town called Manali, where Isha and her friend Kabir lived.

Isha and Kabir loved the forest.

Today, they were playing amongst the trees and talking about Isha's birthday.





# WHEN MUMMY HAD CANCER

A gentle and hopeful picture book that helps children understand illness, emotions, and the strength of family love.

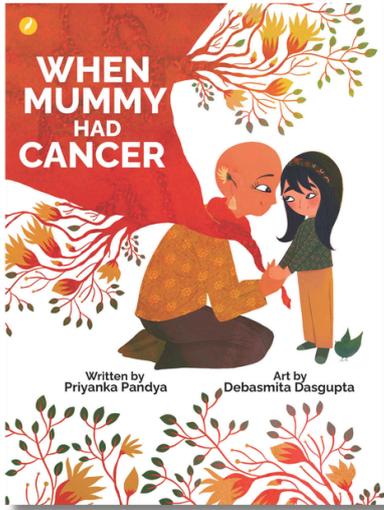
Genre : Illustrated Picture Book / Children's Emotional Wellbeing

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## Rights Available:

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HarperCollins India



## About the Book

*When Mummy Had Cancer* is a touching and reassuring story that explores a family's journey through illness, told through the eyes of a young child. Life is filled with joy, especially when the family dances together in the kitchen. But everything changes when Mummy discovers she has cancer.

Through tender moments of fear, sadness, and courage, the family learns to face the illness together. With honesty and warmth, this beautifully illustrated picture book helps children understand complex emotions, offering comfort and reassurance during difficult times.

Woven with reflective questions and moments of hope, *When Mummy Had Cancer* encourages children to talk about their feelings, ask questions, and find strength in the love and support of their family.

A story about resilience, empathy, and the healing power of togetherness.

ISBN: 978-1-7384200-5-6

Author: Priyanka Pandya Bhatt

Publisher : Author In Me

Genre : Picture Book

Format : Paperback

Language : English

Age Range : 5-8 years

Book Size : 210 x 280 mm

Retail price: £9.99

Pages : 34

## Why This Story Travels Internationally

Its universal themes of family love, resilience, and emotional wellbeing make the story accessible and meaningful for young readers across cultures.

## Key Themes

- Family support during illness
- Emotional resilience in children
- Talking about difficult feelings
- Hope, comfort, and reassurance

## About the Author

Priyanka Pandya is a teacher and children's life coach dedicated to nurturing the emotional wellbeing and confidence of young minds.

In 2022, she was diagnosed with cancer while raising two young children. Drawing on her personal experience and her work supporting children, she wrote *When Mummy Had Cancer* to help families talk about illness with honesty, courage, and compassion. Through heartfelt storytelling and gentle illustrations, Priyanka encourages children and parents to embrace vulnerability, share their emotions, and find strength together.



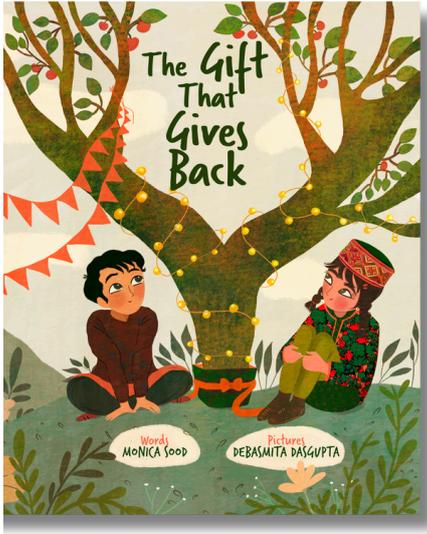
# THE GIFT THAT GIVES BACK

A heartwarming picture book that introduces children to environmental responsibility through a story of courage, community, and care for nature.

**Genre: Children's Picture Book (Ages 4–8)**

## Rights Available:

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and Screen Adaptation  
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## About the Book

Set in a picturesque Himalayan town, *The Gift That Gives Back* follows eight-year-old Isha as she prepares for her birthday.

During a heartfelt conversation with her grandmother about fallen trees, heavy rains, and devastating floods, Isha begins to understand the powerful role trees play in protecting their home and community.

Determined to make a difference, she chooses a special birthday “gift”, one that gives back to the planet and inspires others to care for nature.

Beautifully illustrated and emotionally engaging, this picture book gently introduces children to environmental awareness, encouraging them to take small but meaningful actions in their everyday lives. A story about empathy, responsibility, and the belief that even the smallest act can create positive change.

**ISBN: 978-1-0684448-1-4**

**Author: Monica Sood**

**Publisher : Author In Me**

**Genre : Picture Book**

**Format : Paperback**

**Language : English**

**Age Range : 4-8 years**

**Book Size : 210 x 280 mm**

**Retail price: £9.99**

**Pages : 34**

## Why This Story Travels Internationally

Environmental awareness and climate education are increasingly part of school curricula around the world. *The Gift That Gives Back* introduces these ideas through the relatable perspective of a child learning to understand and care for her environment.

## Key Themes

- Environmental awareness and climate education
- The importance of trees and ecosystems
- Overcoming fear and building confidence
- Small actions creating meaningful change

## About the Author

Monica Sood is a children's author curator of the AIM Literary Festival, where she champions storytelling as a tool to inspire, educate and empower young voices.

Originally from the Himalayan region of India, she witnessed the impact of deforestation, heavy rains and floods on local communities. These experiences inspired her to write stories that help children understand environmental responsibility and face fears with courage. With a background in science and mindfulness, Monica creates stories that nurture emotional wellbeing while introducing complex ideas through engaging and accessible narratives.

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