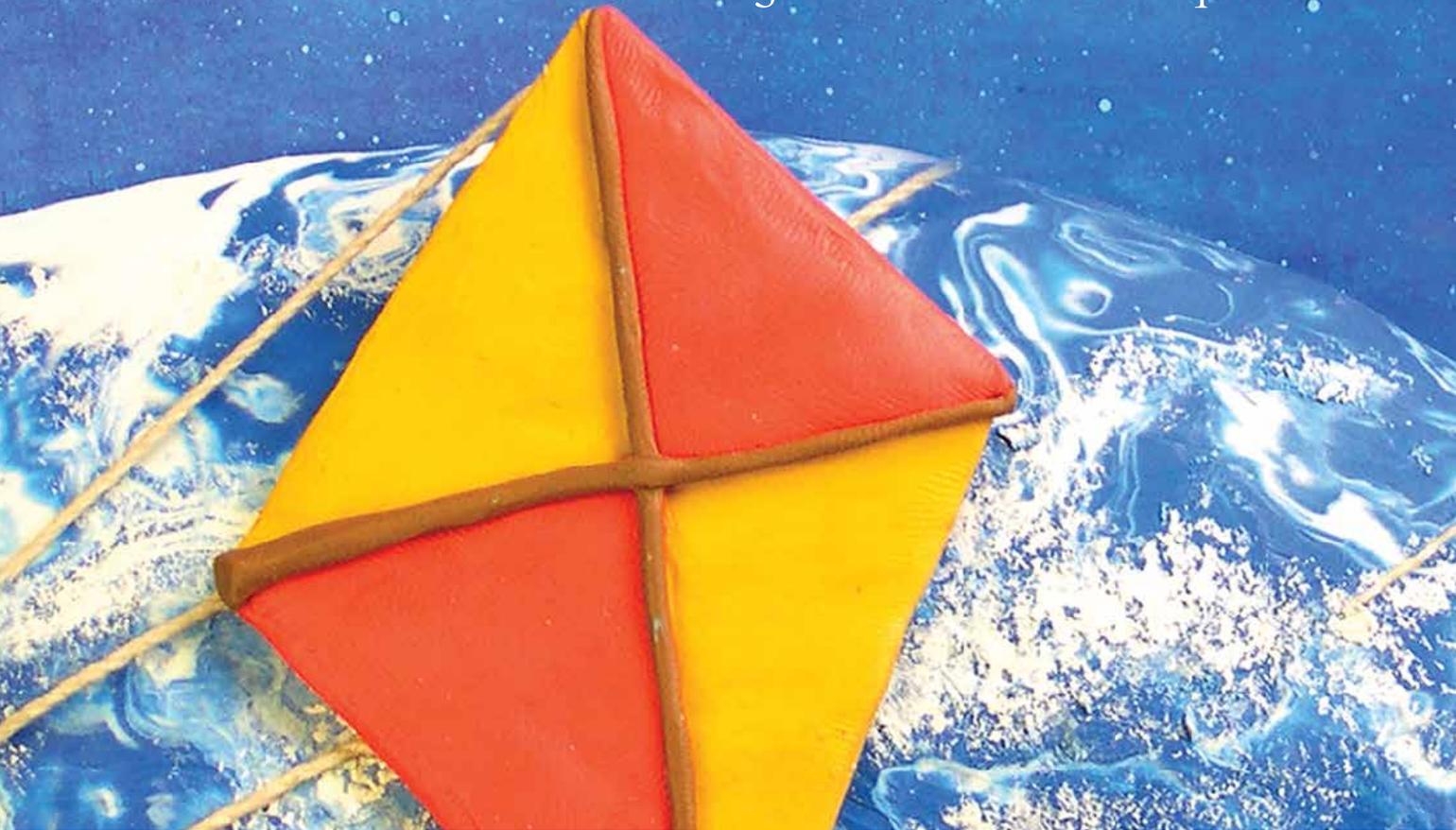




A SPACESHIP CALLED EARTH

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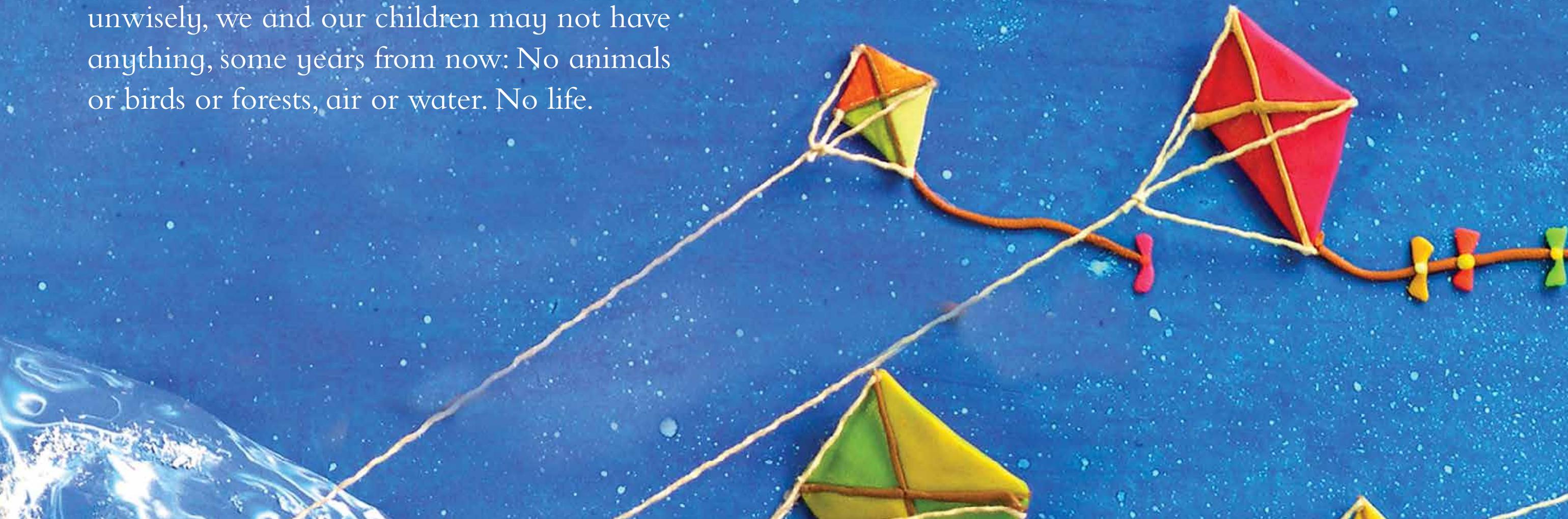
A long time ago, someone called Earth
a spaceship. Because we can run out of
things on Earth just as easily as we can
run out of things on a spaceship

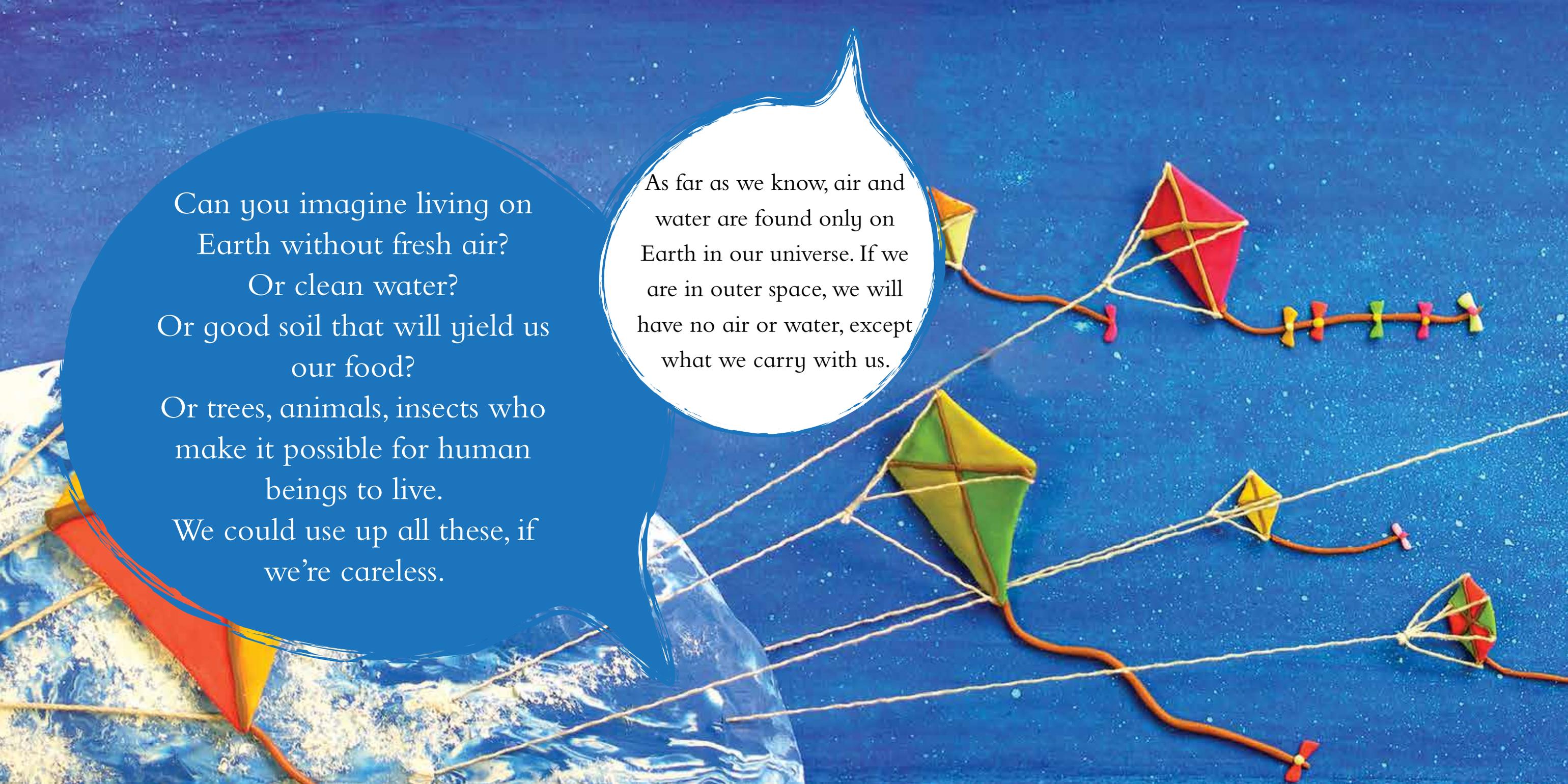


Saving for Our Children!

People who study these things say that if we use our air and water and other resources unwisely, we and our children may not have anything, some years from now: No animals or birds or forests, air or water. No life.

It's not difficult to make our life and the lives of our children happy. Let's use what we have carefully, so that not just you and me but our children and their children will also have enough to lead a happy life.





Can you imagine living on
Earth without fresh air?
Or clean water?
Or good soil that will yield us
our food?
Or trees, animals, insects who
make it possible for human
beings to live.
We could use up all these, if
we're careless.

As far as we know, air and
water are found only on
Earth in our universe. If we
are in outer space, we will
have no air or water, except
what we carry with us.

Geeta Dharmarajan loves writing stories and fantasies for children. She conceived and edited a children's magazine called *Tamasha*. Geeta was earlier one of the editors of *Target*, a magazine for children, and *The Pennsylvania Gazette*, the magazine of the Ivy League University of Pennsylvania. She has 31 books and over 400 published pieces to her credit. She started Katha in 1988 and has been its principal team leader since then.

Enrique Lara Robayo studied graphic design at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia. He loves to write and illustrate and works as a freelance illustrator and as a university teacher. **Luis Fernando García Guayara** studied graphic design at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia. He has always enjoyed playing with plasticine. After his degree, he started teaching claywork and origami to children in his art classes. He also works as a freelance illustrator and college teacher.

Friends since their university days, Enrique and Luis have worked together on several illustration projects. Their artwork in *Leaves*, their earlier book published by Katha, won an Encouragement Prize from the NOMA Concours for Picture Book Illustrations in 2000.

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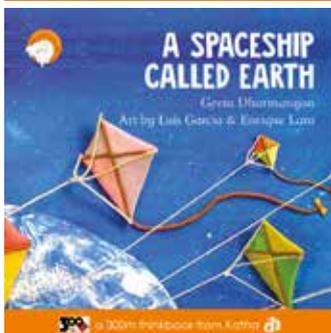
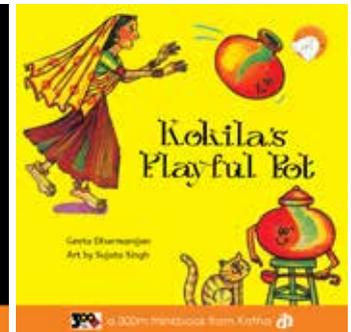
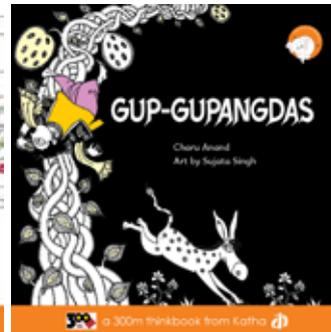
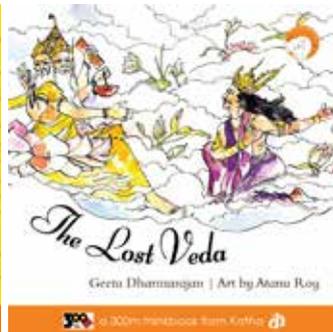
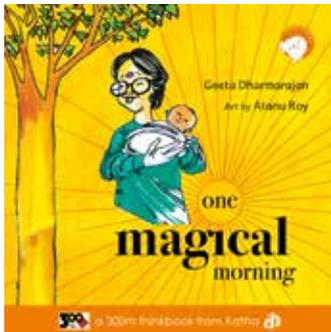
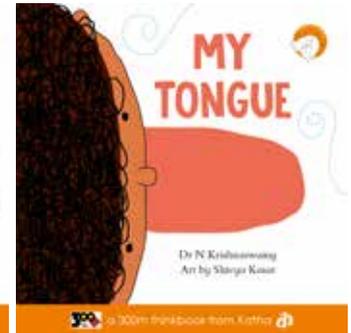
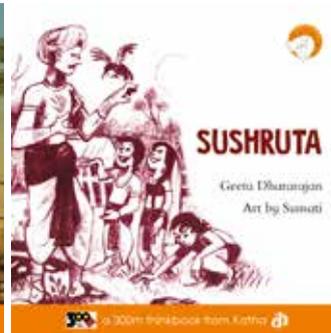
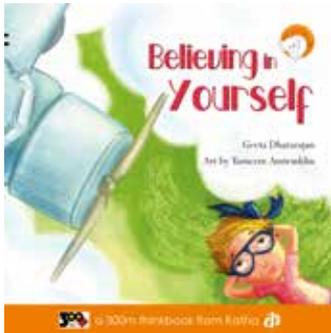
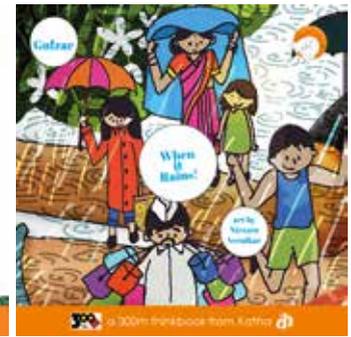
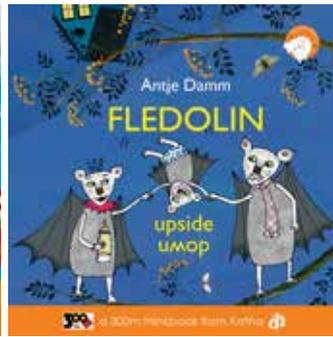
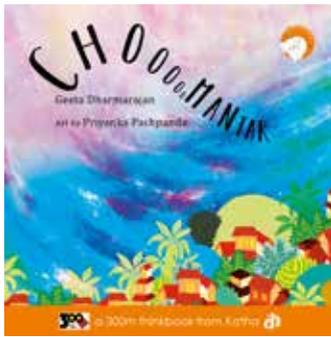
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