

# MY UNICORN IS A DOVE



Sharanya Banerjee



A NECKLACE OF POEMS,  
PAINTINGS AND STORIES



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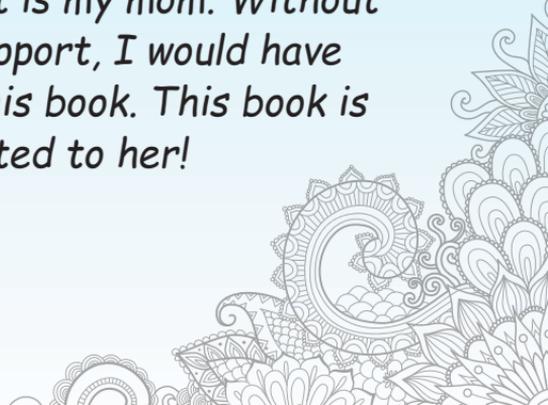
*'My Unicorn is a Dove' is her debut collection of poetry and stories which she started writing when she was eight years old, inspired by her mother who is an author. One of her favorite leisure activities is snuggling in her mermaid blanket in a secret corner of her bedroom where many of her*



*thoughts emerge. She also loves playing the violin, art and singing, cooking and baking with her dad, making creative things with websites and listening to music videos of Pentatonix.*

**Note from Sharanya:**

*I am very excited about this book! I would like to thank all of my friends for being so supportive and kind about my journey, but the person I would like to thank the most is my mom. Without her love and support, I would have never finished this book. This book is dedicated to her!*





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## Foreword

*What a delectable book, My Unicorn is a Dove is! Within its pages the reader will find poems on the rainbow, mystic creatures, different seasons, thunderstorms, acrostics and also haikus. The acrostic on Mother made me feel fuzzy all over. There is also a heart-warming poem dedicated to her violin teacher, poems about Christmas, Mother Nature and the solar system.*

*The very first poem in this intriguing collection is a funny poem and the following line in this poem, left me with a never-ending smile. "When I come downstairs, I am greeted with my sister's lies." This line opened the sluice gates of my memory, and chunk after chunk of childhood sibling rivalry hit me with the force of snowballs. Yes, she also writes about the snow.*

*Yes, there is also a bouquet of stories in this collection, drenching the reader in an undying fragrance. Poems and also intriguing stories about a secret key, a giggly donkey and a rabbit and a giant made me exclaim, "Double whoa!" like that character in one of her stories.*

*"Every child is an artist; the problem is staying an artist when you grow up." Pablo Picasso had said, but, I am sure that this girl, when she grows up is going to stay an artist, who will continue to serenade the world equally with the strokes of her pen and brush, enthraling readers for years to come, for she wields a magic pen, which, like her imaginary unicorn is very special and unique. Naturally beautiful in every way.*

*Sharanya has unleashed her inner genius at a very young age. It is now our turn to applaud this young, special, unique and beautiful artist. Hope she writes on and on and creates a snug*

*niche for herself in the literary scene, so that one day, I can proudly say, "Oh Sharanya! That award-winning writer! I knew her since the time she was this high, and with a modest smile, precariously near pride, add, "Well...you see, I was lucky enough to have written the foreword to her first book."*

*I know that moment is not very far.*

**Santosh Bakaya**

*Author, Poet, Academician,*

*TedX speaker, Multiple Award-winner for Literature and Writing*

# Introduction

*"Every child is an artist; the problem is staying an artist when you grow up."*

*- Pablo Picasso*

*In between the mad bursts of the morning and the night, the traffic signals of a crazy, prosaic intersection of our lives reared their heads stronger. In the midst of these daily realities, in our cozy little home, poetry and prose and the magic realism of words and art grew. Oblivious to the prosaic surroundings, a little girl was stringing her first garland of poetry and stories, and taking baby steps in her world of words cocooning her in motherly warmth. As destiny would have it, she might have caught the fancy, the addiction for it all from her mother who saw life as an act of poetry in motion. Slowly, tenderly, she let the seed of her imagination, the sapling of her vision grow, and today, it is in front of you all. Sharanya, my young,*

*tender-hearted girl has created a small bouquet of delectable poems on every aspect of human life she has experienced and felt about, with a sort of spiritual understanding that is unusual for her age. Her four fictional tales in the collection will take you to a joyride of mystery, adventure and the world of fables she is so very fond of, and derives insight from, in her own little way.*

*I hope this slim volume will let you discover the little artist in her, and hope this is only the beginning of her journey to understand the depth of words and art.*

*Seeking blessings for her.*

**Lopamudra Banerjee**

*(Sharanya's mom)*

*Author, Poet, Translator,*

*Faculty of Creative Writing,*

*Richland College, Dallas, USA*



***A Bouquet  
of Poems***

# *My Everyday Life*

## *A Funny Poem*

*Note: I chose to write a funny poem about my everyday life for the first one because I felt the book needed to open with who the real me is, but in a funny and entertaining way.*

*My everyday life is  
Quite fun  
Even when lots of things*



Must be done  
Monday - Friday wake up at  
6:30-7:00 o'clock  
Rolling off my bed with a huge,  
"Knock!"  
"Come downstairs!!" my mom cries  
When I come downstairs,  
I am greeted with my sister's lies  
I get back home at 3:15  
But my mom says, "You have to clean!"  
But on Friday night  
We get pizza too!  
To get us out of the stew  
On every other  
Saturday  
We eat frozen yogurt  
HURRAY!  
On Sunday we go swimming  
To go and search the water for rings!  
I like my everyday life so much  
I can't think of a life better  
than such!

## *Pink: An Acrostic Poem*

*[Inspired by a graphic art that I created  
some time back]*

*Pouting lips, playful*

*Irresistible to most girls everywhere,*

*Never underestimated, the 'girl color'*

*Kept in a fancy corner of my mind,*

*nourishing my thoughts.*



Artwork by Sharanya

# **The Rainbow Poem**

*Red, the color of anger and alertness*

*Orange, the color of fire and amazement*

*Yellow, the color of joy and peace*

*Green, the color of plant life and jealousy*

*Blue, the color of water and melancholy*

*Indigo, the color of tsunamis and tornados*

*Violet, the color of fear and fullness*

*Altogether, they make a rainbow!*

*There is one special thing about a rainbow*

*That all humans see,*

*They will always have a gleaming light*

*No one can foresee.*

End of the sample preview.

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