

A Gift of Chappals

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About the author:

- Vasantha Surya is a famous Indian author who writes in Tamil.
- Apart from being a short story writer, he is also known for being a poet, journalist and translator.
- His work has been translated into languages like Hindi and English.
- His books include: *Mridu in Madras*, *The Ballad of Budhni* etc.

Characters:

- Mridu
- Rukku Manni
- Lalli
- Ravi
- Meena
- Kitten (Mahendran)

Difficult words:

- Scrawny: skinny, thin.
- Shell: hard, protective outer case, exterior.
- Suspicious: doubtful, unsure.
- Dynasty: ancestral line, lineage.
- Wail: howl, bawl.
- Squawk: screech, squeal.