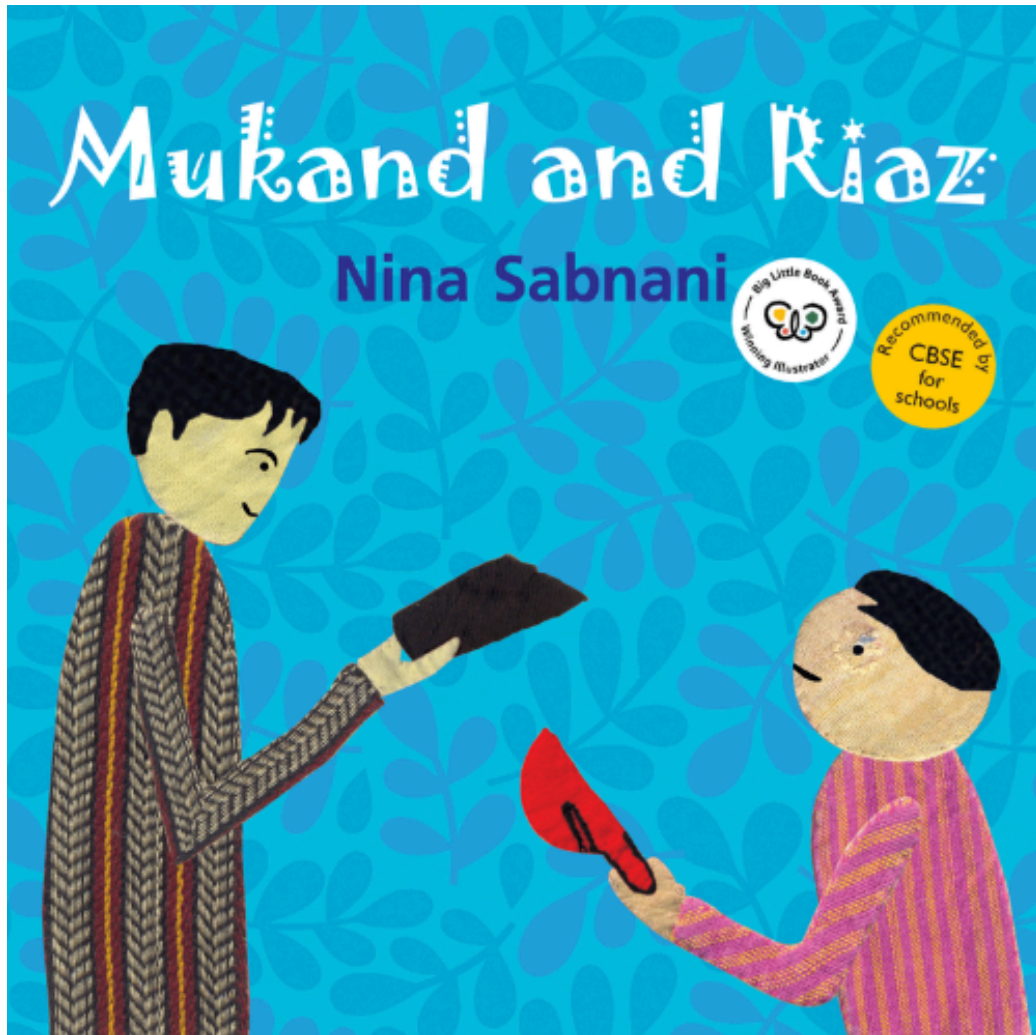


ZAMASAMA PRESENTS

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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THEMES

Displacement

Culture & Tradition

Biography

Shared Heritage

Partition of India (1947)

Friendship Across Borders

Social & Emotional Wellbeing

Memory & Oral History

LEARNING OUTCOME

Children will learn how historical events like the Partition affected real people, especially children, and reflect on how strong friendships can survive political and geographical divisions.

LESSON PLAN

Discussion Questions

Before Reading:

- Have you ever had to say goodbye to a close friend?
- What keeps friendships strong over time and distance?

During Reading:

- What do the boys share?
- Why were they separated?
- How did Partition affect them?

After Reading:

- Why do countries fight or divide?
- How can children be affected by big decisions made by adults?
- Do you think Mukand and Riaz stayed friends in their hearts?

Activities:

Letters Across Borders: Imagine you are Mukand or Riaz writing a letter years later. What memories do you revisit? What would you ask your friend? Illustrate letters and display them on a “Friendship Has No Borders” wall.

RELEVANT ZAMASAMA STORIES

- [The Artist](#)
- [Hamam’s World](#)
- [The Unexpected Friend](#)
- [Two Homes in Omar’s Heart](#)

RELEVANT SDGS

Applicable SDGs:

- SDG 4 – Quality Education
- SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 16 – Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

SDG Explanation

- SDG 4: Promotes inclusive and equitable quality education by teaching real historical events and encouraging critical reflection.
- SDG 10: Highlights how social upheaval affects marginalized communities and fosters empathy toward those forced to migrate.
- SDG 16: Emphasizes peace, justice, and inclusion by modeling cross-border friendship and children’s rights to safety and belonging.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Deepened empathy for children displaced by conflict.
- Appreciation for friendships that transcend borders and history.
- Understanding that war and division impact real lives, especially children.
- Recognition of shared cultural roots and hope for peaceful coexistence.

ABOUT ZAMASAMA

Zamasama is a nonprofit platform that brings together stories from around the world to help children discover that beneath our differences—of culture, language, or belief—we share the same hopes, joys, and dreams.

Today’s children are tomorrow’s citizens, and the responsibility of building a more peaceful, tolerant, and empathetic world lies with them.

That’s why it’s vital to instill these values early—through stories that help them rise above the biases they inherit, and see diversity as a strength that unites us all.