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*Gently Falls  
the Bakula*

Puffin

Extraordinary stories about ordinary people's lives Over the years, Sudha Murty has come across some fascinating people whose lives make for

interesting stories and have astonishing lessons to reveal. Take Vishnu, who achieves every material success but never knows happiness; or Venkat, who talks so much that he has no time to listen. In other stories, a young girl goes on a

train journey that changes her life forever; an impoverished village woman provides bathing water to hundreds of people in a drought-stricken area; a do-gooder ghost decides to teach a disconsolate young man Sanskrit; and in the title story, a

woman in a flooded village in Odisha teaches the author a life lesson she will never forget. From the bestselling author of *Wise and Otherwise* and *The Old Man and His God*, this is another heart-warming collection of real-life stories that will delight readers of all ages.

**The Old Man  
And His God**

Zubaan  
Fifty Vignettes  
Showcase The  
Myriad Shades  
Of Human  
Nature A Man  
Dumps His  
Aged Father In

An Old-Age  
Home After  
Declaring Him  
To Be A  
Homeless  
Stranger, A  
Tribal Chief In  
The Sahyadri  
Hills Teaches  
The Author  
That There Is  
Humility In  
Receiving Too,  
And A Sick  
Woman  
Remembers  
To Thank Her  
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People From  
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Country That  
Sudha Murty  
Recounts In  
This Book.  
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Incredible  
Examples Of  
Generosity To  
The Meanest  
Acts One Can  
Expect From  
Men And  
Women, She  
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Everything  
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Humour And A  
Directness  
That Touches  
The Heart.  
First Published  
In 2002, *Wise  
And Otherwise*  
Has Sold Over  
30,000 Copies  
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Translated  
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Encourage Them To Explore Their Inner Selves And The World Around Us With New Eyes. &Nbsp; Grandparents' Bag of Stories Harper Collins  
 A long, long time ago, seawater was sweet and drinkable. How it became salty is a remarkable story. India's favourite storyteller brings alive this timeless tale with her inimitable wit and simplicity. Dotted with charming illustrations, this gorgeous

chapter book is the ideal introduction for beginners to the world of Sudha Murty. (Penguin Petit) Penguin UK  
 These are just some of the questions you will find answered in this delightful collection of stories recounting real-life incidents from the life of Sudha Murty-teacher, social worker and bestselling writer. There is the engaging story about one of her students who frequently played truant

from school. The account of how her mother's advice to save money came in handy when she wanted to help her husband start a software company, and the heart-warming tale of the promise she made-and fulfilled to her grandfather, to ensure that her little village library would always be well supplied with books. Funny, spirited and inspiring, each of these stories teaches a valuable lesson about

the importance of doing what you believe is right and having the courage to realize your dreams. (*Penguin Petit*) India Puffin A heart-warming tale of courage and conviction from India's biggest-selling woman author Two decades ago, when Sudha Murthy approached a group of devadasis for the first time, determined to make a difference to their lives, they threw a chappal at her.

Undeterred, she went back, telling herself she must talk to the devadasis about the dangers of AIDS. This time, they threw tomatoes. But she refused to give up. The Infosys Foundation worked hard to make the devadasis self-reliant, to help educate their children, and to rid the label of the social stigma that had become attached to it. Today, there are no temple prostitutes left in the state of

Karnataka. This is the powerful, inspirational story of that change initiative that has transformed thousands of lives.

### **House of Cards**

Penguin UK Who can resist a good story, especially when it's being told by Grandma? From her bag emerges tales of kings and cheats, monkeys and mice, bears and gods. Here comes the bear who ate some really bad dessert and

got very angry; a lazy man who would not put out a fire till it reached his beard; a princess who got turned into an onion; a queen who discovered silk, and many more weird and wonderful people and animals. Grandma tells the stories over long summer days and nights, as seven children enjoy life in her little town. The stories entertain, educate and provide hours of enjoyment to them. So come, why

don't you too join in the fun. *Here, There and Everywhere* Penguin Random House India Private Limited Autobiographical anecdotes on the life of the Kannada writer. **Three Thousand Stitches** Penguin UK Have you noticed how the onion has so many layers? And have you seen your mother's eyes water when she cuts an onion? Here is a remarkable story to tell

you why. India's favourite storyteller brings alive this timeless tale with her inimitable wit and simplicity. Dotted with charming illustrations, this gorgeous chapter book is the ideal introduction for beginners to the world of Sudha Murty. Wise and Otherwise Tuttle Publishing Have you heard of the king who sacrificed his own flesh to keep his word to a pigeon? Or about the throne that

gives anyone who sits on it the unique ability to dispense justice! And how about the sculptor who managed to make magnificent statues with no hands at all? There's something for everyone in this collection of tales of wisdom and wit! From quarrels among gods and the follies of great sages to the benevolence of kings and the virtues of ordinary mortals, Sudha Murthy spins fresh

accounts of lesser-known stories in Indian mythology. Accompanied by fantastical illustrations and narrated in an unassuming fashion, *The Sage with Two Horns* is sure to delight fans of the beloved storyteller.

### **20 Inspiring Real-Life Stories**

Penguin UK  
Anupama's fairytale marriage to Anand falls apart when she discovers a white patch on her foot and learns that she has leukoderma.

*Novels of Sudha Murthy*  
Penguin UK  
*The Gopi Diaries* is a series of three books for children about a dog called Gopi. Told in Gopi's voice, the first book, *Coming Home*, begins with Gopi going to his new home, and tells the story of how he settles down with his loving, human family. How Gopi sees the world around him and what he thinks of the people in his life give the story a truly unique flavour. Written in

Sudha Murty's inimitable style, these are books children and adults will treasure as the simple stories talk of basic values even when told from a dog's perspective.

**Children's Treasury**

Harper Collins 'Gopi, I can't believe a year has passed since I met you. You have brought me so much happiness!' In this second book in the bestselling Gopi Diaries series, Gopi is stronger, bigger, more

confident than the little pup he was in the first book, but he is also cheekier and more mischievous! He faces new situations, new challenges, even new dog companions with endless energy and spirit. And then comes the day when he faces the biggest surprise of them all... Written in Sudha Murty's inimitable style, this simple story told from a dog's perspective shows us just

why pets are so precious - for their love, devotion and boundless affection. This is a book for Sudha Murty's fans of all ages as Gopi paws himself yet again into the hearts of children and adults alike.

**Grandma's Bag of Stories**

Puffin House of Cards is the story of Mridula, a bright young woman with enormous enthusiasm for life who hails from a Karnataka village. A chance meeting with



Sanjay, a talented but impoverished doctor, leads to love—and the couple marry and settle in Bangalore. The more Mridula sees of the world, the more she realizes how selfish and materialistic people can be. But she does not take the ups and downs of life to heart, and lives each day with positive energy. Trouble brews when Sanjay quits his government job and starts an immensely successful

private practice. With affluence comes the neverending ambition for more, and the inevitable slide into corrupt practices. For a long time, Mridula has no idea that Sanjay has sold his soul; when the truth hits her, she has no recourse but to walk out on him. But can she really find a space of her own? This intricately woven novel explores human relationships in telling detail, and

holds up a mirror to our society with candour and conviction. *The Day I Stopped Drinking Milk* Penguin UK  
A poor little girl is rewarded with lovely gifts when she feeds a hungry bird all the rice she has. What happens when the girl's greedy, nosy neighbour hears the story and tries to get better gifts for herself? Why did the once sweet sea water turn salty? How did

the learned teacher forget his lessons only to be aided by the school cook? And how did the king hide his horrible donkey ears from the people of his kingdom? For answers to all this and more, delve right into another fabulous collection of stories by Sudha Murty. *The Man from the Egg* Penguin UK Fifty vignettes showcase the myriad shades of human nature A man dumps his aged father in an old-age

home after declaring him to be a homeless stranger, a tribal chief in the Sahyadri hills teaches the author that there is humility in receiving too, and a sick woman remembers to thank her benefactor even from her deathbed. These are just some of the poignant and eye-opening stories about people from all over the country that Sudha Murty recounts in this book. From incredible

examples of generosity to the meanest acts one can expect from men and women, she records everything with wry humour and a directness that touches the heart. First published in 2002, *Wise and Otherwise* has sold over 30,000 copies in English and has been translated into all the major Indian languages. This revised new edition is sure to charm many more readers and encourage them to

explore their inner selves and the world around us with new eyes.

*The Magic Drum and Other Favourite Stories* India Puffin MahashwetaPenguin UK  
*Here, There and Everywhere* Penguin UK  
 This colorfully illustrated multicultural children's book presents Indian fairy tales and other folk stories that the whole family will enjoy! Indian Children's Favorite

Stories is a charming selection of eight Indian tales that provide an insight into traditional Indian culture. They make perfect new additions for story time or bedtime reading. Retold for an international audience, the beautifully illustrated stories will give children of all ages a glimpse into the fables and folklore of India, including tales of how Lord Krishna escapes the evil Kamsa's

repeated attempts to kill him, and how the elephant keeper's daughter, Rani, humbles an unwise and unjust king by emptying his storehouses of rice. Featured Indian stories include: The Story of Rama, the ancient Indian tale of a prince's exile and return to his homeland Sukhu and Dukhu, two sisters—one kind, one selfish—and their different fates Munna and the Grain of Rice, how a good and

clever girl saves her people from hunger And five more wonderful tales to delight story lovers everywhere. A glossary is also included, so that everyone can understand and appreciate the Indian words scattered throughout the stories. The Children's Favorite Stories series was created to share the folktales and legends most beloved by children in the East with young readers	of all backgrounds in the West. Other multicultural children's books in this series include: Asian Children's Favorite Stories, Indonesian Children's Favorite Stories, Japanese Children's Favorite Stories, Singapore Children's Favorite Stories, Filipino Children's Favorite Stories, Favorite Children's Stories from China & Tibet,	Chinese Children's Favorite Stories, Korean Children's Favorite Stories, Balinese Children's Favorite Stories, and Vietnamese Children's Favorite Stories. <u>Wise &amp; Otherwise</u> Penguin Random House India Private Limited Every one of us has a life- affirming story to tell... The inspiring true stories of the interesting people who inhabit the
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pages of Sudha Murthy's books leave an indelible impression on us. But the books are able to chronicle the stories only of the men and women Mrs Murthy has come across personally in the course of her social work. There must be so many more wonderful stories that scores of others have to share. Something Happened on the Way to Heaven is a collection of twenty such memorable

true-life stories. Handpicked by Sudha Murthy from entries submitted in an open competition run by Penguin, they capture the hope, faith, kindness and joy that life is full of even as we make our way through the daily grind. Moving and uplifting, this is an anthology that will engross and delight every reader who believes in the goodness of the human heart. *Mahashweta*

Penguin Books India  
As she goes about her work with the villagers, slum dwellers and the common men and women of India, Sudha Murthy—writer, social worker and teacher—lists to them and records what they have to say. Their accounts of the struggles and hardships which they have at times overcome, and at other times been overwhelmed by, are put together in this book.

There are stories about people's generosity—and selfishness—in times of natural disasters like the tsunami; women struggling to speak out in a world that refuses to listen to them; and tales of young professionals trying to find their feet as they climb up the corporate ladder. Told simply and directly from the heart, *The Old Man and His God* is a collection of

snapshots of the varied facets of human nature and a mirror to the souls of the people of India.

**How the Earth Got Its Beauty**

Penguin UK  
City girl Nooni is surprised at the pace of life in her grandparents' village in Karnataka.

But she quickly gets used to the gentle routine there and involves herself in a flurry of activities, including papad

making, organizing picnics and learning to ride a cycle, with her new-found friends. Things get exciting when Nooni stumbles upon an ancient fabled stepwell right in the middle of a forest. Join the intrepid Nooni on an adventure of a lifetime in this much-awaited book by Sudha Murthy that is heart-warming, charming and absolutely unputdownable.

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