



# Runga

Geeta Dharmarajan

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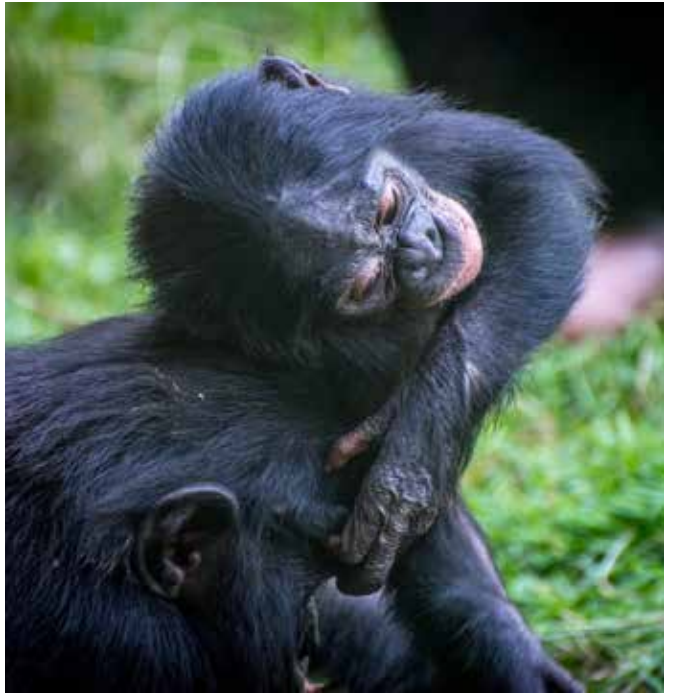
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BABY ANIMALS

How many of these  
can you name.







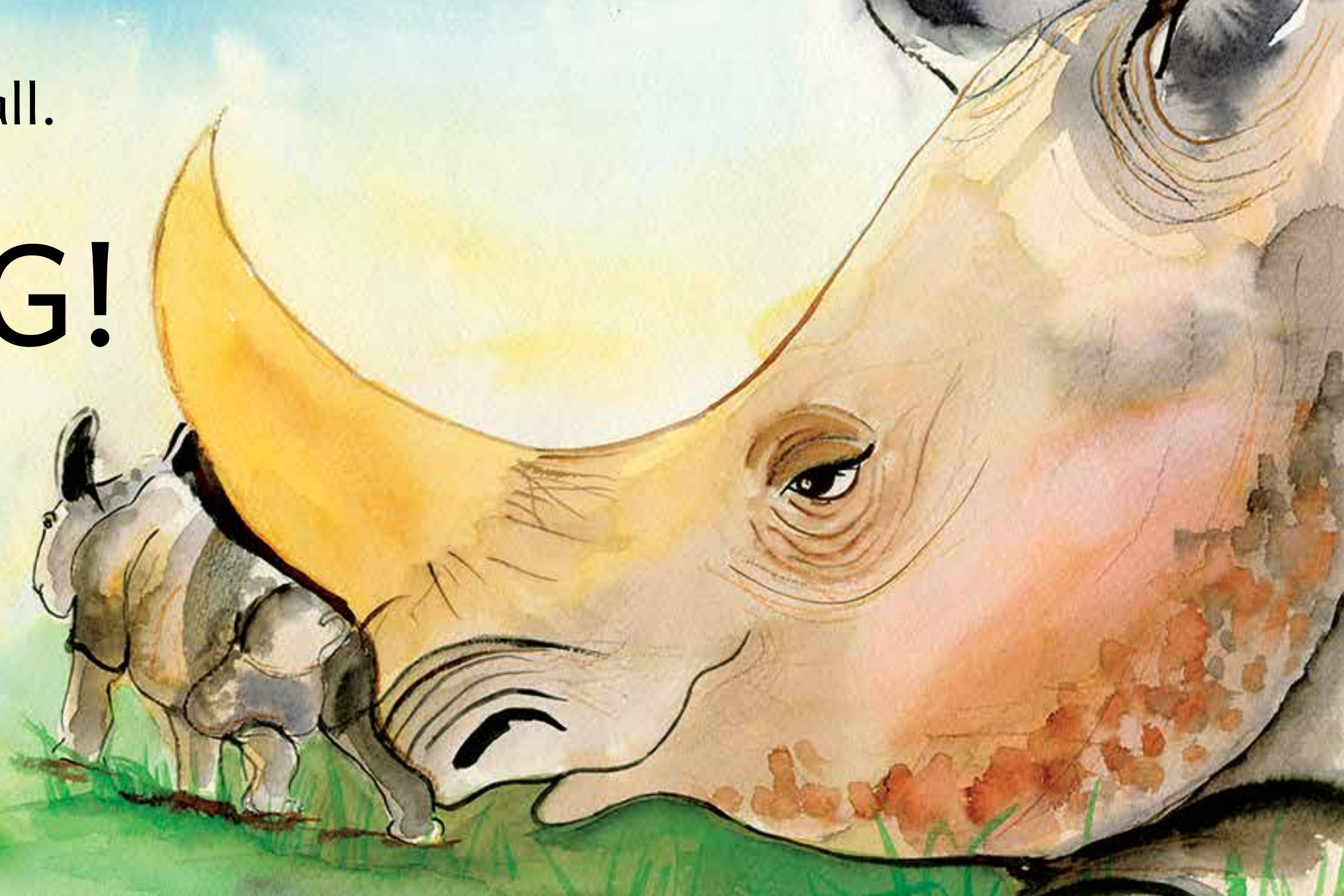
I am Runga,  
a baby rhino.



I am so, so small.

Amma is so,

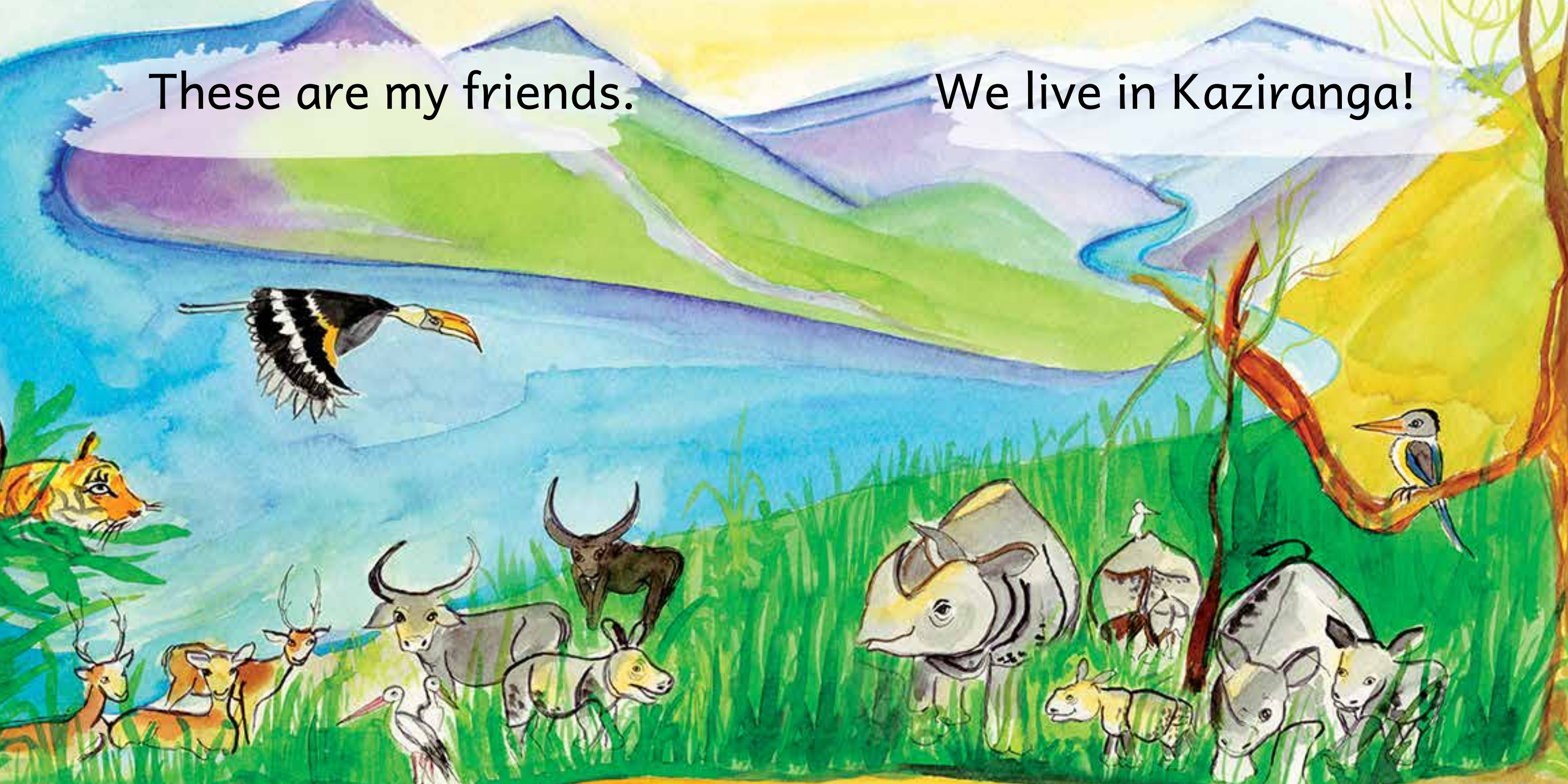
**SO BIG!**





These are my friends.

We live in Kaziranga!





# We Rhinoceros!

- *We rhinos have lived on earth for millions of years.*
- *There are only 3000 of us in India.*
- *We are scared of no one on earth except for humans.*
- *Can you snort, honk, bleat, roar, squeak-pant, moo-grunt, shriek, groan, rumble and humph? Rhinos can!*
- *We can't see too well. But we hear and smell very, very well!*
- *We are vegetarians — eat only grass and leaves.*
- *We love to wallow in mud or water. It cools us!*
- *We are great swimmers!*

**Come to Khaziranga and see us.  
We'd love that :)**





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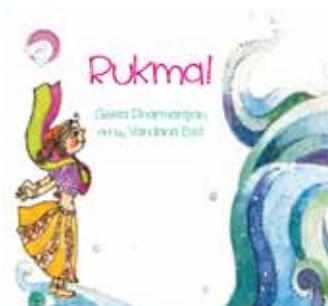




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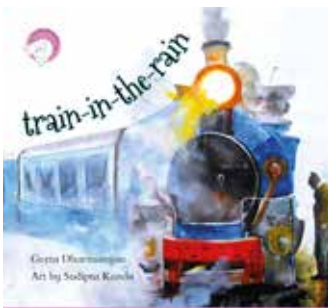
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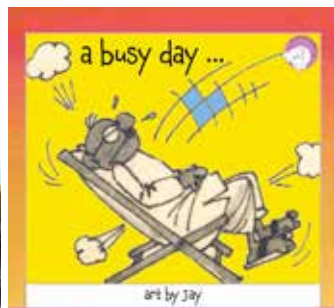
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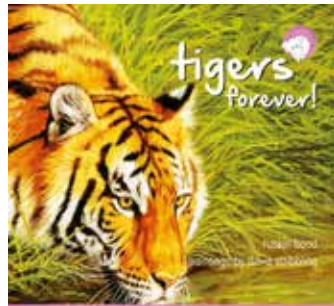
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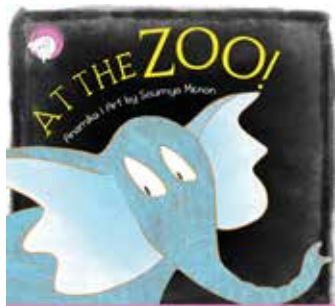
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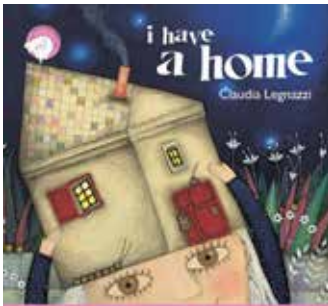
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Claudia Legnazzi

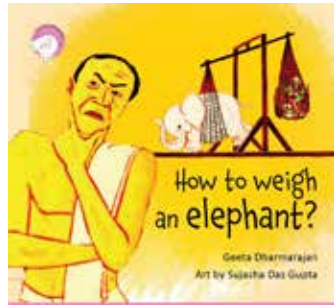
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