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City girl Noonie is surprised at the pace of life in her grandparents' village in Karnataka. But she quickly gets used to the gentle routine there and involves herself in a flurry of activities, including papad making, organizing picnics and learning to ride a cycle, with her new-found friends. Things get exciting when Noonie stumbles upon an ancient fabled stepwell right in the middle of a forest. Join the intrepid Noonie on an adventure of a lifetime in this much-awaited book by Sudha Murty that is heart-warming, charming and absolutely unputdownable. About the Author Sudha Murty is the chairperson of the Infosys Foundation. A prolific writer in English and Kannada, she has written novels, technical books, travelogues, collections of short stories and non-fiction pieces, and the hugely popular children's books which have been bestsellers. Her books have been translated into all the major Indian languages, and she has received many awards.

The Magic of the Lost Temple Details

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Shrabanee Khatai says

A beautiful and easy-read about Indian culture, picturesque setting, a sweet innocent child filled with inquisitiveness and how she's able to uncover an age-old monument.

Namratha says

This was my first **Sudha Murthy** book and it was just what the city-weary doctor ordered.

A city girl called **Nooni** learns to imbibe and appreciate the slower pace of life in her ajja and ajji's small village Somanahalli in Karnataka. Adding to the charms of papad making, renewing homemade beauty rituals, munching on roasted jackfruit seeds, learning how to ride a bicycle, having picnics on the banks of a river, Nooni also stumbles upon a legendary archeological find. Adventure and the cozy comfort of a bucolic existense make Nooni's summer vacations memorable.

Sudha Murthy's writing style is simple, peppered with homilies (which can get a wee bit preachy at times) and fortified with the ability to make you nostalgic and hazy-eyed for your long lost summer holidays. I associated with this read because I was a little like city girl Nooni who visited her hometown in Karnataka and soaked in the simplicity and warmth of village life.

Despite being a children's book, I would strongly recommend this read for parents who drive their children to the brink of a fretful routine with their aspirations and competitive fervor. Ambition is not wrong but let children be children every once in a while. This is the core message of the book.

Heartfelt and brimming with the magic of a sweet childhood.

Shiny Ajit says

Awesome!

Kriti Bhardwaj says

Makes me want to visit Somanahally, eat off Ajji's kitchn and garden, go with Ajja on a long walk and take Mahadeva for a trek!! Cozy little read for babies around 8 years. Tempted to try other of Sudha's books. <3

MRIDULA says

Review to come :)

Bhavesh says

After R K Narayan, one author who matches the innocence and the detailed account of daily life events is Ms. Sudha Murthy.

I loved the book.

Jitendra says

This is kind of a OK book for children. The book which I read had around 203 pages.

The story of the king somanayaka was more intriguing than the main theme of the book.

The book occasionally becomes preachy.

Aruna Kumar Gadepalli says

This book is good for ages 9+. Interesting story of adventurous girl. Easy and quick read.

Hari says

Simple short story of a girl spending her summer vacation in ancestral home with grandparents. Apt for Kids

Apratim Mukherjee says

Its a book for children and it is very hard to rate these books. So the best thing I can do is try to think like a child and review the book. Sudha Murthy is a great story teller. The premise is not unique but story telling is marvellous. There are moral science lessons in each chapter which sometimes seem boring. The narrative also stretches sometimes but the author manages that with a twist in the tale everytime that happens. The best thing about the book is the use of simple English. All in all its a good book for children. If you are a Sudha Murthy fan, its a must read.

Aravinthan ID says

It's a Children Book. Written in a Simple language... Story about a city girl's enjoyment and exploring in a grand parents village. We can get some good messages for our children.

Pratip Vijayakumar says

A book for Children and the Author has done a great job in deciphering the mood swings and the mind sets of a 12- year old in the story.

Author tried to teach many morals and sometimes they end up being preaching a but most times they really make sense.

Veena Bheemesh says

amazing book ...couldn't just put it down....my daughter who is just as old as nooni in the book was totally excited in reading this book....

Damini says

Here's a story that will touch your heart and make you feel better no matter who you are and whichever situation you are in.

Our protagonist, Noonni visits her grandparents' house in a village called Somanahalli during her summer vacation. The story narrates her journey for those ten weeks that she spends in the village. The difference between her life in City and that of the people in the village intrigues her. She learns new things, starts new adventures and in the end, what started because of a childlike inquisition, ends up revealing something remarkable. Noonni is a girl you can not help but love!

This is the my first Sudha Murty book and I'm kind of surprised that I didn't pick up any of her books earlier. The writing is so simple yet so beautiful. And the illustrations!!! I loved them. :D I am definitely going to read more of her books soon!

Anirud Thyagarajan says

Feel good tale for children, accompanied with a lot of cultural snippets akin to what is received by ost grandchildren from their doting grandparents.
