

Plant a Tree Make a Friend!

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Plants and trees are the only living thing that can make food. Roots collect water. Leaves catch sunshine. They use these to make food in the leaf factory.

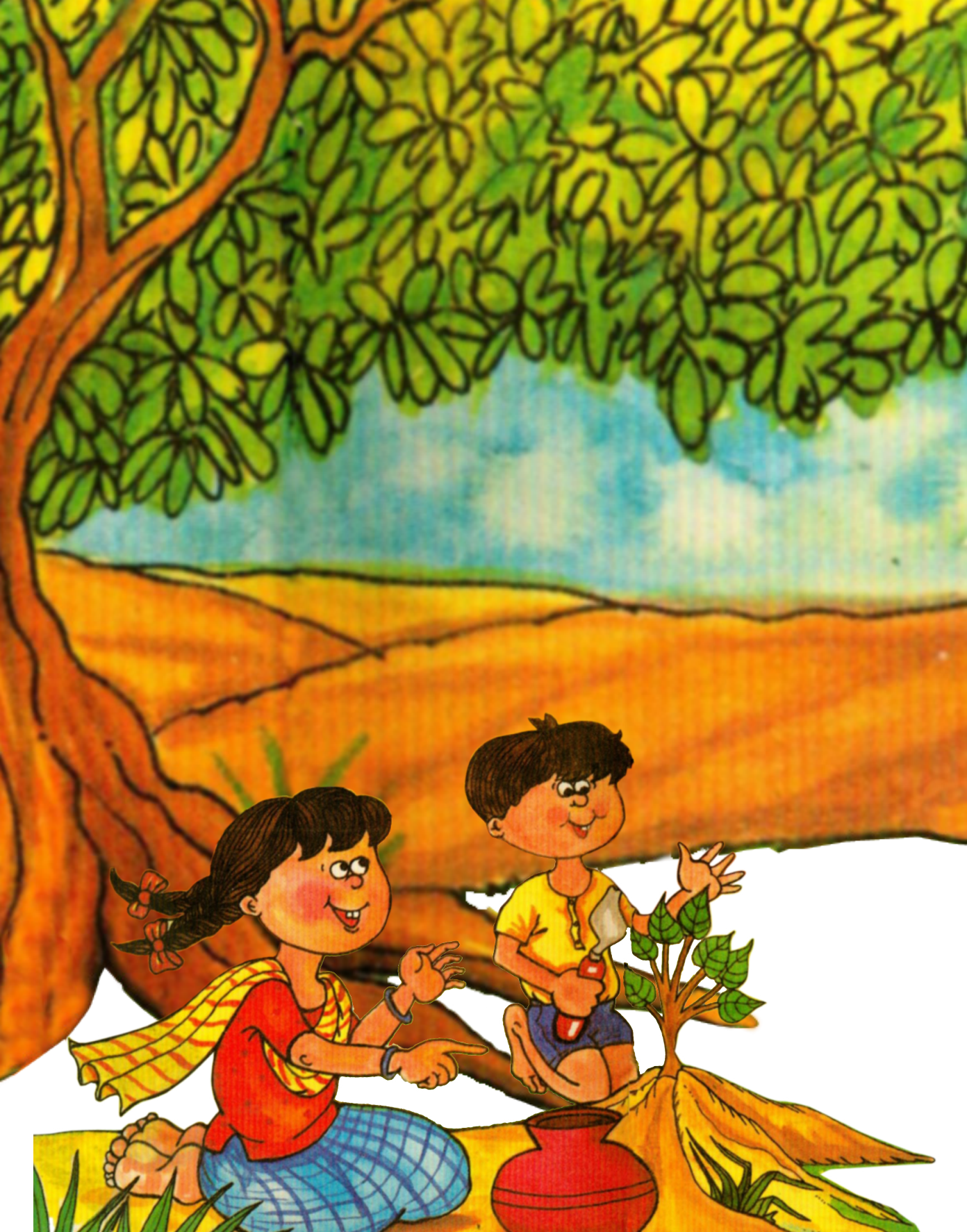


Sujata



Animals and humans
eat plant food, or other
animals that eat plant food.
Without trees, there would
be no food.





A world without trees would be a dead world. Trees are our very best friends. But we cut so many trees!



If each of us planted one tree, we could again have many forests. Each of us would have a big green friend.



Geeta Dharmarajan loves writing stories for children. She was one of the editors of *Target*, a magazine for children, and *The Pennsylvania Gazette*, the magazine of the University of Pennsylvania. She was awarded the prestigious Padma Shri in 2012 for her distinguished service in the fields of literature and education.

Sujata Singh did a three-year diploma in Graphic Design and illustration from *Wimbledon School of Art and Design*, London. She has worked as a designer and illustrator for *Target*, *India Today*, *Business Today*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Teens Today*, *Namaste*, *Penguin Books India*, *Katha*, *Ratna Sagar* and *Kali for Women*, among others. She has had several exhibitions of her work in India and abroad.





Which is a plant's kitchen and how does it absorb water? Can you imagine a world without trees? This insightful and attractively illustrated book tells children the importance of planting trees for the cycle of life to continue. Raise an eco-friendly child by reading this book aloud to her!