



# Thuli's Special Secret

**Author:** Baeletsi Tsatsi

**Illustrator:** Yihenew Worku

Level 2



Thuli stays with her grandmother and their cow, Special, in the village.

Her parents work in the city.



Every morning her grandmother wakes Thuli up early to go to watch the sunrise.

When the sun is up in the sky, Grandmother bathes Thuli. She brushes Thuli's teeth, washes her face, and brushes her hair.



When Thuli is nice and clean, Grandmother gives  
Thuli some porridge. Thuli loves the porridge.



But she loves the milk more,  
because it comes from their cow, Special.

The milk is fresh and creamy.





After eating, Thuli and Grandmother sit under the tree, and Grandmother tells Thuli stories.



When the stories are finished, Grandmother gives Thuli some cookies and a glass of milk, fresh and creamy.

Thuli's parents bring the cookies with them when they visit. Chocolate chip cookies are Thuli's favourite.





Special always looks at Thuli as she eats her cookies. Thuli wants to share her cookies with Special, but Grandmother gives her only enough for herself.





That day, after listening to the stories, Thuli follows Grandmother into the house, tiptoeing so that Grandmother doesn't hear.

Thuli sees Grandmother take the cookies out of a cake tin inside the oven.



Thuli runs back outside and tells Special that soon she will share her cookies with her.





Later in the afternoon,  
Grandmother and  
Thuli take a nap, then  
wake up to watch the  
sunset.



When the sun sets, Thuli sneaks off  
into the kitchen.



She opens the oven, and takes out cookies for  
Special.





Special licks Thuli  
when she gives her the  
cookies.

Special smiles. Thuli  
smiles.

**"It's our little  
secret,"** she says.







### Story Attribution:

This story: Thuli's Special Secret is written by [Baeletsi Tsatsi](#). © Book Dash , 2016. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license.

### Other Credits:

This story 'Thuli's Special Secret' has been published by Book Dash on StoryWeaver.

### Images Attributions:

Cover page: [Girl and her cow](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 2: [Girl feeding her cow](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 3: [Child getting her hair combed](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 4: [Pot of porridge](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 5: [Girl and cow](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 6: [Girl listening to a story](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 7: [Girl receiving dinner](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 8: [Girl playing with her cow](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 9: [Girl watching her mother cook](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 10: [Girl whispering in the cow's ears](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 11: [Grandmother and girl sleeping](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. 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/>



**Images Attributions:**

Page 12: [Girl sneaking out](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 13: [Girl stealing cookies](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 14: [Cow licking the girl](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 15: [Cow](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 16: [Sneaking girl](#), by [Yihenew Worku](#) © Book Dash, 2017. 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/>

# Thuli's Special Secret

(English)

Thuli has the cookies. Special has her eye on the cookies. What's their secret?

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!