



With You, Ma

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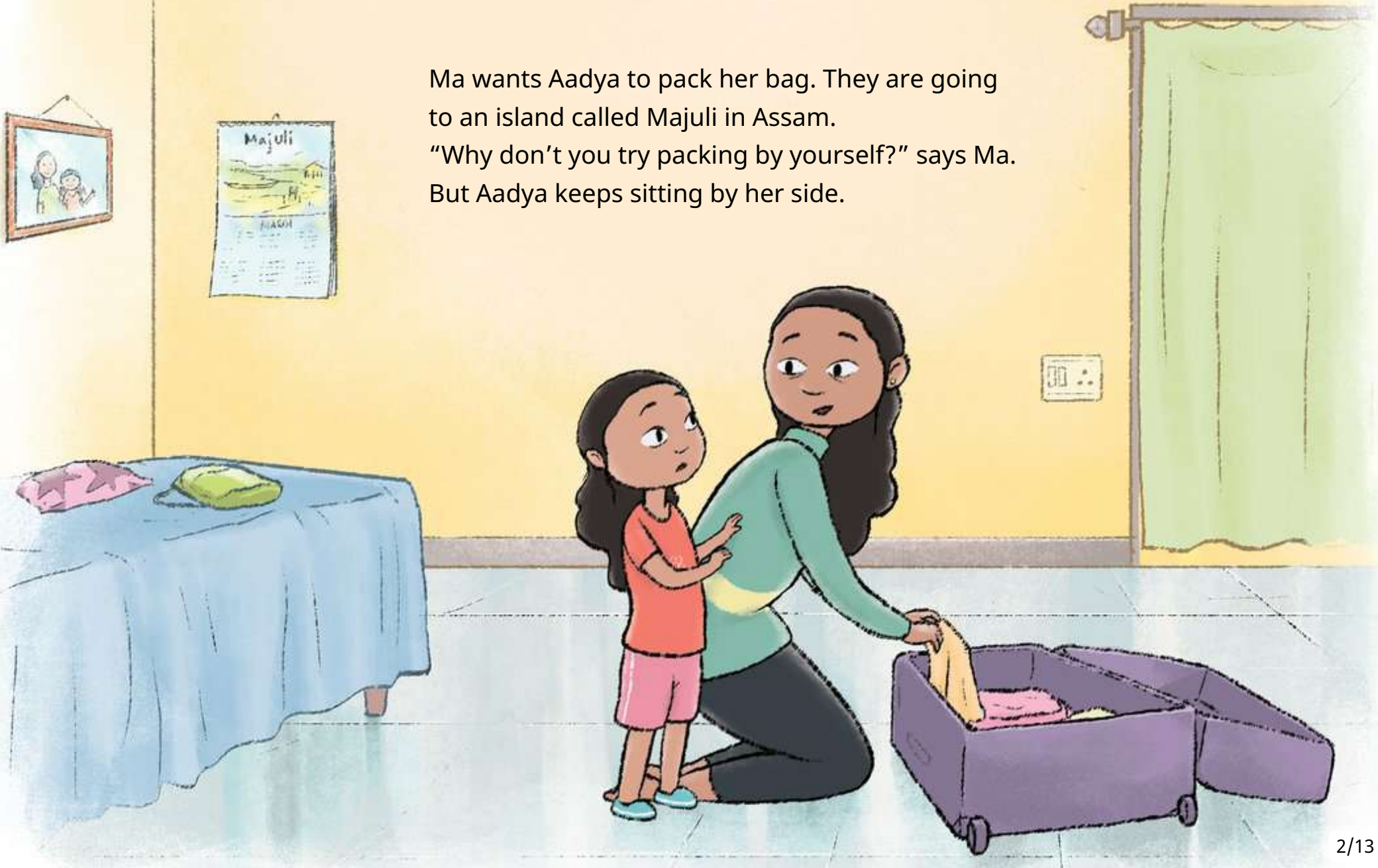
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“With you, Ma!” says Aadya.

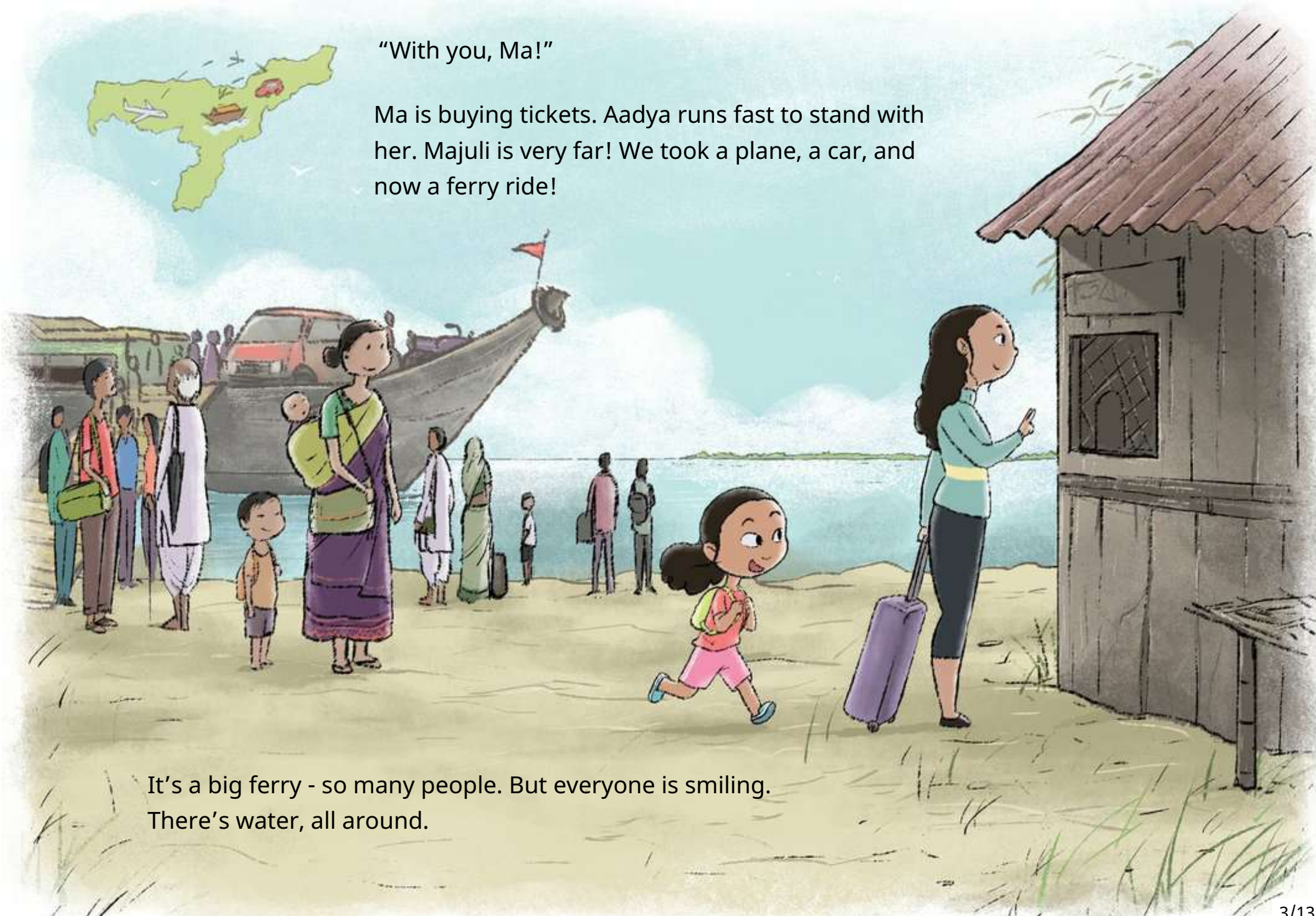
Ma wants Aadya to pack her bag. They are going to an island called Majuli in Assam.

“Why don’t you try packing by yourself?” says Ma. But Aadya keeps sitting by her side.



"With you, Ma!"

Ma is buying tickets. Aadya runs fast to stand with her. Majuli is very far! We took a plane, a car, and now a ferry ride!



It's a big ferry - so many people. But everyone is smiling.
There's water, all around.

“With you, Ma” says Aadya.

She wants to go on the same scooter as Ma. They are going to be staying in a school for two days.

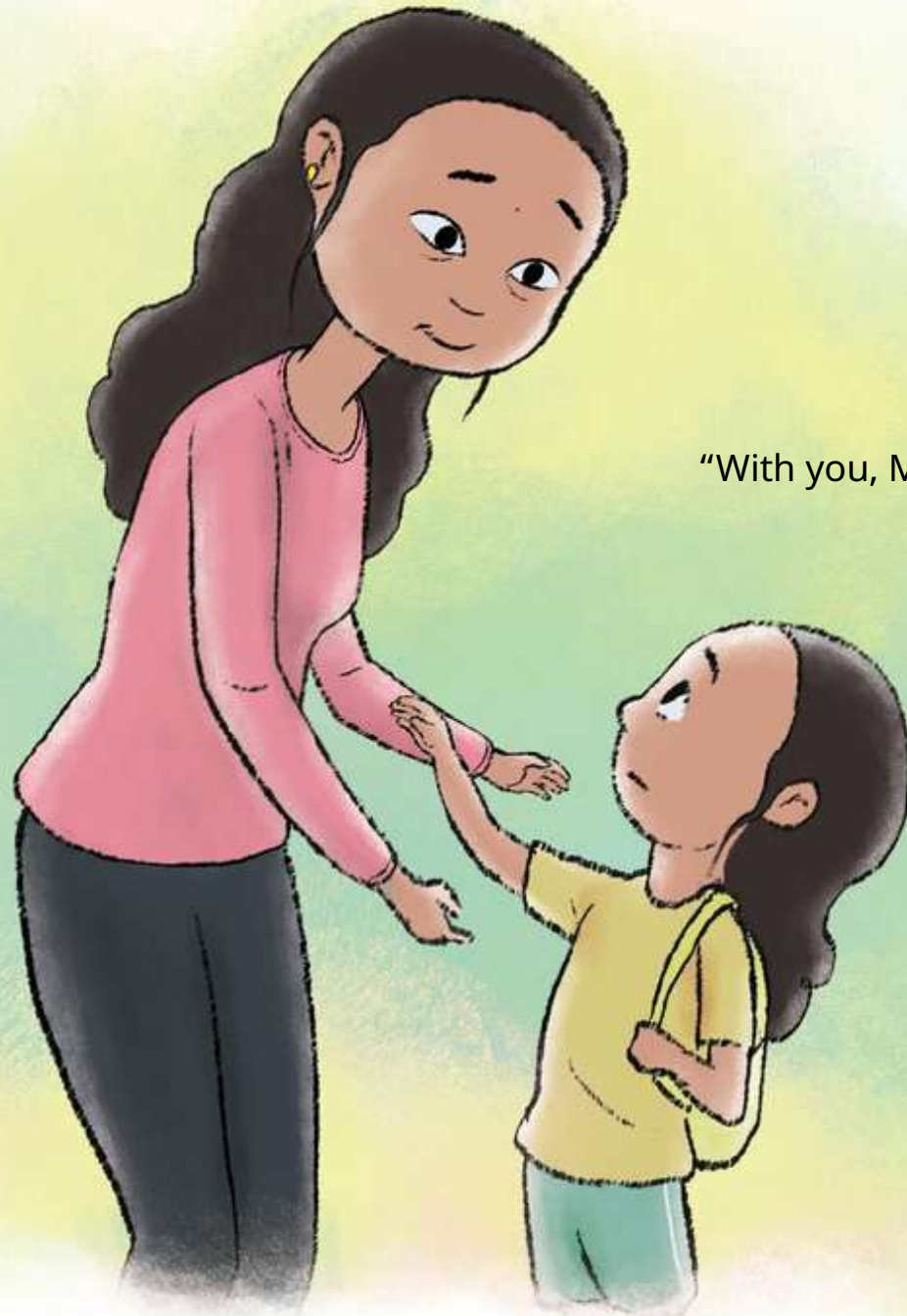


The next day, Ma and Aadya visit the school.

"Hi! I'm Kim-kim and this is my sister..."

"Aalloo," says Muang-muang. "Do you want to play? Come."





"With you, Ma!" says Aadya.

Within a few minutes Aadya and Kim-kim become best friends.
"Ma, see me."



Adhumpa!
Adhumpa!

They jump from log to log.



Tok-tok!
Tok-tok!

Tu-duk!
Tu-duk!

They ride a wooden horse.



Sssrrrrr-tik-tik!
Sssrrrrr-tik-tik!

They play in the sand.



Duuurrrr-
drrrrrr!

They run around the firewood gadi.



“Ma, see me.”

Gudu-gudu-gudu-gudu.

They run to the hand-pump

Chapppp-chapppp-chapppp-chappp.

They splash in the water.

“Aadya, it’s time for food!” says Ma.

“Feed me, Ma!”

Nom-nom-nom-nom. They eat

rice and daal. BUUURRRRRPPPPP!



Tip-tip tip-tip tip-tip tip-tip. Droplets fall from the sky.



"Aadya! Come! We are going to the river," says Kim-kim.



Gudu-gudu-gudu-gudu



Wrrrrr-wrrrrrrrrrr



Dhop-dhum-dhup-dhom



Frrrrrr-shhhtttt



Nomnomnomnom!

Dip-dip-dip-dip

Ma watches Aadya as she comes back with her new friends from the river. They are laughing and eating bugories.



The next day, Ma and Aadya get ready to go home.
"Aadya, let me help you with your shoelaces," says Ma.



"On my own, Ma!"



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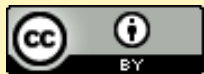
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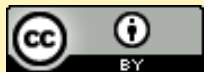


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With You, Ma (English)

Aadya refuses to do anything without her Ma - whether it's packing a bag for their holiday to Assam or it's playing in the river. Will this trip make Aadya more self-reliant?

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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