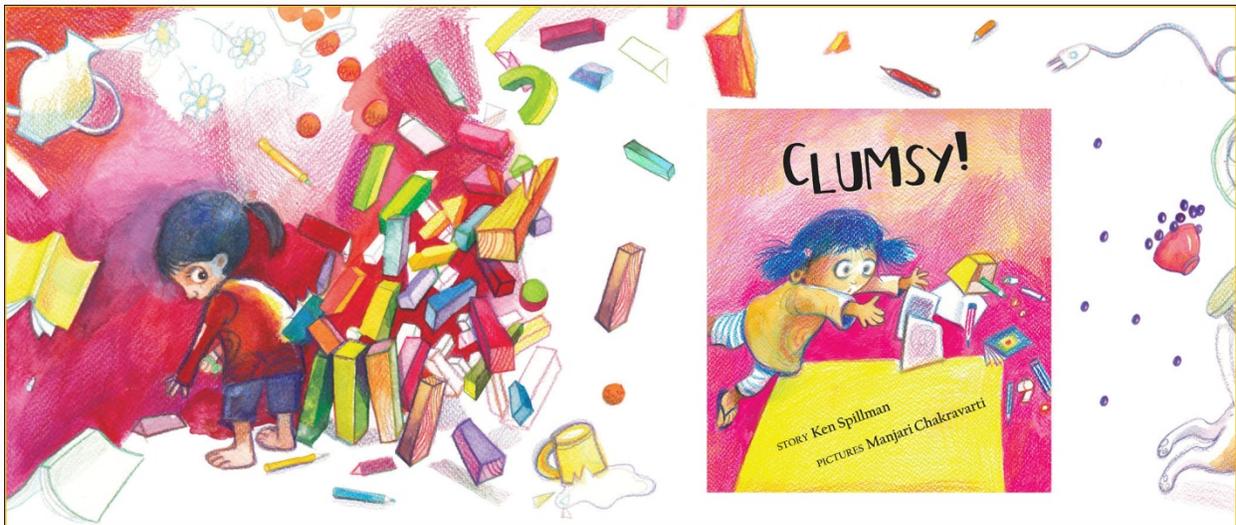


## NEW! Clumsy!



She is called Clumsy, Slowcoach, Careless, Sloppy, Messy, Butterfingers – words that scare away all other words from her head. Then one day she gets a box of paints and, brush in hand, she whirls her world around... Created by Ken Spillman and heartwarmingly visualised by Manjari Chakravarti, [this is one little girl](#) who you'll be falling over to meet!

## Bookaroo in Jaipur



Delhi–Pune–Goa–Ahmedabad–Kuching – next stop, Jaipur, ruk-ruk-ruk-ruk. Bookaroo brings the book-book train to children of the Pink City for the first time with its bustle of authors, illustrators, storytellers, readings and workshops! Wait and watch [their website](#) for the who, where, what.

**WHEN:** 30 April & 1 May

**WHERE:** Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur

Call 0141-2706641 for details

## Clay play



What's better than reading about art? Creating it! And that is exactly what the children at Lightroom Bookstore, Bangalore, did at a session around the award winning book *The House That Sonabai Built*. Inspired by the artist Sonabai's magnificent work, they crafted ideas of their own with a little help from author and art educator Vishakha Chanchani. [Take a look at their clay display.](#)

## Rollicking Rooster Raga



Organised by Kahani Tree, author Natasha Sharma took Ruru and gang to Mumbai Mobile Creches, where children rocked to the rooster's raga. "We had a lovely time reading out Ruru Raag ( [Rooster Raga](#) in Hindi) The children loved the song at the end and participated with much enthusiasm. They enjoyed the story and the art activity. We had taken little cutouts of chicks and crayons and their little hands were so adept at creating art," said Natasha.

## Woman on wheels



Keeping to this year's theme of 'Strong Women' on World Storytelling Day (20 March), Just Books Anna Nagar picked up Tulika's popular picture book, [Wings to Fly](#) – the fascinating real-life story of Malathi Holla for whom being in a wheelchair was the start of a starred sporting life! The children spoke about the strongest women they knew and, guess what, most of them were

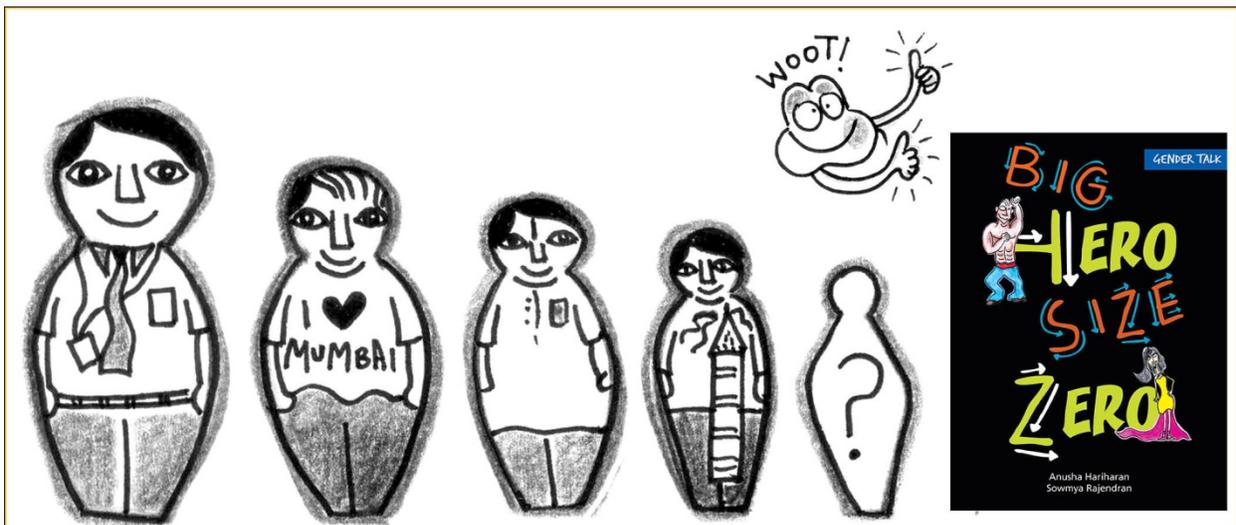
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## Gung ho ho with Dum Dum Dho!



We celebrated World Poetry Day (21 March) at Redwood Montessori School, Chennai, with our recent book of catchy original Indian rhymes. Writer Sandhya Rao recited the children repeated and in quick time with rhythm and rhyme they rapped to the drums of [Dum Dum Dho!](#)

## Talking of gender



Guess what's [In Focus](#) among educators, librarians and parents? [Gender Talk: Big Hero, Size Zero](#), the recent Honour Book award winner at The Hindu-Young World Goodbooks Awards! Here's why...

"This book talks about the complex subject gender, in an empathetic language with synchronized visual commentary. Gender based violence has been lucidly explained through a vicious cycle shared in the book. I feel this book can be a crucial and good read for adolescents and the youth to understand gender issues and their relevance in everyone's lives very fluidly," says Mona from the People for Parity Foundation, New Delhi.

"I was fascinated with the lovely way metaphors were used to put the essence of a thousand words into a concept... The tone of the book is respectful and explanatory without being preachy... There is enough information given, followed by a "THINK" section that encourages the audience not to just read the book but to engage in thinking and to have a dialogue within a peer group... All in all, it is a book not just for adolescents, but also for anyone trying to make sense of gender grey areas covered with myths and conventions." Read the full review of the book on [Women's Web](#).