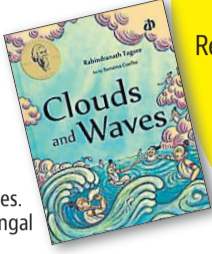


**KATHA BOOKLIST**

**CLOUDS AND WAVES**

AUTHOR: Rabindranath Tagore  
ILLUSTRATOR: Sunaina Coelho

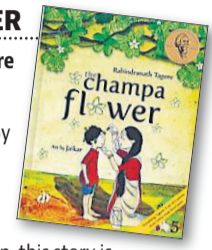
An endearing poem of a child who refuses tempting invitations, instead staying with her mother at playtime, blissful in her company. Words woven with great tenderness by the greatest poet of all times, a gentle verse for all the little ones. It is a dearly-loved world of Bengal and Tagore's own sense of the magical in a child. Best suited for 4 to 7 years old. It has a welcoming introduction to Tagore at the end of the books. The book is recommended by CBSE and NCERT. Also available in Hindi as Megh aur Tarang.



**THE CHAMPA FLOWER**

AUTHOR: Rabindranath Tagore  
ILLUSTRATOR: Jaikar

Take a peek into the life of a boy who just for a day chooses to turn into a champa flower. Will his mother recognise him? A playful poem from Tagore's classic book, The Crescent Moon, this story is the perfect introduction for your child, to the writings of India's most famous poet. Here comes a timeless poem by one of the greatest poets of all times. Swinging in rhyme and rhyme, this poem unfurls vividly to create a kaleidoscope of colours, smells and sound. The book is also available in Hindi as Champa ka ek pool.



**READ STORIES OF MAGICAL JOURNEYS**

Read a tender tale of the bond of mother and child written by Rabindranath Tagore and another story by the great poet about a boy who wishes to become a flower. With this poem of Tagore of a little girl trying to catch the moon, experience his genius. Learn about Nono and Plink Plunk who live by the sea and go on fantastical quests. Also read a fun-filled story of adventure and friendship featuring a little girl named Ayesha.

**NONO AND PLINK PLUNK - QUESTS AND QUESTIONS**

AUTHOR: Vinalini Mathrani  
ILLUSTRATOR: Nikita Jain

Nono and Plink Plunk are bright flurries and friends. They go on a quest with dreamy bumps and bends. The quest begins with questions and more. About oceans, and waves along the shore. So what do they find? Where do they land? Let's join them, shall we? Near the ocean and sand! Join Nono and Plink Plunk on their fantastical quest to uncover the marvels and mysteries of nature. A delightful story by Vinalini Mathrani, laced with splendid illustrations by Nikita Jain, and interesting science fun-facts. This is a book that will stay with you forever.



**THE ASTRONOMER**

AUTHOR: Rabindranath Tagore  
ILLUSTRATOR: Harshvardhan Kadam

Have you ever tried to catch the Moon? Is it really that far away? Meet a little girl who doesn't think so, even as her elder brother keeps calling her silly! Decide who is right, as you follow their story. Catch the Moon through their eyes, in this fun-filled poem by Nobel Laureate, Rabindranath Tagore. Recommended by getlitt.co in a list of Best Books by Rabindranath Tagore. The book is recommended by CBSE and is also available in Hindi as Tara Khojak. Available on Amazon and books.katha.org.

**PLAYING**

AUTHOR: Sunaina Ali  
ILLUSTRATOR: Debasmita Dasgupta

What does Ayesha do with her friends? Does she run? Does she laugh? Does she play? Find out what she does through the day! Featuring the joyful and imaginative verse of Sunaina Ali and the charming and lively illustrations by Debasmita Dasgupta, don't miss out on sharing Ayesha's activities and adventures! Available on Amazon and books.katha.org.



**HANDS ON**

**TISSUE PAPER FLOWER**

- SUPPLIES**
- Bright pink, light pink, and white tissue paper or marbled paper
  - Pen/pencil
  - Scissors
  - Ice cream sticks
  - Green craft paint
  - Stapler
  - Glue
  - Black marker pen



**INSTRUCTIONS**



- Paint each Ice cream stick green and let them dry.
- Fold your tissue paper so it is about 10 sheets thick.
- Draw outline of a flower on the topmost tissue and trace it with a pencil.
- Hold your tissue paper together and cut all 10 pieces together.
- Staple the 9 other pieces together to the topmost one.
- One piece at a time, start bunching the top piece first and continue until you reach the bottom but leave the bottom one flat.
- Glue one flower to the top of each green ice cream stick and let it dry.

**WHAT'S COOKING**

**SAGO KHEER**

**INGREDIENTS**

2 cups milk; 1 cup sabudana (Tapioca Pearls), also called sago; Sugar, as required; 1/2 teaspoon cardamom powdered (Elaichi); 6 saffron strands; 4 cashewnuts, roughly broken; 4 large raisins (optional); 3-4 almonds, for garnish (optional)



**METHOD**

Wash sago, strain and keep aside.  
In a bowl soak sago with 2 cups of water for at least an 1 hour.  
Heat up milk in a heavy bottomed pan. Simmer the gas after it comes to boil and add saffron, cardamom powder. Let the milk thicken.

Once the milk has thickened and is pale yellow in colour add the soaked sago and cook for 5 to 6 minutes on low heat.  
You will notice the sago turning transparent and light. Add sugar and mix it well.  
Now, add chopped cashews and cook the kheer for another 10 minutes till it gets

creamy.  
Turn off the gas and add raisins. Do not add raisins before as it may curdle the milk.  
Garnish with almonds or nuts of your choice.  
Serve sago kheer as a dessert after your delicious meal.

**LEMON RICE**

**INGREDIENTS**

Oil - 2 tbsp; Peanut - 2 tbsp; Cashew - 2 tbsp; Mustard seeds - 1 tsp; Urad dal - 1 tsp; Chana dal - 1 tsp; Dried red chilli - 1; Ginger (finely chopped) - 1 inch; Green chilli (finely chopped) - 2; Pinch of hing (asafoetida); Few curry leaves; Turmeric powder - 1/4 tsp; Cooked rice - 2 cup; Salt - 1/2 tsp; Coriander leaves (finely chopped) - 2 tbsp; Lemon juice - 2 tbsp



**METHOD**

In a large kadai (wok) heat oil and fry peanut and cashew until they turn golden brown and crunchy.  
Keep the fried peanuts and cashews aside.  
In the same oil first add mustard, urad dal, chana dal and dried red chilli and then add ginger, green chilli, pinch of hing and a few curry leaves. Splutter the tempering on medium flame.  
Add turmeric powder and saute slightly. Now add the cooked rice and salt.  
Mix everything well. Now add coriander leaves and lemon juice. Mix well.  
Enjoy your lemon rice with papad.

**WOODEN SPOON MERMAID**

**SUPPLIES**

- Big wooden spoons
- Green, purple and red (or yellow) yarn
- Green felt
- Small googly eyes
- Glitter glue
- Markers
- Scissors
- Glue



**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Wrap purple yarn around your spoon to make the mermaid shell top. Tie a knot in the back and cut off any excess yarn.
- Now wrap green yarn around the bottom of the spoon for the mermaid tail. When you get to the end tie a knot and cut off any excess.
- Cut off several strands of your red yarn (or colour of your choice) and glue them to the top of the spoon and some on the back of the spoon for the mermaid's hair.
- Draw and cut mermaid tail fins out of the green felt and glue them onto the green yarn to finish the mermaid tail.
- Glue on your googly eyes and use markers to draw on a nose and smile.
- Finish the craft by applying some glitter glue on the mermaid's tail fins.