

Amazing Animal Stories

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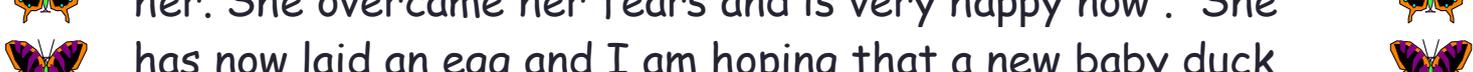
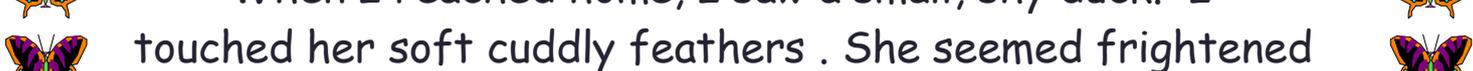
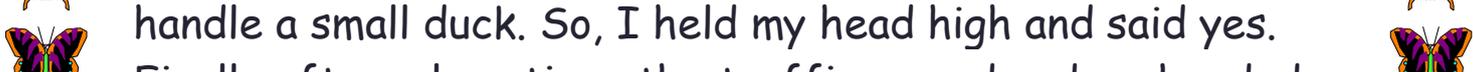
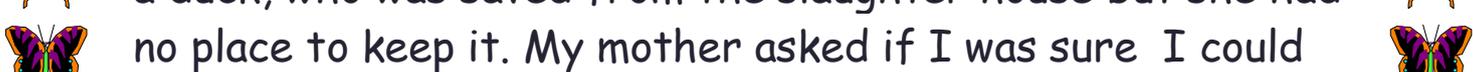
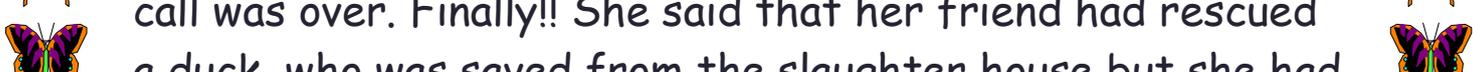
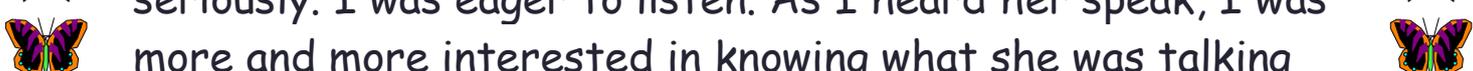
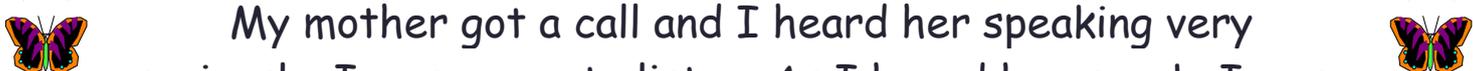
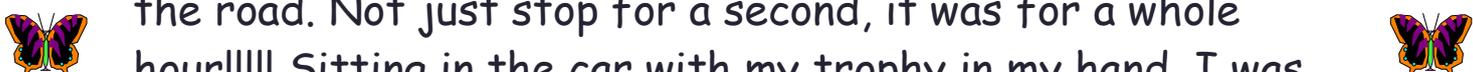
I first spotted him, a white ball of feathers, sitting on a branch of a tall tree. That is the time I first met Ullu the owl, my great friend. Every morning as soon as I wake up I see Ullu. The funny things are that in the morning when I say (Good Morning, she would nod saying Good Night !!) I always wanted to have a closer look at Ullu.

On October 17th, at 6:00am. I was woken up by my brother. It was my birthday!!!! My brother gave me a box wrapped in paper. Anxious, I wanted to know what was inside. So I ripped open the paper box. I found ... a pair of binoculars which is a compact binocular, it also has 30x zoom and can see object 1000 yards away!!! It also had colored lenses and I later discovered that it has night vision lens. Now I could finally take a closer look at Ullu. The day I used the binoculars, I saw that Ullu had yellow eyes, feathers which are grey-brown, heavily spotted with white dots.

The feathers are also white and streaked with brown. I then realized that she was an Indian Spotted Owl. I am patiently watching the movement of the owl and I am keen to study her habitat.

It is a joy to see her every morning sleeping peacefully on the branch right next to her mother. I try calling out to her by making the hooting sound of an owl. She looks at me wondering who this creature is who is disturbing her sleep. I wonder what she must be thinking about us humans.





Chapter 2 - Lucky Ducky

I had just won a tennis tournament. I was excited, happy and filled with joy. I couldn't wait to go home and tell everyone that I had won the tournament. Happily, I sat in the car and was stopped because of the heavy traffic on the road. Not just stop for a second, it was for a whole hour!!!! Sitting in the car with my trophy in my hand, I was bored of the Koramangala traffic.

My mother got a call and I heard her speaking very seriously. I was eager to listen. As I heard her speak, I was more and more interested in knowing what she was talking about. The traffic had still not moved but my mother's long call was over. Finally!! She said that her friend had rescued a duck, who was saved from the slaughter house but she had no place to keep it. My mother asked if I was sure I could handle a small duck. So, I held my head high and said yes. Finally after a long time, the traffic moved and we headed back home .

When I reached home, I saw a small, shy duck. I touched her soft cuddly feathers . She seemed frightened at first but seemed to settle down later. I decided to train her. She overcame her fears and is very happy now . She has now laid an egg and I am hoping that a new baby duck will hatch.





Chapter 3 - Cuddly Chutki



At 7:30pm, at the dinner table , my dad asked me if I wanted a small puppy . Of course , who would not want a small puppy !!! I waited eagerly for the little pup to arrive . I had already decided what I was going to name the puppy . My brothers wanted to call her Dash, but I wanted to name her Chutki . But as soon as she came home , she was small , cute , furry and the name Chutki seemed to suit her . After seeing her, my brothers finally agreed to call her Chutki , because actually Chutki meant a pinch .

I was very skeptical at first about how she would interact with the other two dogs that I had at home . But to my surprise, they got along with her and in fact, the other dogs whose name are Bruno and Bheema , are actually very scared of her !!!!

Every day when I leave to school, she is always ready at the gate to accompany me to school. But unfortunately, dogs are not allowed to come to school !!!! I hope she understands that. I have now taught her a few tricks too. She loves her treats , chasing cats , rolling in the grass, running in the garden and her belly rubs . Her favorite pastime is sleeping!!!!







Chapter 4 - Chatterbox Bittu

Bittu is one of my favorite pets . Usually pet owners laugh at their pets , but I have a pet that makes me laugh !!! Bittu is an African Grey Parrot and is one of the smartest birds that I know . African Grey Parrots are known as the Einsteins of the parrot world. They are said to have a vocabulary of a thousand words . Bittu likes to scream and mimic the sounds that he hears around him . He even imitates my mother's voice so well that I don't even know whether its my mother calling or Bittu calling. He knows how to whistle the Happy Birthday tune and he sang it for my birthday. I was so happy. Whenever Bittu is angry with me, he walks away from me . Then I know, that I have to spend more time with him to make him happy. His favorite fruit is papaya. He has a tennis ball which he keeps kicking and playing football. He thinks that he is the Maradona of our house . I know that Bittu will be with me for a long time since African greys are known to live for 40 years.





About the Author

Isha Prabhakar is 10 years old and loves animals more than anything in the world. She feels that she can understand their feelings and is very eager to help them. She takes keen interest in wildlife too and is an avid bird watcher. She would love to open a shelter one day to take care of all the sick and injured animals. She also loves baking and playing cricket.



In this book you'll meet some truly amazing animals and read about their remarkable lives. You will meet an interesting owl, a duck that bring luck, a cute puppy that lives upto her name and a bird that just can't stop chatting. If you love to read about animals and enjoy funny and interesting stories, then this is the book for you.



