



BMM Yuva Vani Newsletter August 2021

Welcome all readers to Yuva Vani's August 2021 Edition. We have a very talented group of young writers who have contributed to this edition in various genres like Book Review, TV Show Review, Poetry, Travel Experience, Life Experience and Fiction. **Thank you writers!**

We hope you will enjoy reading their work.

Your comments and feedback to our young writers will be highly appreciated. Also, if you wish to contribute to upcoming monthly editions please feel free to whatsapp -

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Enjoy Reading !

We 'll start with a **Quote for the Month** - Not all storms come to disrupt your life, some come to clear your path.



Amber & Clay - By - Laura Amy Schlitz

Book Review by : Sejal Gore



Introduction/Summary

Today I will review a book called 'Amber & Clay', written by Laura Amy Schlitz. It has two main characters named Rhaskos and Melisto, who live in Greece. Melisto is situated in Athens and Rhaskos was originally from Thrace, but became a slave and was moved to Thessaly with

his mother, and was ruled over by his master. Rhaskos' mother was sold when he was only five years old.

She engraved marks of their clan with a knife on his arm that day, and that was the last time Rhaskos saw his mother. She was moved to Athens, and became Melisto's family's slave. He was as common as clay, a simple stable boy, worth less than a donkey, much less than a horse. He was talented; natural at art. His favorite thing to draw was horses. He then got sold in Athens and became Pyrrhos, where he met Sokrates, his dearest friend.

Melisto, on the other hand, was wellborn and wealthy, loathed her mother and loved going outside. But before all that, she loved Thratta, the new slave, a Thracian, stern, but soft. Then came the season when she had to do the bear dance and go to Artemis, a place from which she may never come back.



My Review

This book is a delight because of its verse and the greek gods (especially Heremes) that talk in between the verses of Rhaskos, Melisto, and others. It is a perfect read for juveniles and adults, as well! This book is amazing and easy to read; it's written in 'poetic verse'. One particular part that I liked was the friendly, dramatic, harsh, and flavorful dialogue that was written. I also liked the 'exhibits' that were in the book, which showed inscriptions in greek translated, and even old artifacts, which were incorporated in the next chapter. I urge all juvenile and adult readers to read this book!

Amazing and great as it is, there were some weaknesses to the book, too. The #1 thing I'll say that isn't the best is the abusive dialogue that was used to describe some characters. Pretty much, that's the only weakness that the book has, in my opinion.

As a conclusion, I'll say that this book is a great read, and will keep you going until you reach the end. You will want to read this book again and again, and absorb all the details. You will want to know exactly how the characters feel, and it will feel like you're in the scenes. I would rate this book a 9.5/10 to end everything. I hope you will enjoy it!



Moms are Great!!

Poetry by : Ira Godbole



Introduction of My Work

In my school, I got an opportunity to participate in one of the school programs.

I am always curious about 'Mumma animals' and 'Baby Animals'.

How do they live?

How do they feed their babies?

They must have celebrated 'Mother's Day' a couple months ago.


I love many animals like cats, dogs and turtles. I have drawn some pictures of animals and their babies in my style. They can relate with our life. Maybe we


can learn some values from them.


I have written about this in my small poem.


Thank You !




Turtles are steady and slow 
Patience is always good to Grow!

Dogs are Brave and Active 
Try to be like them: Alert and Attentive!

Fish are Cool and Calm with water Layer 
Learn to swim like them with Good Care!

Every Morning Duck says “Quack - Quack” 
Go to school every day with a School Backpack!

Cat is an animal Cute and Sweet 
Friends are there always to Meet!

Mothers are there to give Guidance and Hope’s Light

They are always a Fun and Greatest Gift and Delight! 

My 4th July Trip : Upper Peninsula



Travel Experience By : Aadya Railkar



I loved my trip and now I would like to tell you about it.

I had to wake up very early at 6 am. When I was all set, I got in the car and watched many videos and I played games. One game I played was 'Phone Case DIY'.

We drove 7 HOURS and we made many pit stops. We stopped at a restaurant.

We also made a stop at Kitch Iti Kipi. We waited in line and then when it was our turn we got onto a big raft and on the bottom of the raft there was a hole and we looked through the hole in the raft. Through the hole there were fish and Kitch Iti Kipi was 42 feet deep that is deep! It had fresh water springs. Water was so clear that we could see the ground.

After Kitch Iti Kipi we continued driving and then we reached our hotel. Our hotel was Econo Lodge. By the time we reached our hotel it was dinner time. We ordered pasties. Pasties are a specialty there. We did not like it much.

We saw Dollar General and there we got 2 pillows and a blanket. My mom did something very funny she got my dad a UNICORN neck rest and we laughed. Then we showered and got in the bed. My brother kept jumping on the bed. Mom kept on telling him not too.



In the morning we got ready and took off to Pictured Rocks. We were excited. The instructors were telling us about safety and how to put on the skirts and life jackets. After that we were waiting then we entered the boat and they rode the boat around and we saw colored rocks.



Then finally we entered our kayak. We went with an instructor and he took us kayaking through arches. We saw many beautiful points. Instructor told us about the colors of the rock. Pictured Rocks is famous for that. And it's only open in summer. I was kayaking with my mom and brother was with my dad. After 3 hours of kayaking we were done. WE WERE SOO WET I CRIED!

When we got back we got ready to leave to our next hotel called Holiday Inn. While driving we stopped at a Zoo and we had a lot of fun there. My parents surprised us. At the Zoo we saw tigers, lions, cougars, arctic foxes, coyotes, birds, and peacocks. We had to make multiple rounds to see all of the animals because they were sleeping as it was hot.

After the zoo we had dinner with one of my mom's friends who my mom had not met in 20 YEARS. Me and my family were soo excited. Then we slept.



The last day of our trip we got ready☑ and left. We went to MACKINAC ISLAND☑. We waited in line for half an hour ☑after the line we got onto a CRUISE☑. We were at the island and we first were booking a Carriage ☑Ride. The carriage gave us a tour of the entire MACKINAC.

After that we finally found STARBUCKS☐. DID YOU KNOW IT IS VERY HARD TO FIND STARBUCKS!

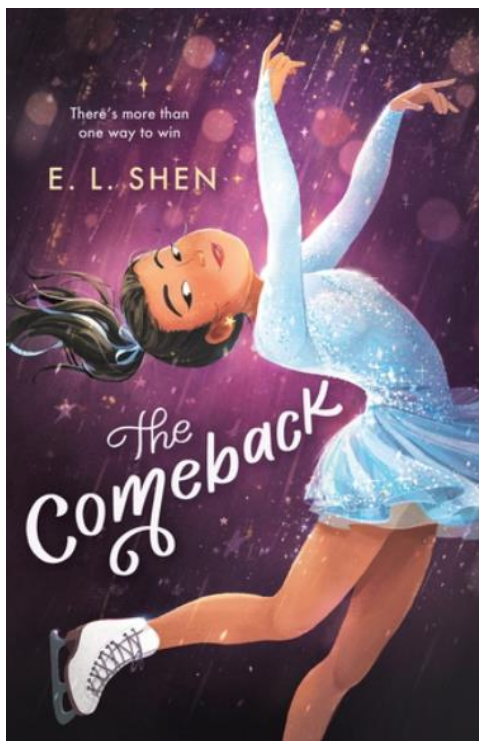
That was my TRIP I HOPE YOU LIKED Reading about it☑





The Comeback : A Figure Skating Novel by E . L. Shen

Book Review by : Shriya Chandge



The Comeback , in this book, a 12 year old girl named Maxine, is going through a lot. She is a hardcore ice skater and is very dedicated to it.

At school, she is not an A student and she lost her best friend. Things start to get worse when a bully starts teasing her about her Chinese culture and heritage. She is not finding the right amount of self confidence to stand up to him.

One day on the ice she sees a new girl named Hollie who may be some tough competition in the regionals. She is instantly jealous of Hollie's perfect life and it keeps bothering her.

With the competition coming up, she is getting stressed to keep everything going smoothly.

Will she gain the much needed self confidence to stand up to the bully?

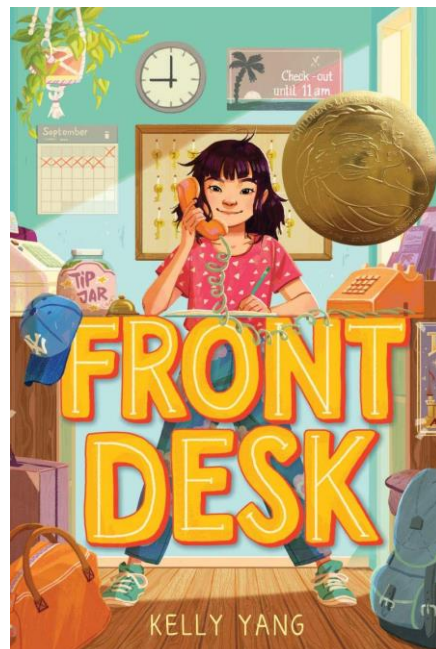


Will she win the competition and head towards her dreams of taking part in the olympics?

And most importantly, will she break through all of her worries and make an amazing comeback?

I rate this book 5 stars and recommend this to people who like realistic fiction.

A similar book to this is : Front Desk By Kelly Yang





Marvel TV Show WandaVision

A Review By : Shlok Deshpande



Marvel is an extraordinary franchise from the comics to the movies. Much like Harry Potter, Marvel has tons of easter eggs and past references. I have only gotten interested in Marvel recently. The reason for this was WandaVision. My dad had recommended WandaVision to me and after watching it I liked it so much I decided to watch all of the avengers movies.

There will be spoilers in this article so I recommend watching WandaVision before reading this. The first few episodes of WandaVision don't really make that much sense. Isn't Vision dead? Why does this take place in the 1950's or 60's? But, come episode 4 and 5, there are answers to a few of your questions.

We see Wanda and Vision living in this imaginary world. But when we go outside of the hex, there is one big clue to show who the main villain is. Remember that scene in episode 4 where the agents of S.W.O.R.D are finding personalities of the people inside the hex. They never found Agnes's. Or should I say Agatha Harkness? WandaVision has so many other clues and fun



easter eggs. Remember fake Pietro? Well 'fake Pietro' was played by Evan Peters, who is also the actor that plays QuickSilver (Pietro Maximoff) in the X - men universe. That completely blew my mind!!

Even the ads have easter eggs from the past movies. Remember the Lagos ad? At the end of the ad it says "Lagos, for cleaning up messes you didn't mean to make." For those of you who haven't watched Captain America's Civil War, Lagos is where a battle takes place at the beginning of the movie. Wanda tries to stop a villain from blowing himself up but accidentally blows up a building, killing hundreds of people.

In summary I would say this - WandaVision is funny, action packed, full of mystery and has tons of clues and easter eggs. Which allowed us to keep engaged through the series. If you are into action packed sci fi or superhero movies, I definitely recommend watching this show.



WandaVision 2021



IN THE WORLD OF DEAF

Life's Experience By : Archi Damle



I am sure you know what the word 'deaf' means. But for those of you who don't, being deaf means you cannot hear sounds, or very slightly hear them. Implants, hearing aids, bahas are different things that make deaf people hear all sounds. Some people mistake implants or hearing aids for Bluetooth earphones because they look almost the same! When deaf people want to get implants, they are supposed to have

a surgery. There's a chip (the magnetic kind) under the skin that helps hold the implants to the head. Implants and hearing aids have a battery, and you are supposed to charge the battery every night.

Sometimes it's very difficult for deaf people to communicate with hearing people. Some of them use a notebook to communicate, while others may use lip-reading (you read the movement of the lips to form words).

Many people are curious about how people become deaf. Sometimes it's because of pregnancy complications or some kids have progressive hearing loss. Hearing people probably become deaf because of either an illness/infection or an accident; however, when hearing people become deaf



because of some infection, there is a slight chance that they can start hearing again.

There are many things that I would like to share with you as a deaf and hard of hearing teenager using Cochlear implants. But I would like to highlight some of the important things on behalf of the deaf community which I always feel that I wish my friends and society knew.

Sometimes people feel ignored. Well, deaf people feel the same way too! They think hearing people don't want to talk to them because it's hard to communicate with deaf people. Or maybe sometimes they feel who will make friendships the hard way when they have easy choices around them! Well, there is a solution to that, though! Deaf people have their own language called ASL (American sign language). That's not all, other countries have different names for sign language (ESL, ASL, etc). Sign language does not use speech in any form, *your hands are your mouth and your eyes are your ears*. Some deaf people can speak and sign at the same time, while others decide to either speak or sign. Some words in ASL have many signs. So that might confuse others. When hearing people try to communicate with deaf people using sign language or gestures, deaf people really get happy and feel inclusive. They can learn sign language in deaf schools, from their parents, or from clubs or websites. You can use a website called savvy sign.

People are curious about what deaf people learn in school. Some schools also have DHH (deaf, hard of hearing) programs. In these programs, you can either take one or two classes for deaf/hard of hearing people, and the rest can be taken with hearing people. The classes taken with hearing people are called



mainstream classes. When taking mainstream classes, deaf people have an interpreter to sign whatever the teacher teaches or says.

Can deaf people have any vehicle licences? Yes! They can drive any vehicle, even airplanes, boats, cars, anything. And just like school, they have an interpreter to sign what the driving instructor says.

All in all, through my article I want to reach out to all those people who are not very comfortable making friends with deaf and hard of hearing. Don't be hesitant to talk with us and communicate with us. And as they say, we don't need sympathy, we just need inclusiveness.

I hope this gives all you readers an insight into the lives of deaf people and how you can communicate with them. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have. Curiosity is the mother of discoveries, discoveries of new friendships, new relationships, new bonds!



The Battle for Tropica

Fictional Story By : Gunin Gadre



One cold, snowy day on the Island of Nemesis, two warriors are standing on the top of a base. Along with them are their friends and family, playing in the thick snow while the duo is looking at the Antarctic region of the island. Captain Snowarcher and Frostwalker were two very brave people, though they sometimes mess around.

Meanwhile, on the beaches of Hawaii, Captain Glaze and his family spend time having fun. Glaze is a great friend to be with... except on the battlefield. On a battlefield, Glaze is an expert commander, like Snowarcher. Anyways, they both had plans for the holidays, but they weren't intending on running into each other. Yet, they and their families found each other in the same place.

"What are you doing here!?!?!?!?" said Frostwalker, stunned to see them on the same starliner.

"Well... what are YOU doing here?" said Snowdevil, puzzled about whether to ask or go to his seat.



After a nice long staring contest, they went back to their business class seats, Glaze with his family down the left aisle and Snowarcher with his family down the right aisle. The kids of Glaze and Snowarcher liked sitting with each other and had lots of fun, but mostly just looked at what the shatter and heat resistance cameras that were retractable were seeing. The adults looked out through the special windows or put the shades down and looked through the nose camera. The liner reached the Hohmann Maneuver orbit and started the maneuvers.

Then it (the liner) reached the orbit needed to cross the Van Allen belt.

“Hold on everyone!!!!” the pilot said over the intercom. *“We’re entering the Trans-Martian Orbit Trajectory (TMOT).”* Everyone was ready to burst out of their seats and turbocharge into the escape rockets which were used as boosters to get off the ground and send the liner to TMOT. After one last check of all the systems and the fleet, the thrusters were fired at max strength, flinging the liner off to Mars. Upon arriving at the base on Tropica, Snowarcher and Frostwalker go out into the sun. *“What’s that?”* Frostwalker wonders aloud, pointing to the horizon.

“Nothing like what I’ve seen around here,” adds Snowarcher, who had also seen the mysterious craft.

“Could that be...” starts Frostwalker.

“CAPTAIN GLAZE!?!?!?” they both screeched at the same time. There, on the shuttle, were the familiar colors and markings. This means war. The thought



flashes through their minds, followed by plans of defensive positions and counterattacks.

“Uhhhhhhh... How are we going to deal with their (makes the sound of bombs falling and then exploding)?” asks Frostwalker.

“First, stop with all those SOUNDS!” orders Snowarcher, who is clearly annoyed by them.

“Fine,” grumbles Frostwalker, *“I only use them if I want to mention something that I don’t like!”* (Snowarcher gives him the look). *“Why are you looking at me with that look? Can’t help it,”* Frostwalker adds.

“Fine, but if you can... DON’T USE SOUND EFFECTS,” Snowarcher says (Frostwalker rolls his eyes).

While Snowarcher issues commands, Frostwalker goes to their room and comes back dragging a large flatbed/cart with a large tent behind him. After the setup is done, both go inside the insulated module, zip up the entrance, and look at the radar screen. *“Large assault force, WNW from the base, vulnerable to guerrilla attacks,...”* they record.

“Sir! We could use stone weapons for the attacks and the lasers for defense!” exclaims Frostwalker, half laughing.

“I’ll set up the other modules, you get the tribes ready and bring the U and UA class tanks with their storage unit,” orders Snowarcher.



Then, Jack and Amy, Snowarcher's kids, come darting from the doorway, followed by George and Emily, who are Frostwalker's kids, dragging 2 flatbeds loaded with their modules.

"Can we help?" they chant in unison.

"Sure," Snowarcher says (Snowarcher and kids discuss the setup).

Snowarcher: *"Set your modules behind the first module,"*

Kids: *"Ok,"*

Emily: *"Amy, did you bring the adapter?"*

Amy: *"Here it is!"*

George and Jack: *"Hurry up! We need the radar up and running,"...*

Slowly, block by block, they work until the defenses are set up. Next, they work on the storage unit for the tanks. Soon everything was ready, everything except the tanks. Just as the flare to start the battle is launched, drone tanks come and fill up the storage units. As the battle went on, the missiles never came. Near the end of the battle, missiles start streaking the sky, only to be blown up mid-flight.

Finally, the missile launchers are destroyed, leaving the air open for air raids. As the last minion retreats into the shuttle, Snowarcher sends a radio to Glaze, asking for them to be friends. Glaze decides to accept the offer, finally ending the real war between them. Snowarcher, Glaze, and their families find nothing to do so they have fun and get to relax knowing that they don't have another war to fight. Or is there...

HAPPY



By : Atharv Velvandkar



I was happy because of my cat Oscar.
My cat always makes me happy when he scratches me.

Also, when he hugs me and he blinks his eyes.
When he sleeps with me.





Fun Corner

Relax , laugh , scratch your brains and more ...

Who takes a dentist on a short trip ?? Emmm , the Tooth-'ferry'

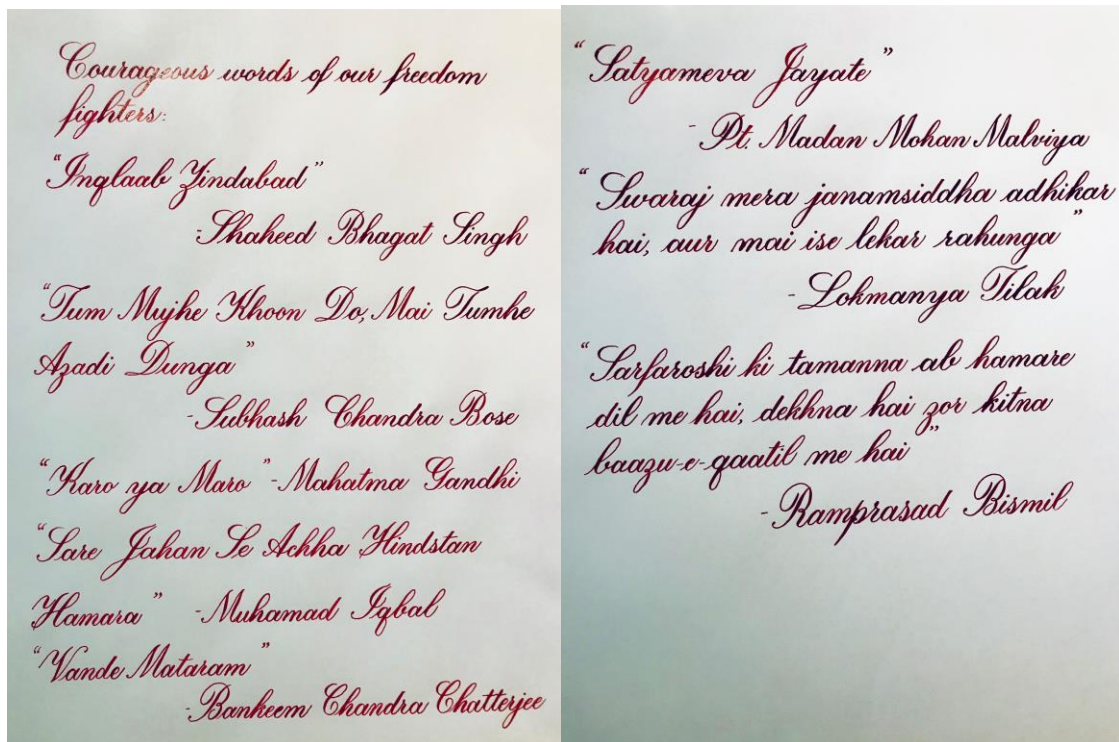
Did you know ? Warkari (meaning 'the one who performs the Wari') is a sampradaya (religious movement) within the bhakti spiritual tradition of Hinduism, geographically associated with the Indian state of Maharashtra. Every year, Warkaris walk hundreds of miles to the holy town of Pandharpur, gathering there on ekadashi (the 11th day) of the Hindu lunar calendar month of Aashaadha (which falls sometime in July).



Disclaimer - This is an older picture before Covid



Best Wishes for 15th August India's Independence Day - Calligraphy by Vaishali Shinde.





Thank You !

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