

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ARTIST



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About this book

This story is on the topic of gender equality/girls' empowerment.

Gender inequality is one of the biggest social injustices facing our world, particularly in India. Yet, it is usually unrecognized or ignored. Women and girls who grow up in an environment where they are told they are second-class or "worth less" are vulnerable to all sorts of exploitation and will likely not reach their full potential.

By asking questions about gender roles, we hope to help both boys and girls reflect on the fact that girls and boys possess the same potential. We hope to nurture dialogue, respectful attitudes from boys and confidence in girls.

When you illustrate this book, you are using your gift to create an alternative future reality for kids as they reflect on gender roles and how to improve it. With this book, we are helping kids experience new ways of thinking. This is no small task. This project is one step toward empowering kids to change their world.

At Creative Free Source, we are trying to affirm and empower students/friends in our local community by having them illustrate some of our books. This process itself helps affirm their creative abilities and builds confidence. However, some of our books require illustrations by artists with more experience and expertise so that specific emotions, actions, scenes etc., can be conveyed more clearly to ensure clear communication.

Practical instructions

- Approximately 16 illustrations.
- Any type of visual art can be used (paint, pencil, crayon, computer graphics, cartoon etc.) But, the more colorful and engaging, the better.
- The target audience is Indian children. Therefore, please try, if possible, to make characters look as Indian as possible, or Asian of some sort if you feel unable. Just don't draw blonde Westerners! Similarly, make environment/background look Indian if possible.
- Main character should be (roughly 5-10 years old). It is up to the artist how many illustrations are exactly needed.

- Simplicity is okay and good.
- Make each illustration fit “generally” into a square shape for layout purposes.
- Add your own unique, creative style.
- If you have any ideas or questions, please let us know.
- Please e-mail us to claim this project. Then e-mail illustrations to us.
(creativefreesource@gmail.com)

Note to artist

Your time and artistic ability is valuable. We deeply appreciate your participation as you share your creative gift with the world in this way.

The artist will be given credit, but will not be paid. The final book will be created and stored by Creative Free Source and will be shared freely with all, but not for profit.

THE STORY: WHO CAN?

Who can dance? **Girls or boys?** Everyone can dance!
 Who can run? **Girls or boys?** Everyone can run!
 Who can sing? **Girls or boys?** Everyone can sing!
 Who can read books? **Girls or boys?** Everyone can read books!
 Who can cook? **Girls or boys?** Everyone can cook!
 Who can draw a picture? **Girls or boys?** Everyone can draw a picture!
 Who can wash clothes? **Girls or boys?** Everyone can wash clothes!
 Who can get high marks? **Girls or boys?** Everyone can get high marks!
 Who can be strong? **Girls or boys?** Everyone can be strong!
 Who can be kind? **Girls or boys?** Everyone can be kind!
 Who can be smart? **Girls or boys?** Everyone can be smart!
 Who can drive a car? **Girls or boys?** Everyone can drive a car!
 Who can care for a baby? **Girls or boys?** Everyone can care for a baby!
 Who can be funny? **Girls or boys?** Everyone can be funny!
 Who can be a leader? **Girls or boys?** Everyone can be a leader!
 Who are better? **Girls or boys?** Everyone is equal!

THE END

* Simple black and white samples of one simple, Indian style.
 (Don't let this constrain you though!)

