

**HOW I TAUGHT MY GRANDMOTHER TO
READ?
WRITER- SUDHA MURTY**

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WRITER'S INFORMATION - SUDHA MURTY

- M.Tech in Computer Science,
- used to teach post-graduate students
- chairman of Infosys Foundation
- Writer in Kannada-written many novels, four technical books, three travelogues and three collections of short stories
- Her famous book- ***Wise and Otherwise***
 - This lesson is taken from her book- ***How I Taught My Grandmother to Read and Other Stories***

WHO IS THE SPEAKER IN THE STORY?- SUDHA MURTY

- **Age- 12 yrs**
- Native of grandparents where she used to live- a village in North Karnataka
- Transport System In those days- very bad, morning paper in afternoon, weekly magazine one day late

TRIVENI-POPULAR WRITER IN KANNADA LANGUAGE. WHY WAS SHE POPULAR?

- Because style easy to read, convincing, stories dealt with complex psychological problems in the lives of ordinary people and stories interesting.

***KASHI YATRE* IN KANNADA**

WEEKLY KARMVEERA

- used to come in serial form, - story of an old lady who desires to o Varanasi for worshipping Lord Vishweshvara for ultimate *punya*. A young poor girl- can't marry due to poverty. The old woman gives all her money, savings to the poor girl. She says, "The happiness of this orphan girl is more important than worshipping Lord Vishweshwara in Kashi".

AUTHOR'S GRANDMOTHER

- Krishtakka, uneducated lady of sixty-two years old used to listen the story of the novel through this small girl.

TURNING POINT: WHY KRISHTAKKA DECIDED TO READ AND WRITE?

- Once the small girl , her granddaughter goes to a wedding. So Avva, Krishtakka became restless to know the story of Kashi Yatre. She tried rubbed her hands over the pages, tried to understand the story by looking its pictures but in vain. She couldn't understand. She felt so dependent and helpless. She realized though she had power and money it was useless. Without education she couldn't know the world. So she decided to learn to read and write.

AVVA'S THOUGHTS

- “For a good cause if you are determined, you can overcome any obstacles. I will work harder than anybody but I will do it. For learning there is no age bar”.

DEADLINE OF THE TEACHING- LEARNING PROCESS:

- Saraswati Pooja day during Dassara

EFFORTS OF AVVA TO LEARN

- Devotional reading, writing, recitinng and repeat ing,
- Avva was wonderful student. Sudha Murty's first student was really amazing.

GURUDAKSHINA

- Saraswati Pooja day during Dassara Avva touched the feet of granddaughter and presented a frock material. She said, “ We have always touched the feet of God, elders and teachers”.

SUDHA MURTY'S GIFT

- a book- *Kashi Yatre*
- Avva opened it and read its title

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