

The lively sea



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***Dedicated to mom,
without whom this book would have
remained a dream.***

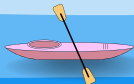
Tisha and Amara were best friends. They loved adventures and decided to visit Goa for the summer vacation.

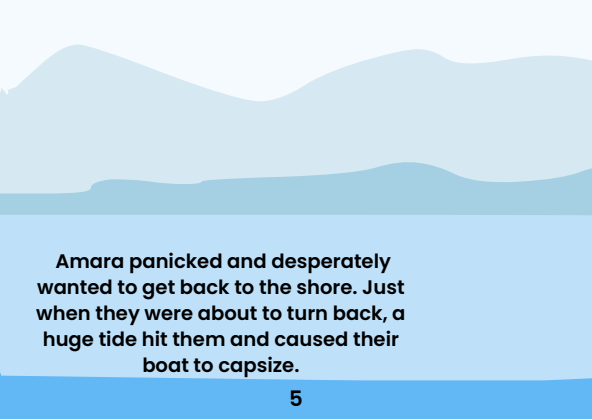


**"There are so many things to do in Goa!
What do we try? - Amara asked,
excited." The girls decided to kayak
and were thrilled to try out this new
adventure.**

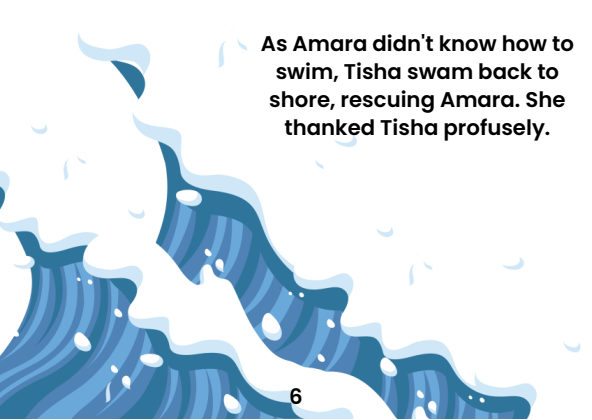


The very next day, they went to the beach, enjoyed the view for some time and then started to kayak. As they sailed for a while, they realised that the water was too deep.





Amara panicked and desperately wanted to get back to the shore. Just when they were about to turn back, a huge tide hit them and caused their boat to capsize.

The background of the page features a stylized illustration of ocean waves. The waves are depicted with various shades of blue, from light sky blue to deep navy blue, with white foam and splashes. Small, teardrop-shaped water droplets are scattered throughout the scene, giving a sense of movement and freshness. The overall style is clean and modern.

As Amara didn't know how to swim, Tisha swam back to shore, rescuing Amara. She thanked Tisha profusely.

**Yet, after this incident,
Amara feared the sea
and felt like she could
never face the sea
again.**



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Tisha continued to ask Amara to accompany her to coastal places. By now, Amara learnt swimming, but refused to try out another coastal adventure.



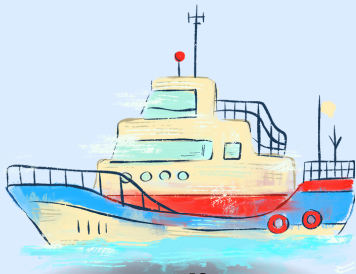
That summer, Keya, a friend of theirs, invited them to an event on a cruise. The idea of a cruise terrified Amara.





"No. I can't face the sea." Amara said. Yet, she had to agree as Keya insisted.

Few days passed and Amara loved the cruise, but continued to cling to her fear. One day, unfortunately, the ship experienced a breakdown.



Amara's feet started to tremble out of fear, her lips quivered and her throat was feeling choked. However, she did not have a choice.



She took a deep breath and closed her eyes, determined to help herself, she evacuated the ship and looked for Tisha and keya, but they were nowhere to be found. Amara struggled initially and floated for a while.





When she finally opened her eyes, she saw someone and to her joy, it was Tisha. Even after a while, they continued to float and Tisha decided to dive into the sea, Amara wanted to swim back immediately, but Tisha wouldn't take no for an answer.

"You'll love it here Amara, if only you took notice of the beauty of life below water" – she said. Amara didn't pay heed to this message, she wanted to get to shore as soon as possible.



Then, they entered a different part of the sea, It was a magical experience. Tisha took her underwater camera and started to take pictures, Amara asked how this got in her pocket.



Tisha said that it always lies in her pocket when she visits coastal areas. "

Tisha then said, "don't let your fear get the better of you Amara, you are made of sterner stuff than that."

**From that moment on,
Amara started to try
harder on getting over
her fear. It was hard at
first, but she thought of
the bright side.**



Amara started to go closer to the animals and plants, she felt her fear drifting away. She learnt that if you looked beyond the dark part of the sea, you would notice the bright side.



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After that amazing experience, they reached the shore. Keya was there and asked them to forgive her for what happened, and Amara replied that there was no need to be sorry.

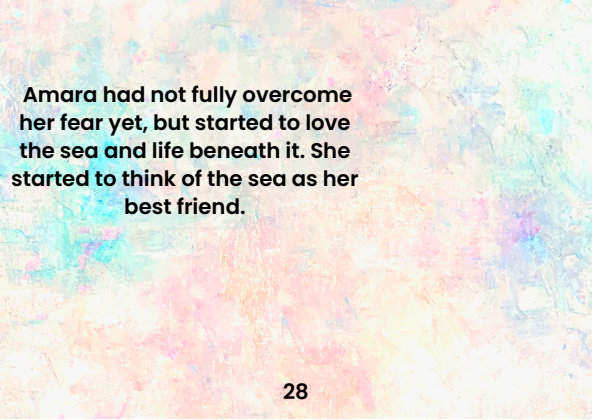
Keya thanked Amara, the three girls held each other's hand, smiling at the sea.

Being underwater and exploring the marine life beneath for almost four hours taught Amara so many valuable life lessons.



A few days later, she asked Tisha for her underwater camera. Amara had taken the pictures of the camera and made a movie out of it, which was named the lively sea – which described the mood of the sea.





Amara had not fully overcome her fear yet, but started to love the sea and life beneath it. She started to think of the sea as her best friend.

Amara thought that the next time she fell in to the sea, she would think of it as an excuse to experience the beautiful life underwater .



ABOUT THE AUTHOR



My name is Akshadha. I am 11 years old and I am from India. In my spare time, I like to read books, sketch and write.

I wanted to write a book to share a message to everyone. I dream of writing powerful stories that can change the world.

"The lively sea" tells us the story of Amara, a girl as she learns to overcome her fears and look at the bright side. Amara must face her fear of the sea, as she is invited to a cruise by her best friend. Embark on a journey with Amara, and free yourself from your fears. This book will let you experience a story like no other."

