



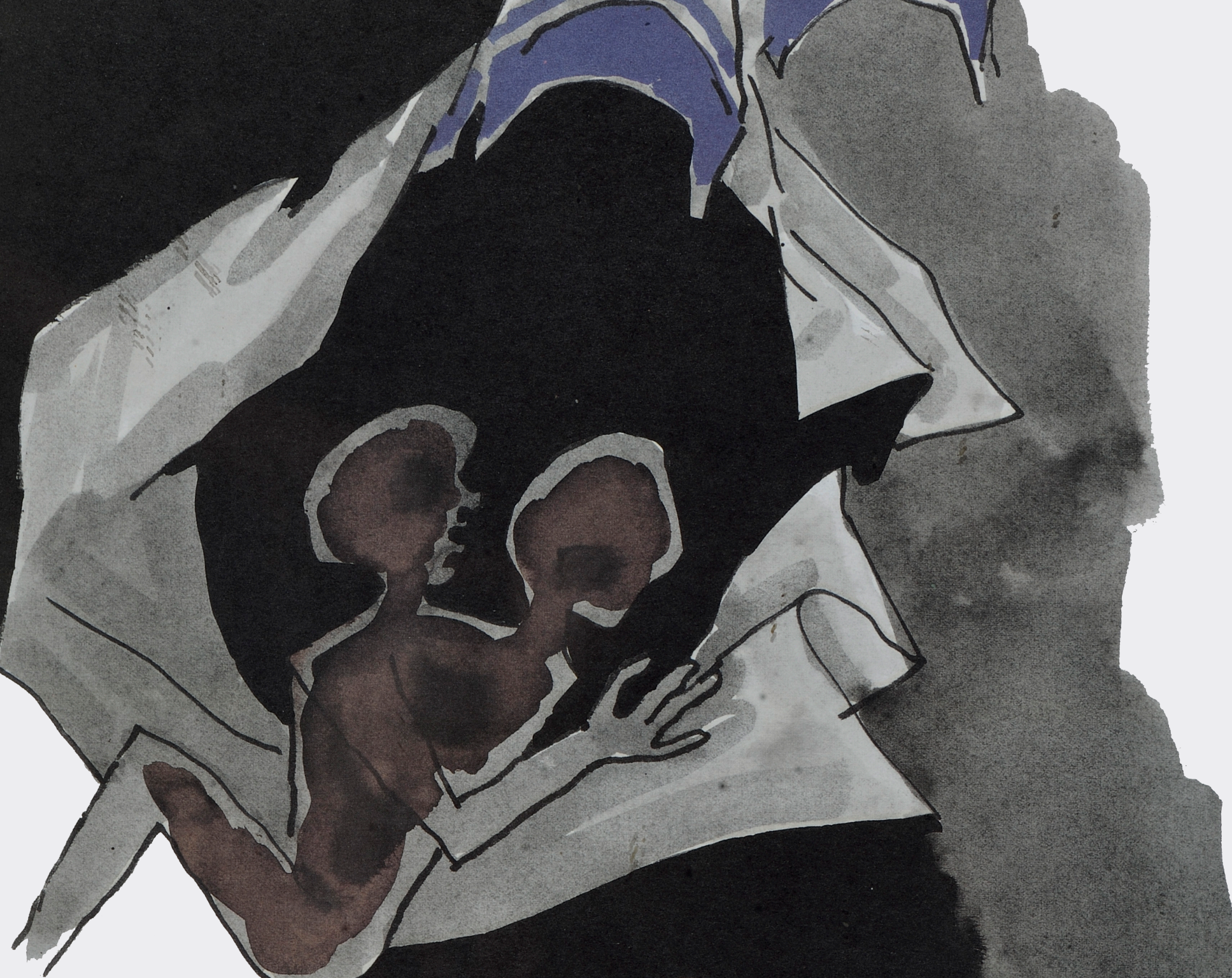
a collection of
*poems &
paintings*

by various author
& artist

edited by
geeta dharmarajan



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Help One Person

Mother Teresa

Art by M. F. Husain

Peace begins with a smile.

Help one person at a
time and start with the
person nearest you.



The Path

Mahatma Gandhi

Art by Nandalal Bose

I know the path:

It is straight and narrow.

It is like the edge of a sword.

I cheer when bravely I walk on it.

I weep when I suddenly slip.

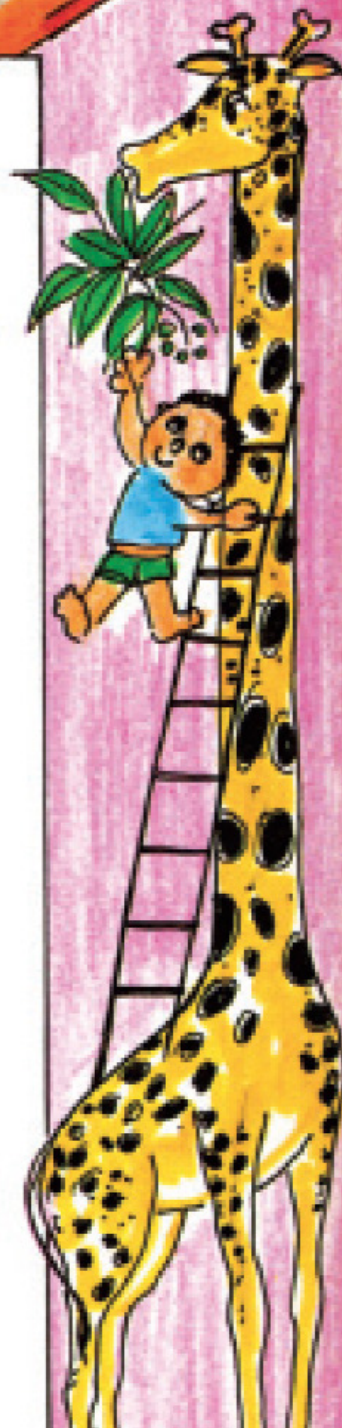
The voice in me says,

“They who strive never die.”

I believe so fiercely in that promise.

So, though I fail a thousand times,

I shall not lose faith in myself.



Kindness

Dalai Lama

Art by Saba Hassan

Be kind
whenever
possible.
It is always
possible.

His Holiness the
Dalai Lama

Nandalal Bose was one of the pioneers of modern Indian art. A student of Abanindranath Tagore, Bose was known for his 'Indian style' of painting. He became the principal of Kala Bhavan, Santiniketan, in 1922.

Maqbool Fida Husain Urdu: **محبوب فدا حسین** commonly known as **MF Husain**, was a modern Indian painter of international acclaim, and a founding member of The Progressive Artists Group of Bombay. Husain was associated with Indian modernism in the 1940s.

Saba Hasan is an artist with an eclectic contemporary repertoire consisting of installations, paintings, photographs, voice works and videos. Saba has also acted as an art educator conducting innovative workshops and community art projects at the Kiran Nadar Museum, Jamia University and Artreach.

Geeta Dharmarajan belongs to Tanjavur, a district of Tamil Nadu. A writer for children, she started Katha in 1988. She has received many awards, including the Padma Shri for her work in literature and education.

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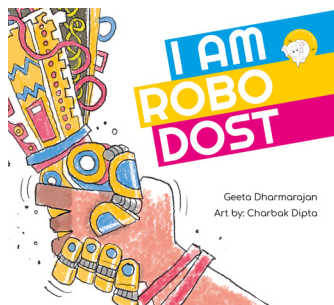
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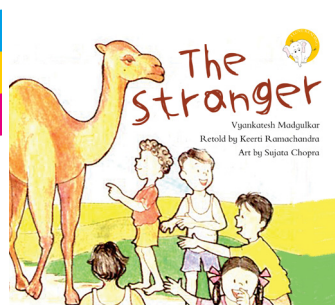
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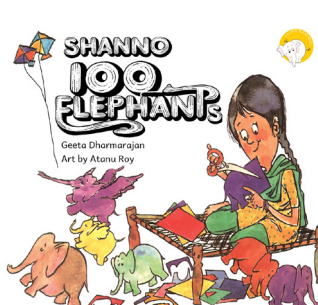
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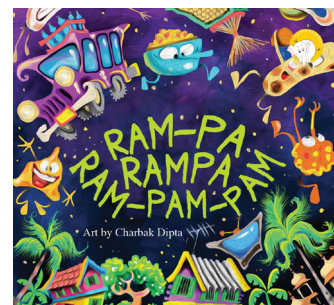
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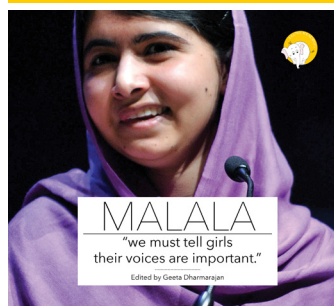
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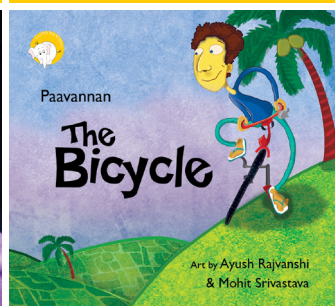
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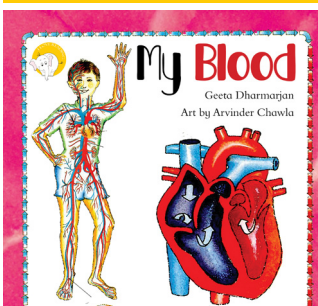
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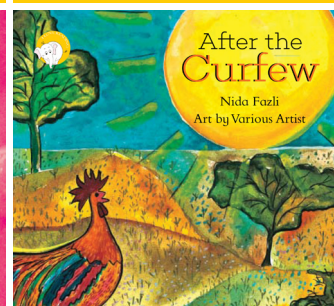
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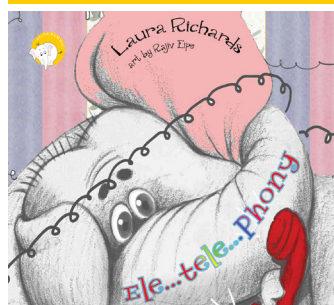
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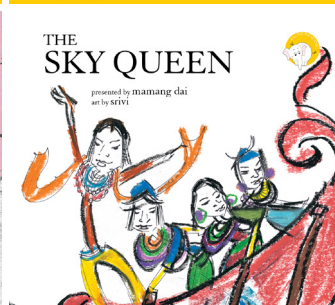
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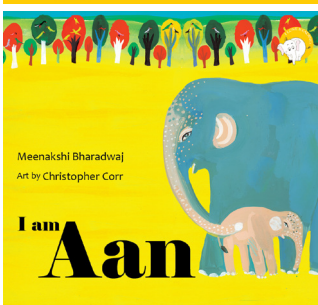
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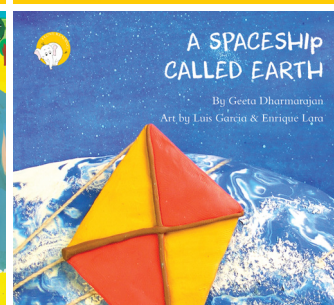
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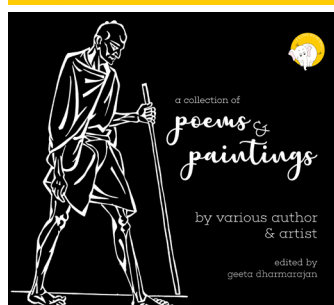
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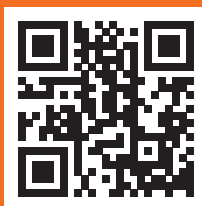


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