

Picture stories by young writers

(less than 10 years)



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Young writers illustrating their own stories, how exciting is this idea! No one can tell our stories better than us and so we are thrilled to bring you '**Picture Stories by Young Writers**', a collection of stories both written and illustrated by talented under-10s. This book was compiled as part of the much-loved '**Be an illustrator - Junior**' workshop organized by Bookosmia.

Along with learning about writing a story, the young participants also learnt about illustration styles, picture book elements, frames and so much more!

We wish these young artists the best and hope to see more of their work reach a global audience.



The girl who dreamt of the city



Meenu lived in a small village named Dadra far away from a city. She did not like it there at all. Not just because her favourite magazine came late,

but she always stepped on cow poop and had to do household chores.



She thought that the people living in cities and towns led a happy life compared to the ones in the village.

One day, a stranger came to her family and asked, "Can you give me shelter for a few days? I have come from a nearby city and there are no hotels here."

Meenu's family let him in.



Meenu was very excited to meet a city person. But she was shocked to see that he was inhaling something and smoke came out of his mouth. He also had plastic bags with him which he threw around. Later that day, she saw television headlines that the cities were full of smoke because of pollution and the streets were dirty too.

She looked around her small but clean village. So what if her favourite magazine came late? So what if she stepped on cow poop sometimes?

At her village, the vegetables were grown without pesticides, she had clean air and water and she had open spaces to play. She realized that she had been happiest all along without even knowing it.

About Jhanvi - Writer & Illustrator

Jhanvi Shah, 8 from Mumbai



Jhanvi is a voracious reader and loves to read different genres including fiction, mythology, science and geography. She is a fun loving, cheerful and sporty 8 year old. She is pursuing Kathak dance form. Jhanvi has developed an interest in writing and has also made a diary of riddles that she formulates on her own. She goes to Marble Arch School, Mumbai

The day the seasons learnt to be useful



Once upon a time, there were four seasons. In school, they were studying mysteries. After school, the four seasons met together. They always said there were problems. All the problems sounded the same sometimes.

"Wait a minute," said Summer. "Spring, did you say you saw something in the forest when you were watering the plants?"

Yes," said Spring.

"Winter when you went to the mountains you saw something black also?" asked Summer.

"Yes," replied Winter. "Autumn, it happened to you too, right?"

"Yes," said Autumn.

The seasons went to the club-house. But suddenly the clubhouse started moving.

When they looked out, they saw the sky full of flies, who were even moving the clubhouse! So that's why the sky looked black. The seasons decided to fight together to drive the flies out so they could enjoy the clear blue sky again. But it was not enough.

So they called their friend Trixi for help, who answered her friend's call and together they chanted the magic and created a big shield. 1, 2, 3! It worked. The flies couldn't enter the sky anymore. The seasons lived happily ever after, using their powers fruitfully instead of wasting time complaining.

About Shreya- Writer & Illustrator

Shreya Girish, 8 , Geneva



Shreya is a fun loving, friendly girl who loves to play football. She likes doing arts and crafts in her free time. And when she is in her good mood, she brings out her creative writing skills

Goblins versus mini magical people

Long long ago in Mini Magic Land, lived two brothers Warc and Marc. They had some friends. Warc was a potioneer and Marc was a doctor. Few months later it was 'Goblin' month where one goblin came to each mini

magic land and kidnapped a mini magical person for food.

Everyone locked up their houses tightly and as expected a goblin came and



silently broke a window at the house of Marc and Warc. The goblin kidnapped Warc's brother Marc for food.

When Marc woke up at midnight he saw many huge goblins surrounding him. He was shocked. He had been kidnapped by terrifying goblins.

In the morning, Warc realized that Marc was kidnapped by goblins because everyone was there except him. Everybody thought for a bit. Then King Narm had an idea. He said in a deep voice, "If we have to save Marc then we first have to build something huge so it can overpower the goblins."

Exactly!" added queen Peomi excitedly. Warc said, "We can build a robot goblin bigger than them. I can use the magic potion for



that." Warc threw the potion on the ground and built a huge robot goblin. They hid in the robot goblin and the screen helped them see everything done by the real goblins outside.



Soon, they could free Marc! They all cheered together for the teamwork that made it possible.

About Shreeda- Writer & Illustrator

Shreeda Thakkar, 8, Germany

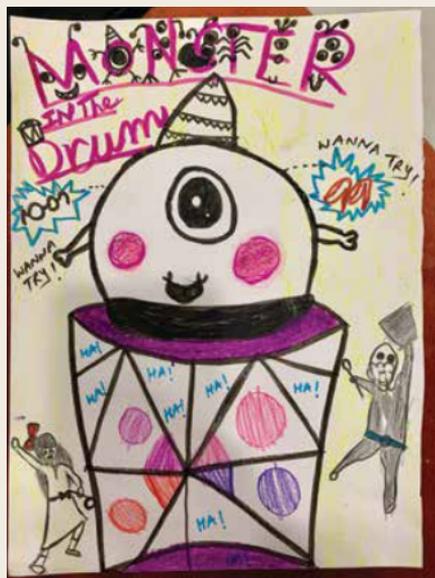


Shreeda is fond of reading and writing. She is well organized. She loves to see cartoon movies . She uses her imagination to pen down stories .

Monster in the Drum

Once upon a time in a village there lived an old man named Shatupa with his daughter Maya. One day when Maya was returning home from school, she found a strange drum over the mountains. The drum was very colorful and had a different shape. She could not control her urge to play the drum so she got it home. Her father Shatupa suggested they play the drum. As soon as they did, suddenly out came a monster with a smiling face and said, "At your service."

Shatupa and Maya got scared initially but found the monster very friendly. They decided to keep the monster in the drum at home. The monster served the old man when Maya was away and



helped in daily chores. It used to work the whole day and at night, went back inside the drum.

One night, the monster woke up and tried to explore the house. He saw the old man's glasses and when he picked up to try it, the glasses fell down and shattered into pieces. Then he tried to wear Maya's new beautiful glass slippers but he ended up breaking them too. The monster got scared and rushed back towards the drum.

Next morning, Shatupa and Maya saw the broken glasses and slippers and suspected the monster. Maya immediately asked the monster if he had done the mischief .

The monster was very honest. He accepted his mistake of trying their things when they were asleep. Both Shatupa and Maya forgave the honest monster and told him to never touch anybody's things in future without permission. The monster learnt a lesson from his masters to accept mistakes and always ask for permission.

About Nandini- Writer & Illustrator

Nandini Maheshwari, 9, Delhi



Nandini is a 9 year old explorer and a chirpy, spunky girl full of energy and enthusiasm. She is a student of Chamatkaar.

The Mermaid Tail

One bright and sunny morning in Hawaii when I woke up, I realized that I had a mermaid tail!! I soon also realized that I could not breathe properly. I quickly called Ellian, my little sister to help out. She said, “Sis quick! The ocean is nearby. We can use grandma’s wheelchair to take you there!”

So Ellian quickly put me in grandma’s wheelchair and carefully took me to the beach. There were hardly any people there but she kept on saying, “Excuse me! Pardon me!” Quickly she took me to the nearest edge of the ocean and asked me to jump. So I jumped.

The ocean was a most unfamiliar place to me, I saw some pufferfish having a meeting in a shipwreck in the ocean.



I heard some of their names-Bob, Kevin and Selene. Bob kept puffing up for no reason. Selene kept popping up with ideas and Kevin did what he was told. I heard one of them saying that they have to defend fish city from sharks. I quickly popped my head through a large hole in the shipwreck and said, "Maybe I can help!"

The pufferfish were amazed that there was a human under water. All the fish in the meeting agreed to my offer. Bob asked for my name. "Umpura Kamilia Cora Longpants , Uma for short." I got ideas to defend fish city. I went all around the shipwreck until I found a bottle of poison. I quickly swam down and told the fish my plan-I would coat Bob with poison and let him stay outside the shipwreck until a shark swallowed him up.

He had to puff up in the shark's throat and the shark would immediately spit him out before the

poison reacts and kills the shark. This will frighten the sharks a bit that the fish have developed some new type of magic power and will be scared before attacking." This plan went as smoothly as ever!

It had been a few hours underwater and my family was scared that something had happened to me. Selene said that in the shipwreck there was a magic potion which will allow me to become human but whenever I get wet or touch water my tail will appear.

I drank the potion which turned me into a human and quickly swam up to the surface. At home everyone was so happy to see me. Grandma was too but she was asking for her wheelchair. Ellian and I laughed and hugged each other. This was how I finally got to see my family again and if you ever see a girl chilling in the pool with a mermaid tail it's me. Don't bother to rub your eyes cause everything that you're seeing is all true.

About Pehar - Writer & Illustrator

Pehar Kaur, 8 from Kolkata



Pehar is an 8 year old fun loving vivacious kid who loves art and craft. She strongly believes in the magic of Santa Claus and always wants to be on his "nice" list.



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