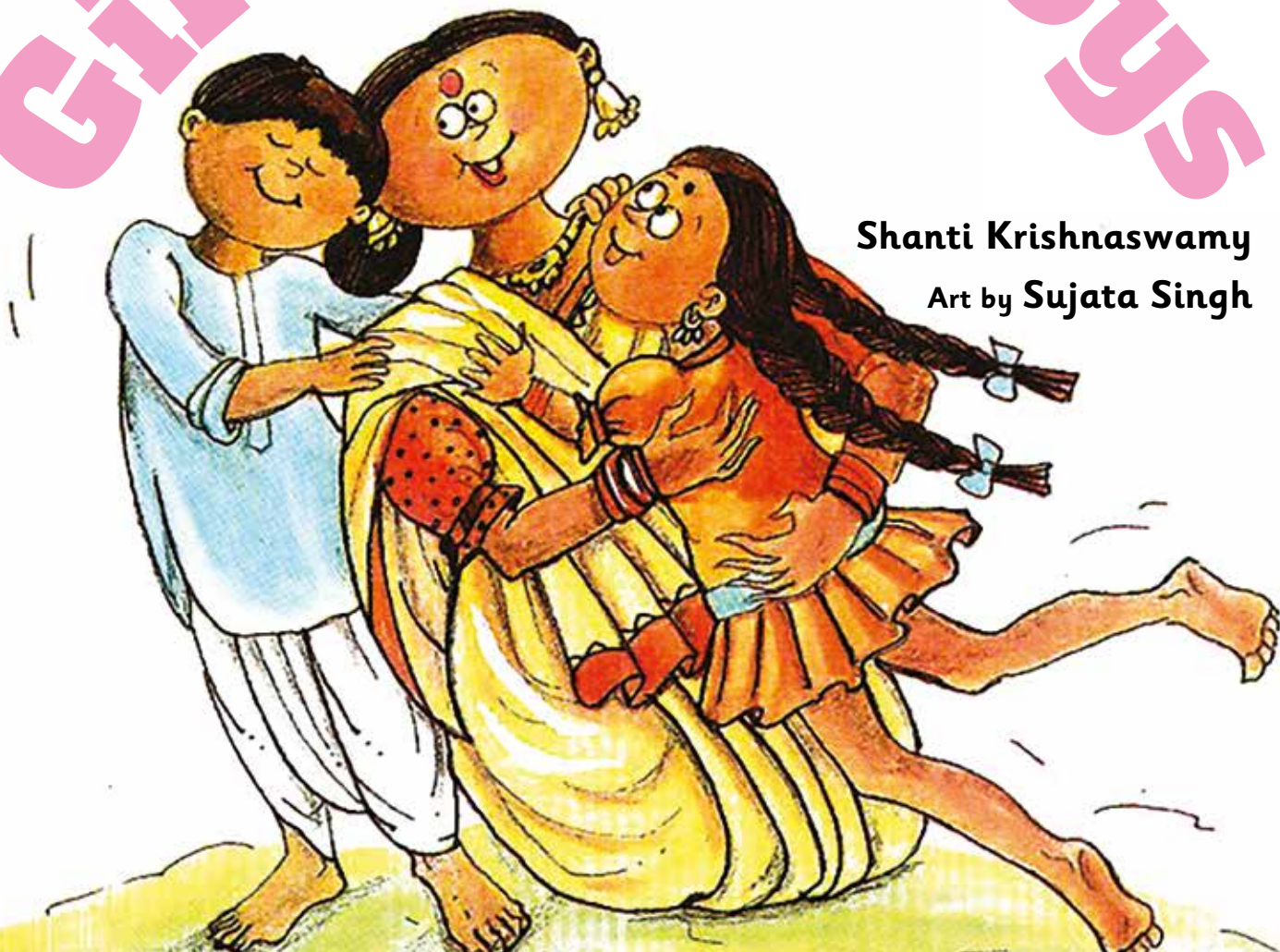


Girls and Boys



Shanti Krishnaswamy

Art by Sujata Singh



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Girls and boys you have the right
To go to school, to read, to write!

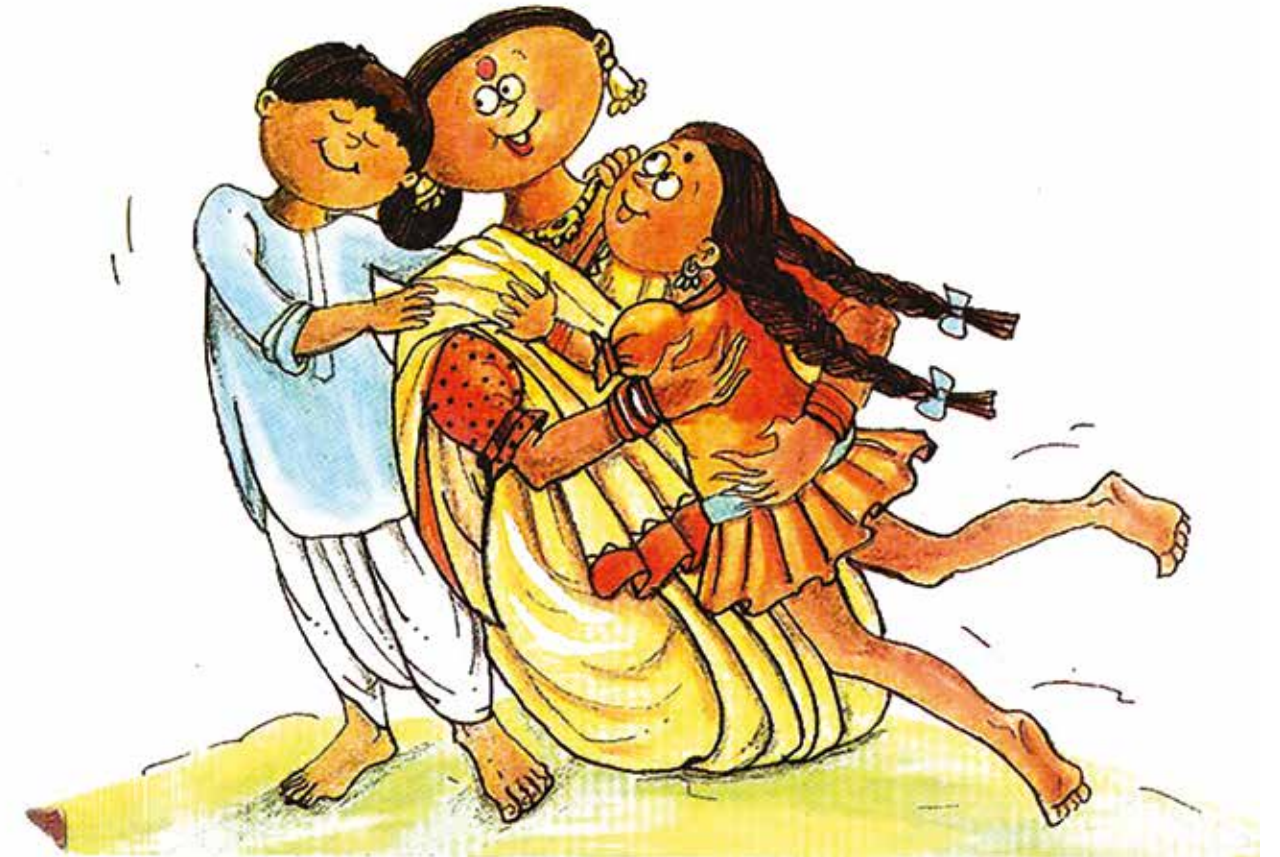
To play and sing and jump and dance
To choose your life, to take a chance.





To be loved you have the right
To have a home, a bed at night.

To be looked after when not well
When wars or floods turn things pell-mell.





If you can't walk or hear or see,
You still can be what you want to be.

And, if you have a living to earn,
you still do have the right to learn!



And yes, what's in a caste or name?
We all have rights that are the same!



So don't be shy or soft or weak,
Learn to speak up (but never shriek!)



Just ask for that which is your right,
For boys and girls you have the right.

Shanti Krishnaswamy views stories as a means to fostering unity by reinforcing diversity. Her deep special interest in social work in education led to the development of a story based curriculum for children.

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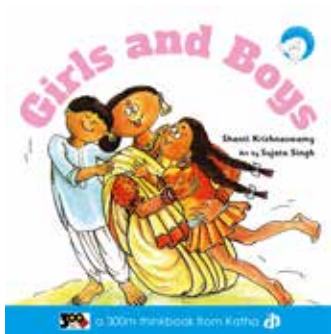
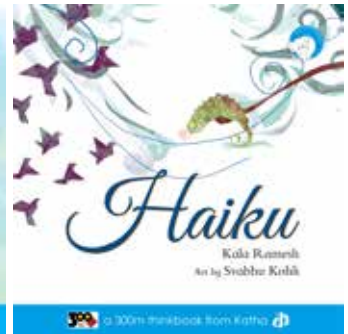
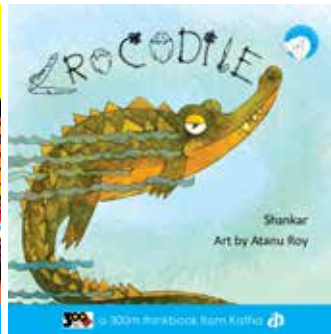
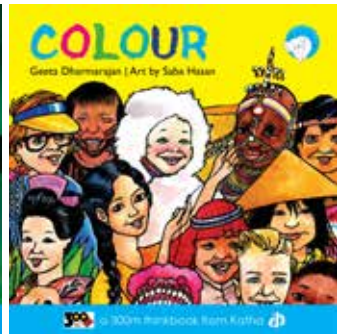
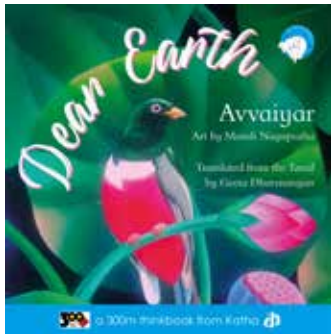
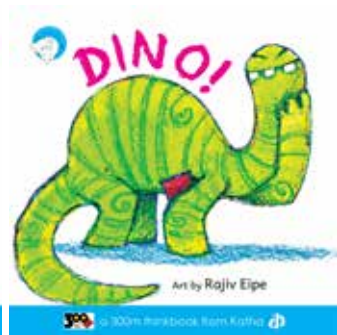
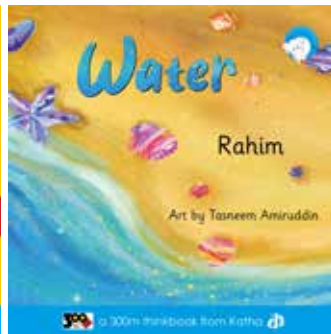
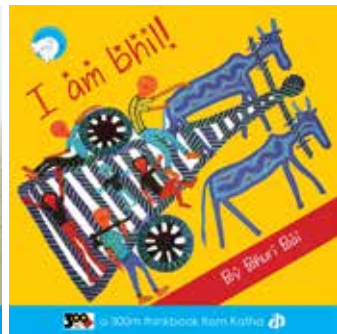
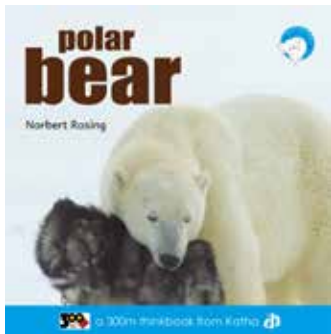
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