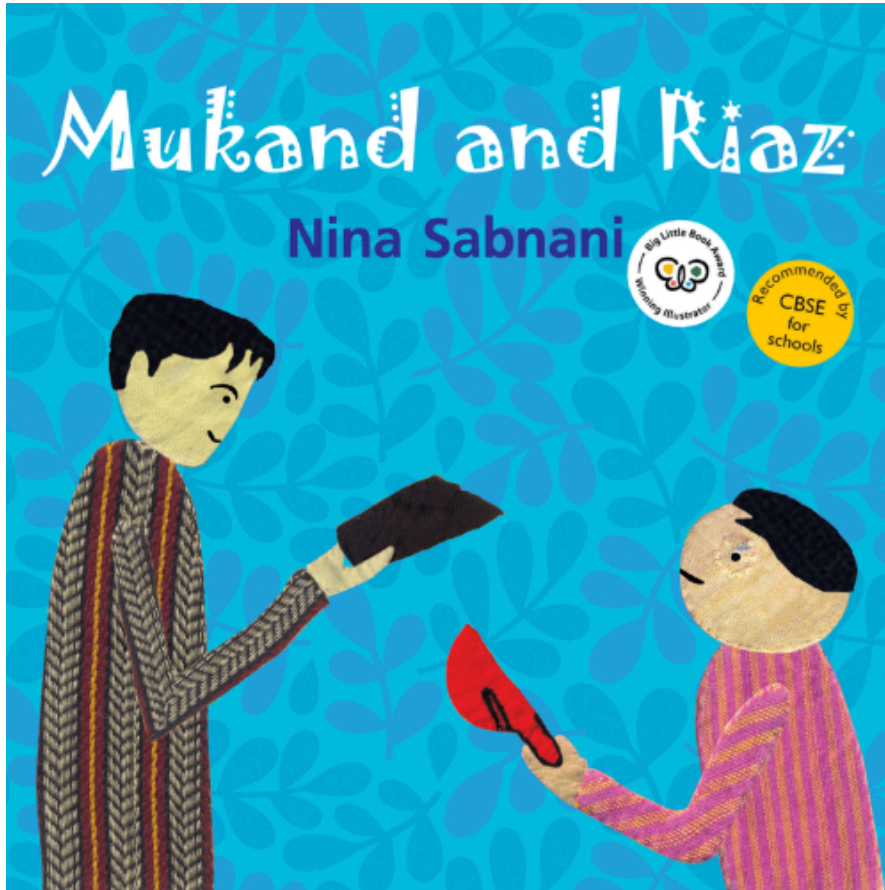


Mukand and Riaz

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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THEMES

Social & Emotional Learning

Displacement

Family & Friends

SUB-THEMES

Friendship & Companionship

Sharing & Caring

Joy in Togetherness

Story Discussion Guide

- Recognize that friendship and love can exist even in times of conflict and uncertainty.
- Understand that large historical events can deeply affect children's lives.
- Develop empathy for children who are separated from friends and familiar places.
- Reflect on how acts of giving can express deep care and friendship.
- Appreciate that race, religion, and nationality do not define true friendship.
- Internalize the core value of one common humanity.

Activities (Ages 5–8) :

1.The Meaning of a Gift

Students discuss the significance of the cap and create drawings of gifts they would give a friend.

2. What Makes a True Friend?

Create a friendship chart highlighting loyalty, kindness, sharing, and helping.

Activities (Ages 8–10):

1. Talking About Sudden Separation

Discuss how children might feel when forced to leave friends suddenly.

2. Goodbye Note or Drawing

Students write or draw a final message from Mukand to Riaz.

3. Friendship Memory Quilt

Class creates a visual memory quilt made of friendship moments.

Learning Outcomes (Ages 10–12)

Students understand how political upheavals affect ordinary families, especially children. They develop empathy for displaced families and reflect on peaceful solutions for harmony.

Curriculum Ladder:

Ages 3–5:

The Memory Tree, A Plane that Brings Love

Ages 5–8:

Feng, Noon Chai and a Story, Mukand & Riaz

Ages 8–10:

Hamam's World, Salma & the Orange Trees, Two Homes in Omar's Heart

Ages 10–12:

The Unexpected Friend, Mukand & Riaz

SDG Alignment

SDG 4 – Quality Education

The story builds empathy and values-based learning.

SDG 16 – Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

The story promotes peaceful coexistence and harmony.

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.