

Annie and Arjun have a really BIG problem. Mummy and Papa have unknowingly stopped these siblings from doing their favourite activities.

Annie's favorite thing is to play with cars and Arjun loves solving crossword puzzles! And an even BIGGER problem is that they don't get enough time to play with each other! What will they do?

Do you think Annie and Arjun will be able to solve this problem?



REACH

ANNIE &
ARJUN.



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This book belongs to

Dedication

This is for the
adorable kids at
★ The WordsWorth Project
who never
run out of questions to ask.

Author note

A lot of my childhood memories are interlaced with the stories I read as a kid.

I had co-founded a volunteer run project, The WordsWorth Project in Delhi that aims to get children to love reading and also work on literacy. I noticed that the little girls and boys we interacted with faced quite different experiences owing to their gender, a fact that often escaped them. While picking out stories for the kids, I realized that not many new stories were written in the past decade to resolve or challenge this. So when 'The Irrelevant Project' reached out to write stories I jumped right in! I felt that children needed a story about a pair of siblings who become aware of these small differences caused because of their gender and then discover an exciting way to solve it!

I hope you and your child will love Annie and Arjun as much as I loved creating them.



ANNIE &
ARJUN.

This story is about Annie and Arjun Gomez.

Annie is eight years old and

Arjun is six years old.

Though they are two years apart,
their birthday is just a day apart!

They live in a tall, stout building with their
Mummy, Daddy and Dadi.

Their Daddy is an eye doctor
and makes sure his patients can see well.
Mummy teaches Mathematics to the older
children in their school.



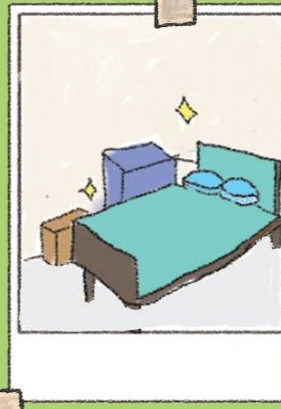
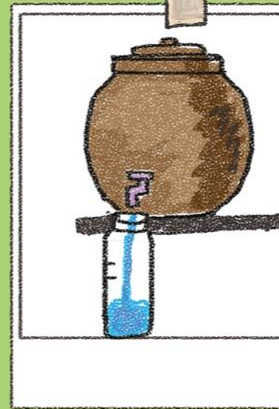
Daddy Gomez Mummy Gomez Dadi Gomez Annie

Arjun



Annie and Arjun
have to help with
different CHORES*
at home.

* Chores mean little
duties and tasks



(Can you guess which chore is
being depicted by each image?)

Every morning Annie helps Mummy pack everyone's tiffin and keeps lunch for Dadi in the refrigerator. She also helps Mummy wash the dishes. On Saturday mornings,

Annie helps Mummy water the plants in the balcony. Arjun helps Daddy wash his car every Sunday. He also helps him fix Dadi's rocking chair every time it gets too rickety.

