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“Roti Rolled Away” an Adventure in India

In Anjana Utarid’s new picture book, *Roti Rolled Away*, she creates a unique children’s story about an adventure in India. The young girl in the story, Asha, is visiting her grandmother on the top of a hill. Much to Asha’s surprise, this simple family visit leads to a day of fun and excitement.

Asha’s grandmother, Nani, is busy cooking Rotis, a traditional Indian bread. Upon handing the fresh Roti to Asha, it falls from her hand and begins rolling down the large hill. Asha is overtaken with a sense of curiosity and quickly follows after the rolling piece of bread.

While running after her Roti, Asha is exposed to all the natural beauty India has to offer. She has some close encounters with the exotic animal species living there. There is a surprise twist in the end of the book that will leave readers in awe of the story and with a newfound appreciation for Indian culture. The pictures paint a vivid portrait of Asha’s adventure and all the new aspects of India she gets to learn about.

This story provides a heartfelt story about the strong ties between a grandmother and her granddaughter. Asha’s Roti unlocks the door and takes her places she could have never imagined.

Anjana Utarid has a Masters of Arts in Counseling Education. She has traveled around the world several times and is an active advocate for at-risk children. Part of the profits from this book will go to Room to Read to establish a library in India. This is Anjana’s first children’s book and was derived from watching her mother teach her daughter to make Rotis.

Roti Rolled Away is available in softcover (ISBN 978-1-60264-071-9) from Virtualbookworm.com, Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.com. The book can also be ordered from most bookstores around the United States and the United Kingdom.