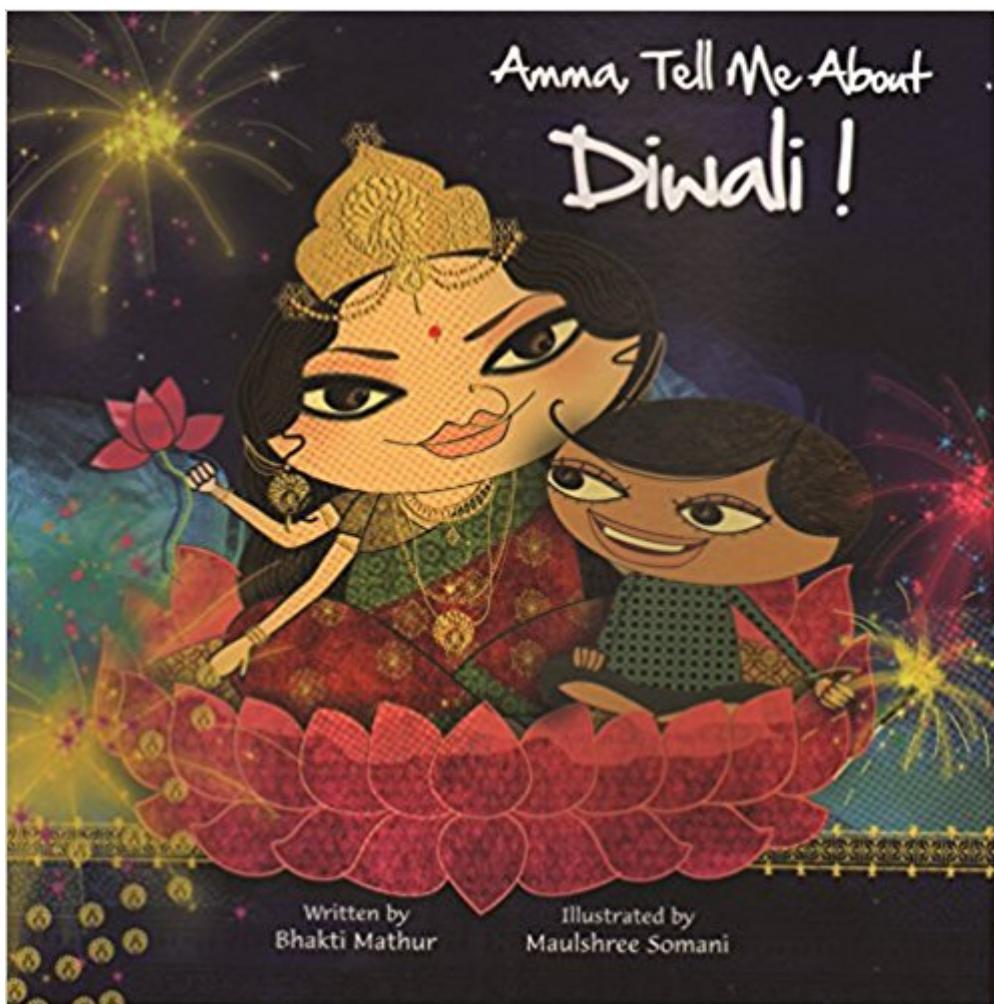


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# Amma, Tell Me About Diwali!



## **Synopsis**

Brilliant firecrackers lighting up the night, Diyas twinkling like stars - what a sight! This is Diwali, in all its glory, As told to little Klaka - a magical story. First the celebration of Prince Rama and his homecoming, His victory over Ravana, the evil demon King. Next a story of Lakshmi, the Goddess of wealth Who rewards her true devotees with fortune and health. "Amme Tell Me" is a charming and informative series of children's books that introduces the major Hindu festivals and figures to young readers, and are perfect for families wanting to share stories of Hinduism with their children or for educators looking for resource on the Hindu culture for their students. Written in rhyme with vivid, captivating illustrations, this series brings Hindu mythology to its readers in a fun and non-preachy way. The Series has ten books on the festivals of Holi, Diwali, and on the Hindu gods Krishna, Hanuman and Ganesha.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

Bhakti Mathur grew up in Delhi, India. She lives in Hong Kong, a city that she absolutely adores, with her husband, her two sons, Shiv and Veer, and their beloved golden Labrador, Frodo. She is a banker by profession and currently works for a major Asian Bank. Bhakti's love for books started from a young age. Her mother was a librarian and as a child she landed up spending many

hours in the library—books proved to be great and inexpensive baby sitters! The idea for the 'Amma, Tell Me' series of books came as a way to introduce her sons to Indian mythology and festivals. When not writing, working or running after her boys, she is happiest curled up with a book and a hot cup of chai.

Beautiful illustrations. The book offers multiple explanations for celebrating Diwali and does so in a culturally accurate way...not to mention the cute rhymes on each page! Even though I am an elementary school teacher and have read thousands of picture books, I have not found many children's books on Indian culture that satisfy my requirements for being accurate, written in a respectful tone, and being accessible to kids (easy to understand/appealing illustrations). This book does all three! I am excited to introduce our family's religious celebrations and holidays to my daughter with this series. This book is a hit in our house, and we will be purchasing all the books in this series if they are as good as this one.

This is a wonderful book with amazing illustrations. I am not Indian but my husband is and when my entire family comes over for Diwali, we all take turns reading the book. Everyone loves it. Adults and children.

Didn't really like this Diwali book. The illustrations are a little weird. Also it is poorly written, as if written by a non-native English speaker. Punctuation, grammar and sentence structure is all wrong.

My 3 year old asks me to read this to her constantly! At first, I thought this book would be a little long, which it could be for those with a shorter attention span, but my daughter not only listened to the entire story, I had to re-read it on request. It is nice, however, if you wish to break it up. The book has 3 "sections" that aren't clearly delineated, but easy enough to figure out as you read. First, it starts with how Klaka (the main character) celebrates Diwali with his family. Then, his Amma (mom) tells him about why we celebrate Diwali, about Rama vs. Ravana, etc. Lastly, he hears about Goddess Lakshmi and the importance of being a good person, not just doing the rituals of lighting diyas. The pictures are beautiful, the verses rhyme a bit loosely (I didn't even notice the rhyme my first time through the book), the message is great, the history is told in a simple way for young children. All in all, I love this book and most importantly, my daughter loves it too!

Had purchased a few other Diwali books and was unhappy with how straightforward the pictures

and story was - they would not hold my 3 year-old's attention. Bought this book to read aloud to my 3 year-old and also to her preschool class. The beautiful pictures and simple rhymes kept her entire class of 30 engaged while I read to them. It is a bit long but I like that because I can read parts of it now, while she is younger, and keep reading more as she grows. I know we will enjoy this book for many years to come.

It's really hard to find books and other materials that are appropriate for bicultural kids. My kids are growing up in Australia but I want them to understand their sub-continental heritage and books like this one and the others in the series are great. This book is particularly brilliant because of the spectacular illustrations. I have 'only' given it 4 stars rather than 5 because it's quite long, so although the language is pitched at an appropriate level for both my 3 and 6 yr old, it could be too long for some kids of similar ages.

I gifted this book to my kids, as well as my nieces & nephews for Diwali (ages 1-4). I was very pleased with the quality of the book. The illustrations and stories are beautiful and even I learned a few things from the book. I was concerned that the book itself was paperback and not a hardcover book - though the pages are very thick and sturdy. The price tag was a little steep for me, but this book will be one that is read over and over again during the holidays.

Got for my child. Great pictures and nice interpretation in easy to digest language. Highly I recommend it. :) :)

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