

The Best Gift

- Hani Du Toit
- Chantelle & Burgen Thorne
- Ezra Harerimana



The Best Gift

This book belongs to









Every child should own a hundred books by the age of five. To that end, Book Dash gathers creative professionals who volunteer to create new, African storybooks that anyone can freely translate and distribute. To find out more, and to download beautiful, print-ready books, visit bookdash.org.

The Best Gift

Illustrated by Chantelle & Burgen Thorne

Designed by Ezra Harerimana

Written by Hani du Toit

Edited by Alison Ziki

with the help of the Book Dash participants in the Virtual Book Dash on 15 May 2021.

ISBN: 978-1-77623-158-4

This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 Licence (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>). You are free to share (copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format) and adapt (remix, transform, and build upon the material) this work for any purpose, even commercially. The licensor cannot revoke these freedoms as long as you follow the following license terms:

Attribution: You must give appropriate credit, provide a link to the license, and indicate if changes were made. You may do so in any reasonable manner, but not in any way that suggests the licensor endorses you or your use.

No additional restrictions: You may not apply legal terms or technological measures that legally restrict others from doing anything the license permits.

Notices: You do not have to comply with the license for elements of the material in the public domain or where your use is permitted by an applicable exception or limitation.

No warranties are given. The license may not give you all of the permissions necessary for your intended use. For example, other rights such as publicity, privacy, or moral rights may limit how you use the material.



Jibraan loves building with toy bricks.

Dad says, "That's very good, Jibraan.
You've got a gift for building things!"







What if I have another gift? Jibraan wonders.

"Do I have just one gift Dad?" he asks.

"You'll only know if you try many things," says Dad.

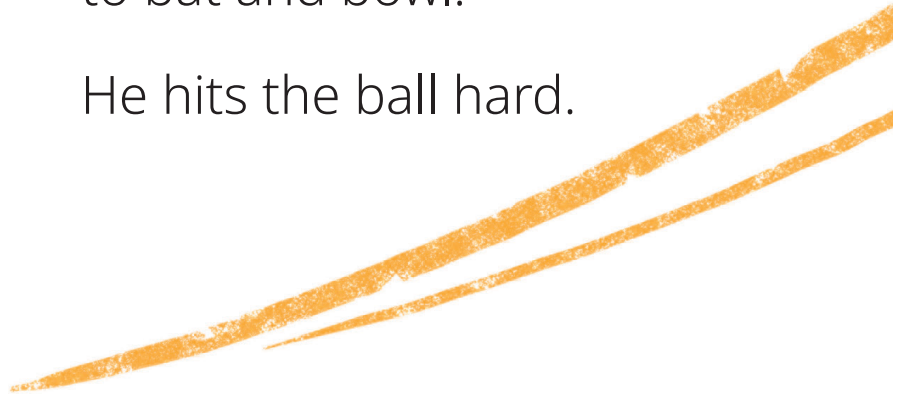
"I want to try cricket," says Jibraan.





He joins the cricket club
at school and learns
to bat and bowl.

He hits the ball hard.





puuu!




“Wow!”
says Coach Uno.

“What a great batsman you are.
You’ve got a gift, Jibraan!”







At karate class, Jibraan practises
his katas with Sensai Shaukat.
His friend Sumeya does them well.



“Excellent, Sumeya!” says Sensai Shaukat.
Jibraan tries again. He makes another mistake.

He smiles at Sumeya and
high-fives her.
“You’re really good, Sumeya.
You have a gift.”

“You didn’t give up, Jibraan.
That’s a gift too,”
says Sumeya.





"How was Karate?"
asks Dad.

"I made many mistakes
and I didn't give up, Dad.
Karate is Sumeya's gift."

"You'll discover other gifts,"
says Dad.

Jibraan wonders
what they are...







I love music. Am I good at music?

"Dad, can I play the drums?" he asks.

"Well, let's try," says Dad.

They turn some pots and buckets upside down and get two wooden spoons for drum sticks.

Jibraan imagines a whole band playing with him. He beats the drum to a simple rhythm.







Little Laith rocks back and forth on the chair as Jibraan plays the drums.

Wiki Wiki!!!

Wiki Wiki!!!

**Dadum, dadum, dadum,
Dadum didadda dadum.**



didadda!

Ding!!

Dadum!!



"That sounds amazing,"
says Dad.

"I love that beat.
You've got a gift, Jibraan."

Hahaha!!! Yeeeeee!!!

Jibraan laughs.
He loves discovering
a new talent when he
tries something new.

"This is fun, Dad!
I love my gifts."

Yaaaaa!!!! Yeeeees!!!





Just then, Little Laith rocks the chair over and falls to the floor.

Jibraan jumps to help his baby brother.

"Are you okay, little Laith?" he asks.



Aaaahh!!

He rubs Little Laith's head.
He kisses Little Laith's tears.

"Can I kiss it better,
Little Laith?" he asks.

"Can I hug it better,
Little Laith?"







Hihihihii!!
Hahahaha!!

Hihihihihii!!

Dad smiles. "Aha!" says Dad.
"Look how kind and loving you are.
That's the best gift of all!
That's the one to practise everyday."

Jibraan laughs. Little Laith laughs too.
"What's your gift, Little Laith?" he asks.







This book is shared online by <https://www.freekidsbooks.org>
in terms of the creative commons license provided by the
publisher or author.

want to find more
books like this?

SHARE THE MAGIC OF BOOKS

<https://www.freekidsbooks.org>
Simply great free books -

Preschool, early grades, picture books, learning to read,
early chapter books, middle grade, young adult,
Pratham, Book Dash, Mustardseed, Open Equal Free, and many more!

Always Free – Always will be!

Legal Note:

This book is in CREATIVE COMMONS - Awesome!! That means you can share, reuse it, and in some cases republish it, but only in accordance with the terms of the applicable license (not all CCs are equal!), attribution must be provided, and any resulting work must be released in the same manner.

Please reach out and contact us if you want more information: <https://www.freekidsbooks.org/about>

This page is added for identification and legal purposes.