

Granny Tales: Volume II By Anjali Mohapatra

"All The World Is a Story" and Other Children Tales

Houston, Jan 31, 2019 (IssueWire.com) - In a two-part varied collection of stories (Volume2, Pages 47) is Titled "GRANNY TALES: ALL THE WORLD IS A STORY, is a sequel to Volume1 GRANNY TALES-subsequent storybook anthology authored by Anjali Mohapatra published in the last quarter of 2018 now available from Amazon Children's Books. This too carries a magical style of interactive narrations and predefined role of main characters in various episodes. Woven from mythology, history and folk tales-a different kind of cognitive value addition enhances most protagonists and messengers. If storytelling is both an art and studying child psychology, the writer has taken immense liberty to enhance listening & reading comprehension skills of her target audience. Throughout the twin anthologies-a stream of awareness permeates with uplifting, topics, incidents and aspirational events, for young or old minds... One word of caution for North American readers/audience is for sure to pay attention to ethnically tinged verbiage, some Anglo-Indian speaks derived from Queen's English-a Commonwealth colonial past! This Volume II opens with, "All The World Is A Story"- which describes worldly transiency in light of life and death as a miracle of existence where play acting is nothing but an illusion. Still, humans play along in this make-believe theatre. Values and morals have passed down from generation to generation. But how to explain such topics to tender age children when adult's comprehension falls short. A Head of the family would try to inculcate in his family by thinking and living an ideal existence. How in the real world to impart some of these lessons. Here are handy mythological superheroes and supervillains. The writer takes full advantage of one very audacious villain who in his vaulting ambition brings about his own destruction at the end. She also quotes a native poet's lyrical couplets about this fleeting world and fleeting times. Next tale; based on Puranic scriptures, "Yamaraj: The God of dead and Ruler of Dungeon", "A Crazy Dream" tries to describe the very after death dilemma of Heaven Earth & Purgatory. Again a forbiddingly difficult concept is simplified via a nightmarish dream analogy. The moral perhaps: young minds need be assured that virtuous self less charitable acts even conquer the fear of death many times over! The Stepping Stone"-Mother is the ultimate solace. Her patience and sacrifice are par excellent. Thus she happens to be a stepping stone for the growing family. A young boy is anguished for poor performances (low grades from the teacher) and skirmishes (with schoolmates). Here at his home mother turns it around virtually becoming an informal friend guide and philosopher is the first rung of the ladder of success (make him achieve a successful life) In "A Beautiful Way of Encouragement" Here, Amy, a young lady from Ontario, Canada faces adversity in life with two gravely ailing parents. Her loving mother has a one of a kind wish while waiting for long term recovery in a hospital. Remarkably in this age of the internet, she gets it. This is a platonic theme of love that transcends any physical limitation. The author is at her best in weaving a psychological twist-worth reading till the very end to find out what happens..." The Mysterious Ways of Fate!" is a short story about an Oar man ferrying passengers in a mighty river for a living. Once while rowing mid-river he feels his boat likely to take water due to an extra person riding without his knowledge. He pressures the man to disembark to save the rest knowing the man will meet his watery grave. Read how the author beautifully narrates how Fate intervenes and destiny rules Next " Unsolved Questions"- is a story of an Eleven-year-old poor boy in a Political rally with leaders having sumptuous food & beverage. The boy curiously picks up a bottle of tonic water to compare its test with that of tap water-but almost hell breaks loose when found out by the crooked self-serving mean politicians. A contrast of public & private persona-in a so-called noble profession to serve society and mankind..very well depicted In " The Mirror" A subordinate working for a difficult boss is highly conflicted and gets into soliloquy after seeing his own reflection in a mirror. In his office-a pressure-cooker atmosphere has been unbearable piling all negatives with constant nagging of an alcoholic superior. He ponders even daydreams about the pros and cons of an entrepreneurial self-starting business owner. But his wise life partner reminds him how to overcome hurdles, to swim with the sharks and not only survive but flourish

with right attitudes, habits and positive set of mind..." A Thrilling Moment of My Life" portrays a true autobiographical event author encountered as a teenaged sweet seventeen years old in an Airport while seeing off her eldest sister who was married off living in Chicago. It is as dramatic as poignant, even esoteric-has reflective passages of time, the role of conservative outlooks, pre-determined destiny and debatable acceptability of love & marriage in tradition & modernity-a very lively tale of progressively mature feelings and accommodating attitudes... Last but not the least," Aspirations" is a short story about a mother reminiscing often stargazing in the starry night sky with her wide-eyed son but missing for over two decades to take a full glimpse at him as he has remained overseas once gone for his higher education. She writes a letter at long last imploring the young man to visit her ageing mother- and in a beautiful coincidence and twist of plot receives a letter in response- this is as magical as it can get. Above all author proves her master storytelling craft like the wizard of oz mesmerizing a whole lot of youngsters and elders alike. This is a must read in Children Literary Treasure Tales.

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