



# Didi's Bag of Colorful Treasures

**Author:** Rukmini Banerji

**Illustrator:** Kaveri Gopalakrishnan

**Translator:** Sherein Bansal

Level 2



Some children lived **on the fringes** of a huge city. There was a **big ground** near their home.

This ground was quite **unusual**. There were no trees and no plants, only piles of **garbage**.

The waste and filth of the entire city was dumped into the ground.





These children didn't go to school. They used to spend their days in the ground.

They would search for **plastic bottles**, and fish out **patches of cloth**... They knew a lot about garbage.



One day, **didi** visited the garbage ground. She was wearing a **red chunni** (scarf).

As she wandered around, she kept looking at the kids and then finally, sat down in one place.

She took something out of **her bag** and looked at it.





At first, **the kids stared** at her from afar. Then, they inched closer to look at her.

*Didi* had a lot of books. Thick, thin and colorful books full of stories!

The children kept coming closer to her now.

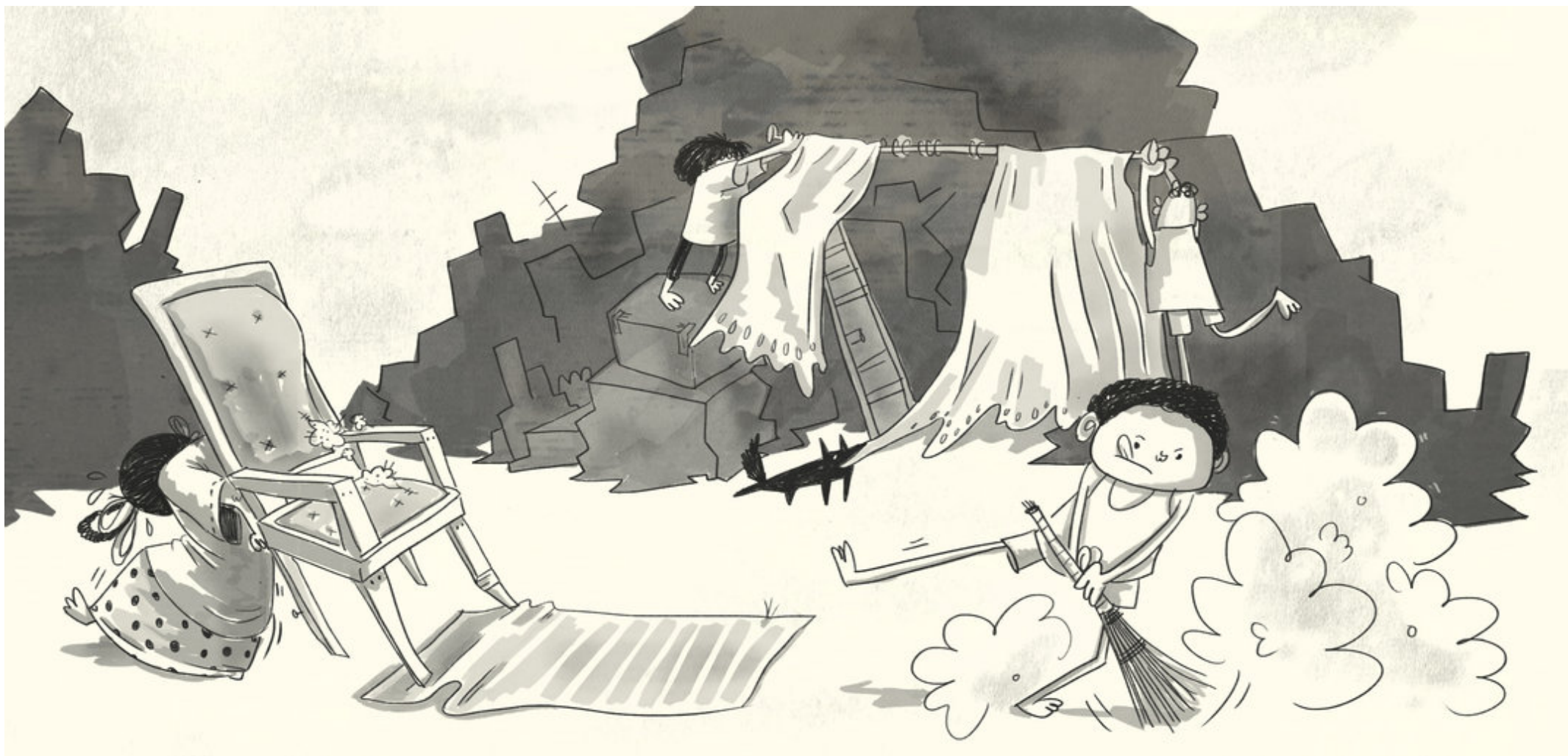


*Didi* started visiting them every day. The kids too became close to her.

They **loved to hear stories** from their *didi*. In a few days, they **learnt how to read** alphabets and words.

Slowly, they even **started telling stories**.





"Let's make Didi's place beautiful!"

The little kids found a **chair** and a **table** from the garbage.

One kid brought a **mat**, and the other a **curtain**. Some item from here, other pieces from there were found, whatever they could find in this garbage ground.



One day, **didi did not come**. She didn't turn up the next day too. The anxious children kept waiting.

As they chatted with each other, they began to **read those books**. As they read those books, they began to **teach others how to read**.





One day, they **found *didi's* address** in a book. They immediately set out to look for her. They didn't forget to take their **bag of books** along with them!

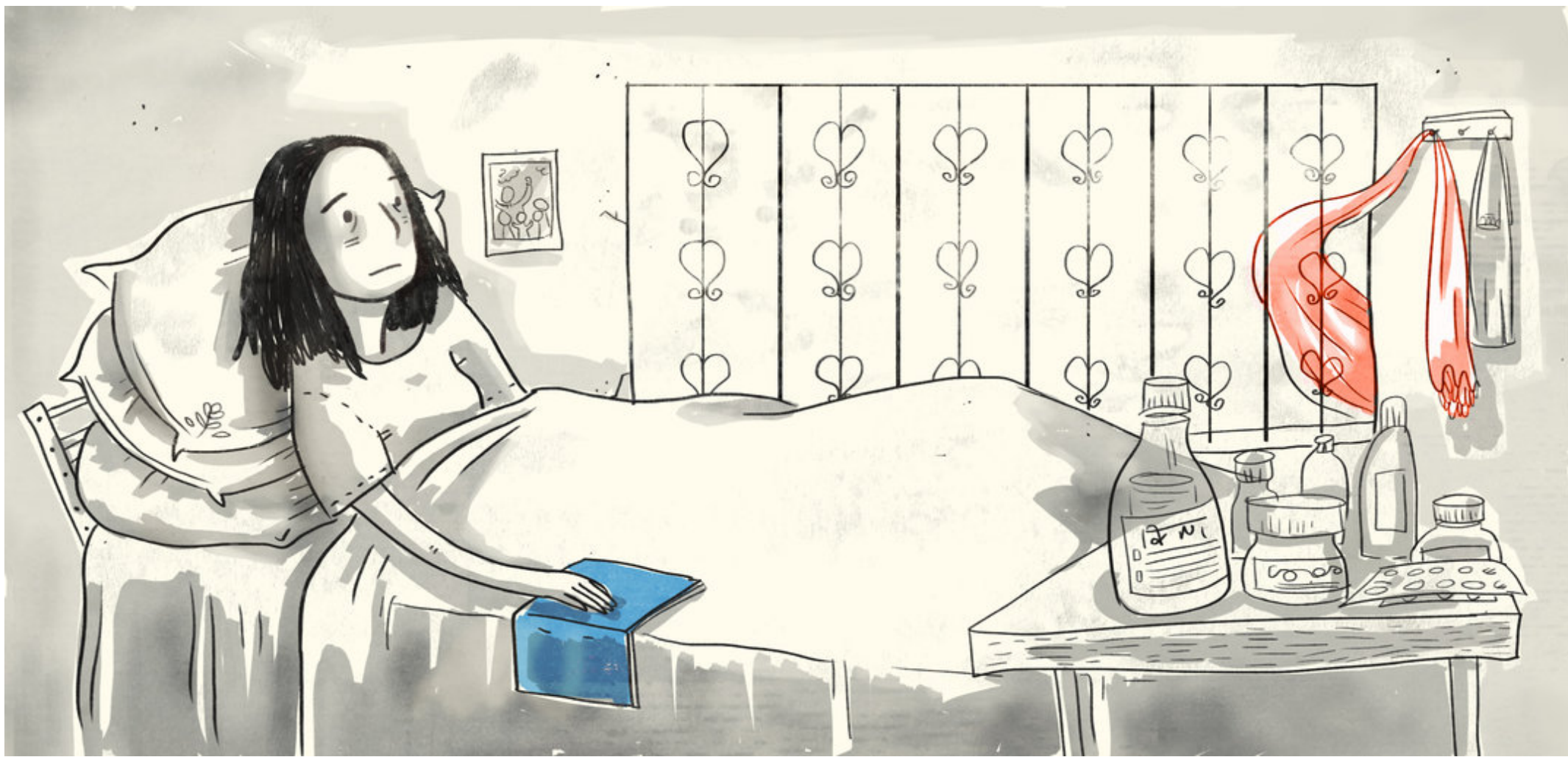
As they were searching for *didi*, they read a **bus number**. As they walked, they were able to understand the **name of a street**. *Didi* had already taught them these things.



"Where does *didi* live? Here or there?"

After searching and searching for their *didi*, the little children grew upset. The **tired kids** were about to return home when one of them saw **a red *chunni*** (scarf).





*Didi* was lying in a **bed**. She looked **sick and sad**.

Her face was without a smile or glow. The **doctor** had given her medicines.

But *didi* was still not feeling better.



The kids ran towards her and **hugged** her tight.

They showed her the bag of books. The **kids read some stories** to their *didi*.

She began to smile again. Even her eyes were shining now!





*Didi* visits them regularly now. All the kids gather around her. They meet **every evening**.

They **laugh** so much and **study** too!

See how much fun they have together! The children, their *didi* and their books!

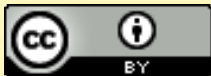
### Story Attribution:

This story: Didi's Bag of Colorful Treasures is translated by [Sherein Bansal](#). The © for this translation lies with Sherein Bansal, 2016. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Based on Original story: 'दीदी का रंग बिरंगा खज़ाना', by [Rukmini Banerji](#). © Storyweaver, Pratham Books, 2015. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license.

### Illustration Attributions:

Cover page: [A woman and a group of children having a fun time reading](#) by [Kaveri Gopalakrishnan](#) © Pratham Books, 2015. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 2: [Children living close to a garbage dump](#) by [Kaveri Gopalakrishnan](#) © Pratham Books, 2015. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 3: [Children carrying boxes, bags and sacks](#) by [Kaveri Gopalakrishnan](#) © Pratham Books, 2015. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 4: [Children looking at a woman walking by](#) by [Kaveri Gopalakrishnan](#) © Pratham Books, 2015. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 5: [Woman reading a book, children watching curiously](#) by [Kaveri Gopalakrishnan](#) © Pratham Books, 2015. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 6: [Woman and children engrossed in books](#) by [Kaveri Gopalakrishnan](#) © Pratham Books, 2015. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 7: [Children cleaning and decorating](#) by [Kaveri Gopalakrishnan](#) © Pratham Books, 2015. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 8: [A group of children reading](#) by [Kaveri Gopalakrishnan](#) © Pratham Books, 2015. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 9: [Children waiting at a bus stand](#) by [Kaveri Gopalakrishnan](#) © Pratham Books, 2015. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 10: [Four children grabbing a red shawl](#) by [Kaveri Gopalakrishnan](#) © Pratham Books, 2015. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license.

Disclaimer: [https://www.storyweaver.org.in/terms\\_and\\_conditions](https://www.storyweaver.org.in/terms_and_conditions)



Some rights reserved. This book is CC-BY-4.0 licensed. You can copy, modify, distribute and perform the work, even for commercial purposes, all without asking permission. For full terms of use and attribution, <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>



#### Illustration Attributions:

Page 11: [An unwell woman](#), by [Kaveri Gopalakrishnan](#) © Pratham Books, 2015. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 12: [Children reading out to a smiling woman](#), by [Kaveri Gopalakrishnan](#) © Pratham Books, 2015. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 13: [Happy children and woman surrounded by books](#), by [Kaveri Gopalakrishnan](#) © Pratham Books, 2015. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license.

Disclaimer: [https://www.storyweaver.org.in/terms\\_and\\_conditions](https://www.storyweaver.org.in/terms_and_conditions)



Some rights reserved. This book is CC-BY-4.0 licensed. You can copy, modify, distribute and perform the work, even for commercial purposes, all without asking permission. For full terms of use and attribution, <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>

# Didi's Bag of Colorful Treasures

(English)

How do the kids have fun when they are surrounded by garbage? But one fine day, a didi came from somewhere to fill colors back into their life. Colorful books, that became their friends.

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



Pratham Books goes digital to weave a whole new chapter in the realm of multilingual children's stories. Knitting together children, authors, illustrators and publishers. Folding in teachers, and translators. To create a rich fabric of openly licensed multilingual stories for the children of India and the world. Our unique online platform, StoryWeaver, is a playground where children, parents, teachers and librarians can get creative. Come, start weaving today, and help us get a book in every child's hand!