



# DOBAKATI

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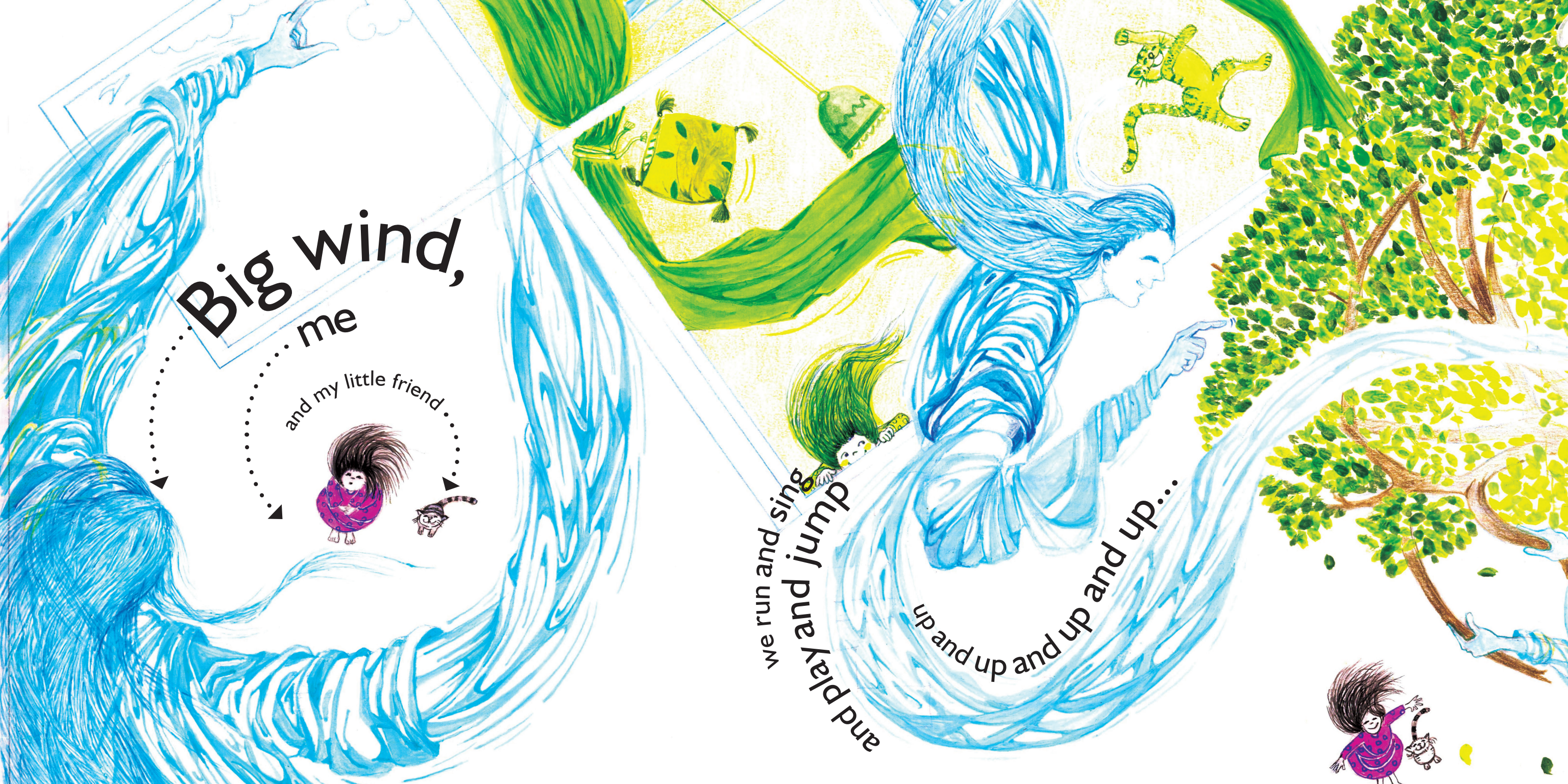
Big wind,  
me

and my little friend



we run and sing  
and play and jump

up and up  
and up and up...



now we are here  
and now  
we are there

We go over and under the clouds

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in and out of the new new leaves  
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.....  
of the old old tree  
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we float and we sink  
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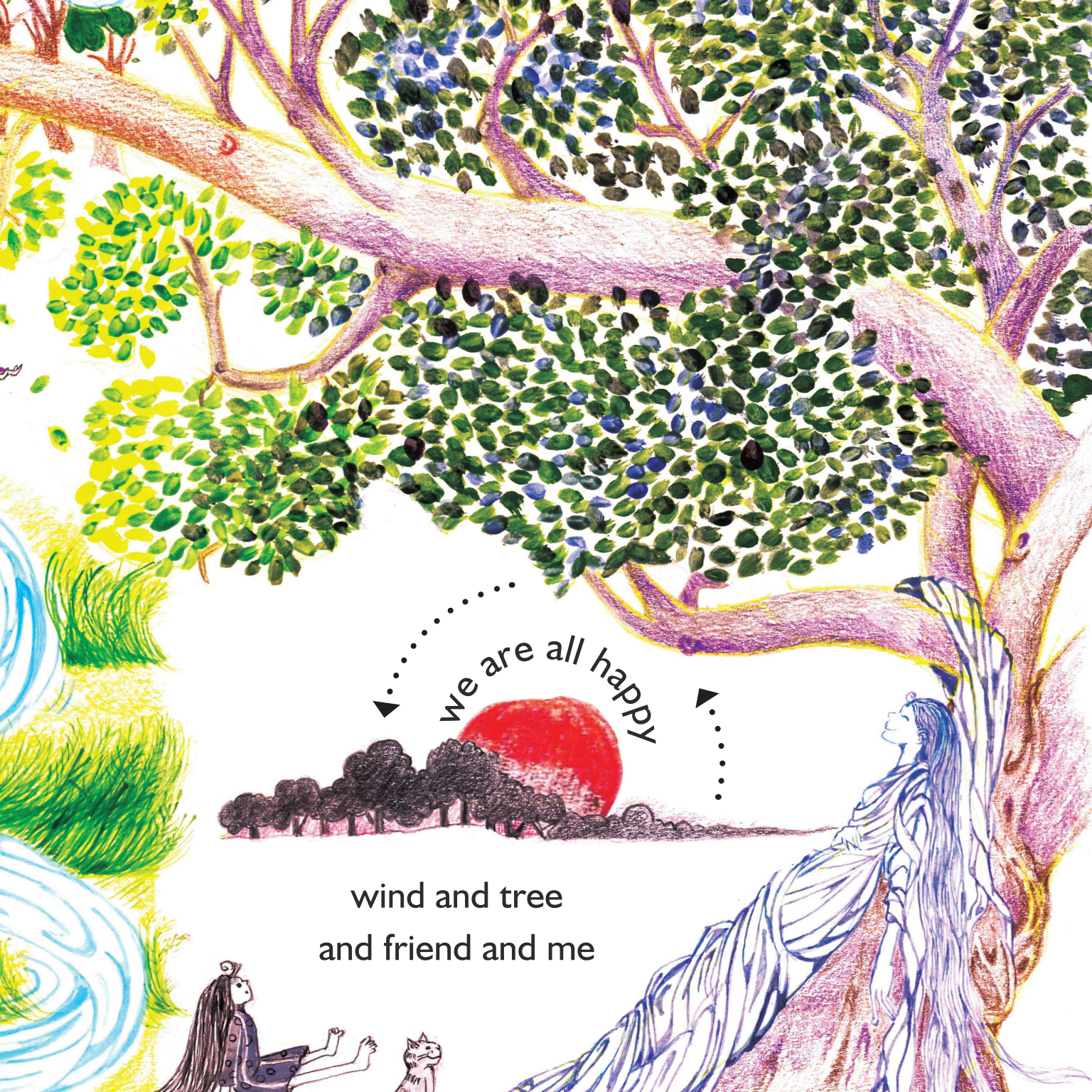
swooooosh!

down  
and down  
and down  
and down

**dobakatti!** to the green green grass

and the sky in the river smiles





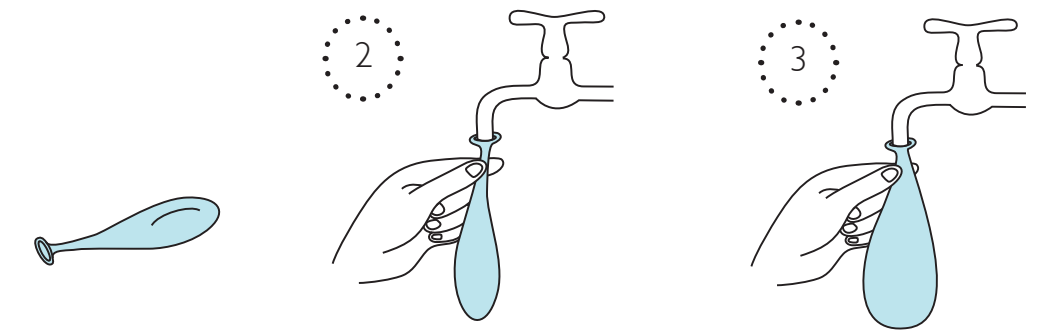
wind and tree  
and friend and me

We are all happy

# Activity 1

EMPTY OR FULL?

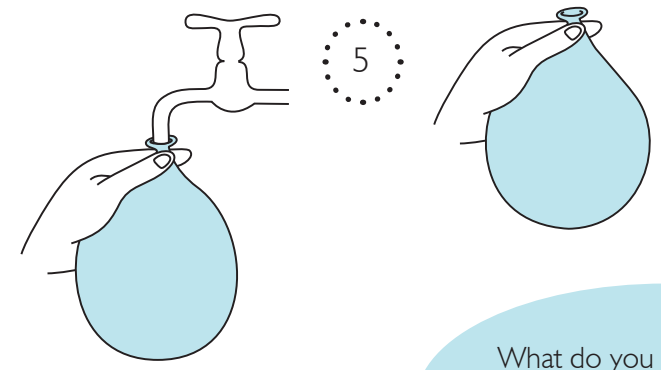
Let's have fun with a balloon and find out!



Take a small balloon.

Fix the balloon to a water tap and hold it there.

Now slowly open the tap and fill the balloon with water.



See how the balloon changes shape.

But close the tap quickly when the balloon is full. Or it will BURST!

What do you do when your tummy feels very empty? And when do you know that it is full?



## Activity 2



### CAN YOU DO THE OPPOSITE?

Given below are some simple actions and their opposites.



Get up - Sit down	Breathe in - Breathe out	Hands up - Hands down
Sleep - Wake up	Shout - Whisper	Cry - Laugh

Now get your friends together and have some fun! | Split yourselves into two groups A and B facing each other. | When Group A does an action, Group B does the opposite.

Can you think of other exciting games that you can play with opposites?



## Activity 3



### NORTH, SOUTH, EAST OR WEST?

Here's a little song for you to sing and act out with friends.



One pretty sparrow had four little ones  
Flapping their wings and wanting some fun

One flew East to the rising sun

One flew West where the sun goes to rest

One flew North up to the snow

One flew South down to the sea

All around the world they roamed

And finally all four flew back home

For North, South, East or West

Home sweet home is the best!



When at home, where do you see the sun rise from every morning?



**Geeta Dharmarajan** loves writing stories and fantasies for children. Founder-Director of Katha, she also conceived of and edited a children's magazine called Tamasha! in 1988. 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 also been awarded the prestigious Padma Shri in 2012, for her distinguished service in the fields of Literature and Education.

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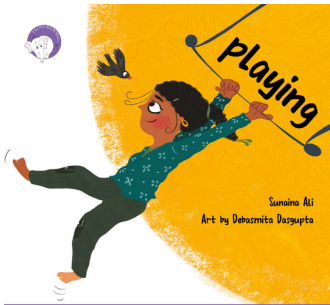
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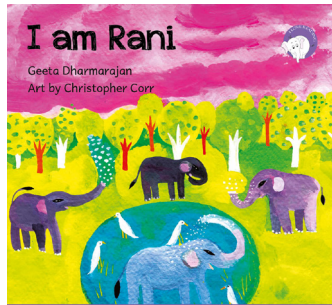
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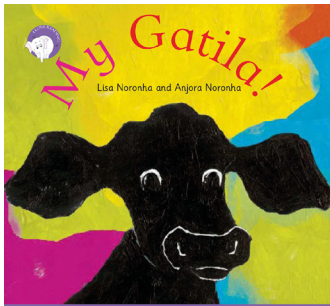
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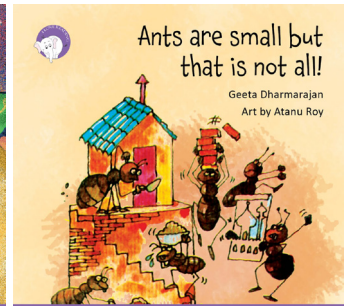
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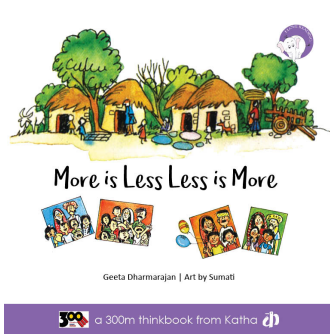
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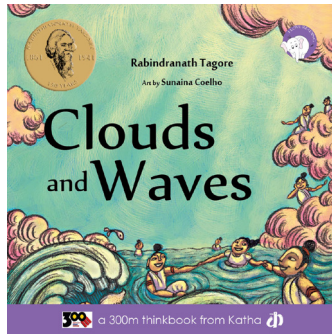
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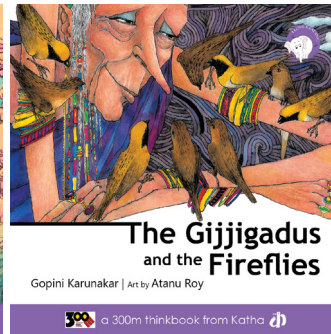
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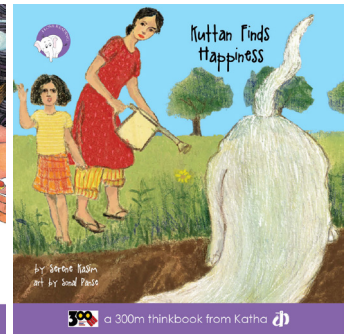
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