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Editorial

We present the Spring 2009 issue of the Writer's digest. The Insight column by Usha just emphasizes the optimism that we all feel in these difficult times.

This issue features an insightful write-up on "Being Proud" by Pallavi Prasad, a piece on the real significance of Valentine's Day and an article on Infovision 2009, an event that Triumph is proud to be associated with.

Archna K writes on her impressions of Allepey, while Suresh SM writes on the importance of maintaining a kitchen garden.

The book and movie reviews in this issue are very different from those presented in previous issues.

Read the birthday pages to know more about your friends who celebrated their birthdays during this quarter.

The Summer 2009 issue will be released in July 2009. We hope to receive many contributions to the issue before then. Please send your contributions to **digest.triumph@gmail.com**. It will be our pleasure to publish your words.

Insight

The Year 2009 has indeed started off on a very positive note. We have elected a strong government to the 15th Lok Sabha, something even the winner did not expect. That augurs well for our economy. The GDP figures for the year 0809 also show that we achieved a 6.7% growth, more than anticipated. As though to acknowledge it all, the stock market which was languishing at the sub-10k levels just zoomed into the 14k levels, a remarkable recovery of 40% in a matter of couple of months since Mar. All in all, the signs are good. Coming closer home, we have seen a marked improvement in the enquiries that are coming in. We have our first big customer for the year, ACS. A lot of expectation rides on this account. For starters it is going to be fixed bid, something that we have all been harping on for some time. We have to work harder than before to get the business, but we have a team now to help us in that direction.

We organized and conducted Infovision 2009, a Knowledge Summit along with ISiM and BCIC. A first for Triumph. Yours truly made a presentation on Enterprise Content Management that was well received. The experience of conducting the event proved to be a real eye opener and has given the team that was involved courage to dream and plan for other such events in future. We have recruited for the first time, M.Tech's into the company as Information Analysts. These are ISiM students who were with us for their internship. All in line with our vision to step up and into the realm of value added consulting services.

However, the mantra for the days to come is austerity and conservatism until we have achieved our business growth targets. History has shown that in every downturn, some companies have managed to thrive and grow by leaps and bounds. Our own Satyam and Cognizant are examples of how the dot com bust proved to be their growth engine. Similarly, will this downturn prove to be a watershed in the history of Triumph? Only time will tell. I sincerely hope so.

- Usha Mohan

Be proud of who you are...

Many times in life, we wonder why we are like this. We complain about the way we look and the way God has made us. We crib about our height, complexion, nationality, and about being different from all others. We want to look like someone else, have an attitude like the next person, and speak like the third. We always want to be someone else. This happens to all of us at some point of time. Sometimes we take it so seriously and work so hard on making things better that we forget that this is our "self" - this is who we are and we need to be proud of it!

Tell me, why has God made trees and creepers? Why is it that the rose looks more beautiful than any other flower? Why is it that only birds can fly? Why not dogs and cats? It sounds funny. But that is the way God has made it. That is the way it should be!

Everything is in harmony with nature. Nothing more, nothing less. Everything is balanced.

If something is less, something else is in excess; and the balance is maintained. It's like your five fingers. Have you wondered why these five fingers are not of the same length? It's because

each finger has its own use. It's made differently to suit different purposes. Similarly, we are all different to suit different purposes. We all have a personal legend to fulfill. Each one of us have a different legend, independent of one another. Imagine if everyone were like you! Earth would be so, so boring!

The fact is that you cannot change every person's opinion about you. You cannot impress everyone. All you can do is change your thinking and the way you react to others. All you can do is to be yourself. Sincerely yourself.

What if people laugh at you? Laugh at yourself. Simple.

What if you are ugly? Ask yourself - does it really matter? What lies inside you matters. The real you. Your inner goodness.

What if people fail to recognize and appreciate your inner goodness? Remember, it's not people who reward you, it's the higher power that rewards you. Without His will, nothing really happens.

Be proud of who you are. Proud doesn't mean you think that you are a superior being. It means you are open to give love to all regardless of what is given in return.

- Pallavi Prasad

Kids Speak...



My 6-year old, Ekta, recently learnt the difference between vegetarian and non-vegetarian. A few days ago, my friend asked me what Ekta's sun sign is and I said, "Sagittarian". To this, my little one indignantly turned to me and said, "No mom, I'm a vegetarian!"

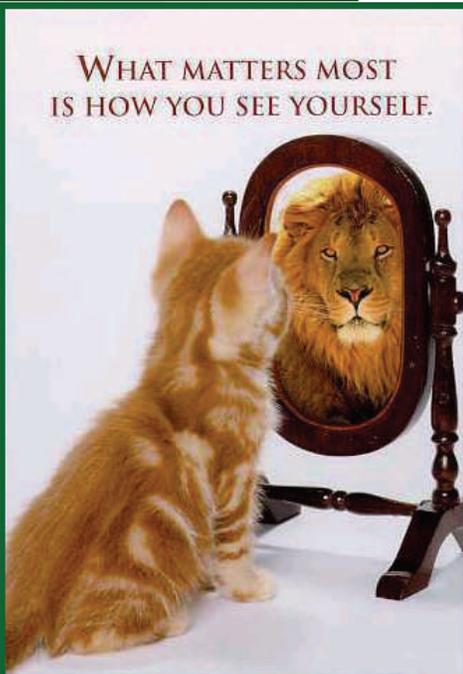
She recently returned from her first experience with exams with the following comment, "Teacher said that we must study the whole book for the exams. I think they couldn't print the whole book, so they just asked us some questions from the book!"

- Divya G



When my daughter was three, she went through a stage when she wouldn't eat unless urged. As a result she often heard me saying, "I wish she would grow up fast and eat on her own." This must have stayed in her mind, because soon after at a party when she was asked what she would do when she grew up, she replied, "I will eat a lot on my own!"

- Sumana G



BETWEEN Friends

by Sandra Bell-Lundy



Between Friends is one of my favorite comic strips. Created by Canadian cartoonist, Sandra Bell-Lundy, it typifies the essence of life after 40. This is a strip that so very closely mimics an average working woman's life and thoughts..on life, on kids, on husbands, and on friends and their place in her life.

The three coffee-crazy main characters in *Between Friends* are:

Maeve is a successful and savvy professional with a not so successful personal life. While she loves being single and free, she is constantly on a quest to find her "perfect relationship".

Susan precariously balances a full-time job with a husband and an adopted daughter. She

yearns to spend time with her family while having a little bit of personal space. Her pet peeves are her weight and her attempts to hit the gym...at least once a month.

Kim is a feminist freelance writer, who enjoys the benefits of having a home-based career. Kim is part of the close-knit troika that lean on and support each other in good times and bad.

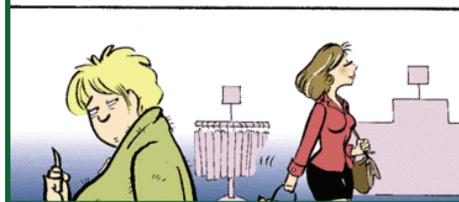
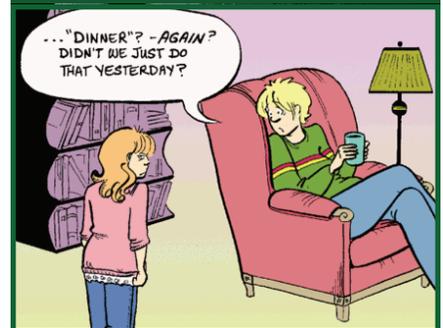


Other well-etched characters in this wonderful strip are Harv — Susan's ordered and supportive husband, Derek — Kim's husband, Helen — Maeve's co-worker who always gives her advice, solicited and unsolicited, Tina — Susan's friend at the office, and the kids — Emma and Danny.

This strip has also addressed the issues of adoption and domestic violence with insight and sensitivity.

Published in over 130 newspapers worldwide, it appears in over 10 countries, including India.

Presented here are some of the gems that make up *Between Friends*:



Valentines Day!

This is the story of St. Valentine. Yes, he was a real man and there is a better reason for celebrating this day than an excuse to buy candy hearts with funny sayings on them.



In the second century, Claudius II was the emperor of Rome. He was a ruthless man and, bent on further conquest of the known world, he began building the size and power of his army. His means to this end was a decree outlawing marriage. Young men would be more willing to fight, more willing to die, if they were free from the responsibility of a family and from a woman to love.

When Valentine heard of this he was outraged! As he read the decree, he thought of the danger which could result. God had created marriage as a holy union which presented his character, his love, his life giving

power, to the world. This union was wonderfully created as the foundation on which nations could be built, and to remove this would be the fall of Rome! Valentine sent out word to his fellow saints that, for the glory of the Lord, and the good of the Roman Empire, he would break this decree and perform marriages to any who asked.

In secret, he united many couples in love. Eventually, word of this rebellion came to Emperor Claudius. This brought a greater attention to the church, and with it a greater danger. With little investigation, many saints were discovered and thrown in prison! Valentine organized his people together to stage a successful rescue. The saints were freed, but at the expense of Valentine's freedom. He was captured and thrown in prison, awaiting a trial.

The prison guard had a daughter who was blind from birth. Because of this, she worked in the prison for her father. This was the only job she could ever have and the only life she would ever know.

In an interaction with this girl, Valentine found that she was blind. Placing his hand over her eyes and invoking his faith, Valentine restored the girl's vision.

Valentine was brought before Emperor Claudius. He was charged with freeing prisoners, performing marriages, and for belonging to a radical religious sect called Christianity. The penalty for these crimes was death, but he was instructed that his life would be spared if he renounced his faith. Valentine presented his case, talking about his faith, and about the importance of marriage for the empire. However, Emperor Claudius refused to back down and Valentine was sentenced to death.

When the church heard of the sentence, they gathered together to break Valentine out of prison. However, when the rescuers arrived, Valentine refused to leave. He explained that if he escaped from jail, the father of the woman he loves would be put to death. It would be the same as killing him.

On the day of the execution, February 14th 269AD, Valentine wrote a letter to his Love, the prison guard's daughter. In it, he explained to her his decision to stay and die. He expressed his love for her and spoke many blessings into her life. In closing he signed the letter, "from your Valentine."

In honor of his commitment to his faith, his sacrifice, and love, on February 14th couples, friends, and children express to each other their love. However, this story has been long forgotten, and the true meaning of this day lost. Today, I share this story with you so that you may know the truth.

- Submitted by Bibiana



Infovision 2009



This year, I got an opportunity to be a part of InfoVision 2009 - The Knowledge Summit. It was a great experience as I came to know more about the current happenings in the Information industry. Here are some more details of the summit.

The summit was held in Le Meridien, Bangalore from January 22nd to January 23rd, 2009. This annual event was organized by ISiM (International School of Information Management), BCIC (Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce) and Triumph India Software Services Pvt. Ltd. The theme of InfoVision 2009 was Content to Intent – Understanding the user intent in Multimodal, Multilingual, Mobile, and Enterprise Information Access. The summit also highlighted the explosion of content, and the need to move from ‘Search of information’ to ‘Access of information’. The vision of InfoVision 2009 was to blend the corporate and academic experiences in the area of information access.

Over 200 participants from across the globe assembled for the InfoVision 2009 summit. The summit had presentations from renowned speakers who are experts in their respective fields. A conglomeration of national and international audience made the experience enriching. Among the keynote speakers and panelists were senior researchers, CEOs, professors, directors, scientists, and others interested in the Information industry.

All the sessions were conducted in a manner that included the academia and the corporate sectors. The three key roles were – Anchor, Key Note Speaker and Panelists.

All sessions were coordinated by an **Anchor** - who were prominent people from the Industry. The **Key Note Speakers** delivered the Key Note address relevant to that stream. Most of these speakers were academics from Universities or Research Scholars from the corporate world who gave a very good academic view. Subsequently, there was a panel discussion among the **Panelists** – again a set of eminent industry personnel, who either gave a presentation/talk or answered the questions brought out by the Anchor and the Audience.

This is how I would summarize the InfoVision summit:

Content is Everything - Today “Content” is more about information on anything in this world. Be it the review on a particular restaurant or a sensor informing about the route with least traffic to reach a place or a white paper on the recent developments in a technology area.

Information Information Every Where... - Information is there everywhere – blog, Wiki, Product Forums, and so on.

Visual and Interactive Information is the order of the day - Information today is more visual than textual. Users need that and technologies support that!

User Inclusive approach - Information is now driven by not only developers and writers – but also users! Apart from understanding the audience/user, it is time to get them to write for the benefit of one and all.

Overall, for me and the other participants who attended the InfoVision summit, it was a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and to get an insight on the intricacies of the Information industry. I am eagerly looking forward to attending the next InfoVision summit!

- Harsha Kulkarni

A beautiful herbal garden...

Herbs are plants that are valued for their medicinal properties, flavor or scent. Herbal remedies are gaining in popularity in every nook and corner of the world. Why not think of having a beautiful herbal garden in your home sweet home? It takes care of *your Health!*

You can plant a couple of highly useful plants in your own garden, backyard, terrace or patio or even inside your windows! How about a cute little hanging garden? Herbs can also have a sweet and tantalizing scent that pervades the entire premises. You can use some of these herbs as *instant home remedies* for cough, cold, fever, head ache, pain, cuts and wounds. Herbs and good health can never be separated.

Herbs You can grow now

Here is a list of plants for your everyday use that are a must to start your own herbal garden.

Aloe Vera (Lolesara, Kumari, Kattarvazha, Soththu kathalai): A stemless plant that grows up to 100 cm with beautiful shining thick and fleshy green leaves that can be an attractive pot plant. A pot mixture of soil: sand: manure (1:2:1) may be used for growing this plant which loves direct sunlight and occasional watering. And the best part is that Aloe Vera needs very less of water even though 95% of it is water. Aloe Vera is best for skin diseases like *acne*, sun burn, healing of the *wounds* and eczema. It is an anti-fungal, anti-bacterial, *anti-ageing*, Vitamin E supplement, natural sun-screen, and skin and scalp moisturizer. If ingested, it works as a purgative to cure the digestive disorders. It can reduce *obesity*, heart burn and *blood sugar* levels.

Tinospora cordifolia (Amrithaballi, Amrytu, Seenthil, Guduchi): It is a perennial climber, having heart shaped leaves, that blooms during summer bearing pea sized red fruits. You can plant it in the ground or in a big pot and raise it around pillars or along fences. It needs watering on alternate days and regular trimming.

It is used in general debility, digestive disturbances, loss of appetite, *worm infestations*, *vomiting* and *fever* in children. It improves the immune system of the body by protecting the liver from toxins. The stem is used in treating rheumatism, *jaundice* and urinary diseases.



Cymbopogon Citratus (Lemon grass, Nimbe-hullu, Vasana-pullu): A tropical herb, dormant during winter season, that grows up to 3 feet high indoors, or up to 9 feet outdoors. Lemon grass needs plenty of water and

hot sun. The tender white part of the lemon grass stalk is added to dishes, and the leaves are used in potpourri or for making herbal tea.

You can drink 1-4 cups of Lemon Tea per day to relieve *cough*, *fever*, *headache*, stomach aches, diarrhea, *gas*, bowel spasms, *vomiting*, and bladder disorders. It acts as a cholesterol lowering agent, coolant, carminative, mild sedative, and a tonic. It is best for *insomnia* and aromatherapy relaxation.

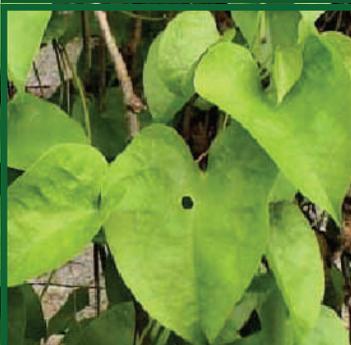
Lemongrass oil can be applied to clear *acne* or for cuts, scrapes, *lower back pain*, sciatica, *sprains*, athlete's foot, and rheumatism. You can crush the fresh leaves and rub it on the skin for on-the-spot outdoor insect repellent. **Do not use** excess oil on young children, pregnant women, and people with kidney or liver disease.



Rosmarinus officinalis (Rosemary): A great perennial ornamental dense evergreen shrub that grows up to 1m high, with a life span of 10 years. It needs four hours of direct

sunlight and very little water. You need to prune lightly and give fertilizer every month. When touched, the needles give off a distinct camphor-like aroma.

Rosemary is a *rejuvenating tonic* for body and mind. Dried leaves are used for making tea, potpourri, and incense. It is credited with treating wounds, burns, cold, arthritis, fatigue, *bloating*, circulatory weakness, and rheumatism. Rosemary oil has anti-microbial properties and improves memory and concentration.





Stevia (Sakkare gida): A highly sensitive wonder sweet herb bearing white flowers that grows up to 80cm high. Watch for the flowers and remove them off. You can crush the leaves and put into tea instead of sugar. Try making

sweets using stevia!

The leaves are 30 times sweeter than sugar. It is a 100% calorie-free, highly safe sweetener that is ideal for *diabetic* patients. It does not contain carbohydrates and does not promote tooth decay.



Bacopa monniera (Brahmi, Water hyssop): A perennial creeping herb with succulent and relatively thick

leaves and small white flowers that needs a lot of water. You can grow it as an *aquarium plant!*

The dried fruits improve facial *complexion*. It makes the *hair* shiny and beautiful. It removes *dandruff and lice* in hair. It can also be used to clean jewelry and woolen clothes.

From the 6th century, it is used as a tonic for the nervous system and to improve *memory*. It improves *intellectual* activity in children and helps in the treatment of cardio-vascular diseases.

Caring for your Herbal Garden

Use organic fertilizer in your clay pots of 25-30cm size, with good drainage holes, otherwise the roots may rot! But remember, plants growing in the ground do not dry out so fast.

Prune the herbs every month to keep your herbal garden good looking and healthy.

Use an organic fertilizer and regularly remove weeds because they attract insects.

Herbs have a vast potential for alternative medicine and can bring a positive *change in your lifestyle*.



- S M Suresh

Allepey – Another World!

I visited Allepey (Alpazuha) in Kerala with my loved ones in winter.

Allepey very truly represents that Kerala is God's own place—the Venice of the East.

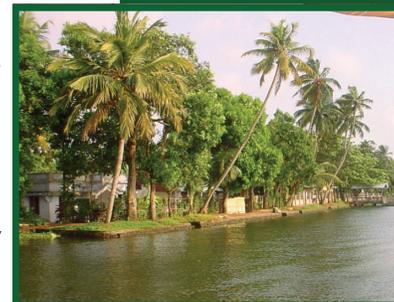
Allepey, although situated at sea, consists of crisscrossing backwater canals that give this place a characteristically different lifestyle. For the local people, the natural canals serve as roads and they have boat stops at various places for boarding and getting down, the way we have bus stops on roads!

Natives reside next to canals and commute by private or public boats. For their living, they fish, create coir products, or rely on agriculture.

Tourism is also a major part of the economy here. Hundreds of houseboats that ply these canals give tourists a true glimpse of this unique lifestyle. These houseboats are equipped with bedroom, bath, and kitchen and are accompanied by crew and cook.

Allepey is directly connected by train, and is about a 1-hour drive from Cochin airport. You can either opt to stay at a beach resort or next to the backwaters. Lots of options and packages are available which can be checked on the Internet. At least one visit is a must to this charming place.

- Archana K

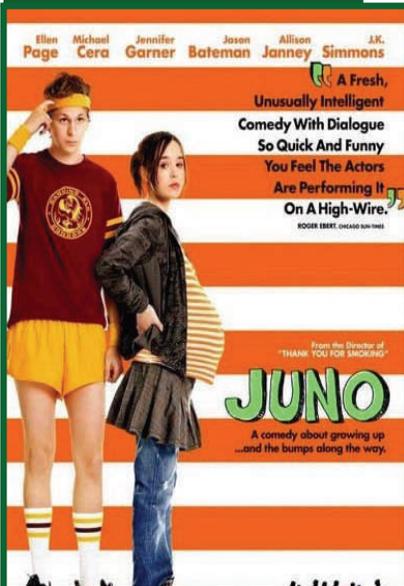


Movie Review—Juno

Juno is a 2007 comedy-drama film directed by Jason Reitman and written by Diablo Cody. At its heart, *Juno* is a movie about acceptance and moving on. It is a movie that actually puts life into perspective and makes us realize that fundamentally all that matters is taking responsibility for your actions and loving unconditionally.

captures a year in Juno's life and at the end of it all, you feel nothing really changes, things work out, life just goes on...

The film won the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay and received three other Oscar nominations, including Best Picture and Best Actress for Ellen Page. - *Soumya Shetty*



Juno is a very smart and very independent 16-year old who finds herself pregnant after a single experimentation with her best male friend. She initially thinks of aborting the pregnancy but changes her mind after a visit to an abortion clinic. Instead, she decides to have the baby and give it up for adoption. She even finds the perfect couple in the local Penny Saver. She manages to do this even before informing her parents of the situation.

Her parents, dad and stepmom, take the news with astonishing equanimity and are supportive of the decisions that Juno has made. Her dad accompanies her to meet the prospective adoptive parents, Mark and Venessa. While Juno forms a bond with Mark, the same isn't the case with Venessa.

Mark is laid back and immature, while Venessa is an always-on-the-go working lady who supports the family. Along the way, cracks develop in the couple's relationship. When Mark finally walks out of the relationship, Juno questions her belief in relationships and has to decide if she still wants to go ahead with the adoption plan.

The strongest qualities of this coming of age film are its dialogues and cast – smart and hip with the interactions between various characters coming off quick and witty. Ellen Page as Juno is fantastic – very sassy, never cute, and ultimately clever. In turn, she plays a girl who is a misfit, cool, mature, frank, and vulnerable. She makes decisions and stands by them, and you have to admire her for it.

The movie also explores the importance of relationships – of having good friends and supportive parents and of going on even when relationships don't always progress as planned. The rest of the cast is fantastic and support Ellen admirably. The movie

What every woman should have and know by 40.. - *by Pamela Redmond Satran*

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD HAVE ...

- Enough money within her control to move out and rent a place of her own, even if she never wants to or needs to.
- Something perfect to wear if her employer, or date of her dreams wants to see her in an hour.
- A youth she's content to leave behind.
- A past juicy enough that she's looking forward to retelling it in her old age.
- One friend who always makes her laugh, and one who lets her cry.
- The realization that she is actually going to *have* an old age—and some money set aside to help fund it.

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

- How to fall in love without losing herself.
- How to quit a job, break up, and confront a friend without ruining the friendship.
- When to try harder... and WHEN TO WALK AWAY.
- That she can't change the length of her calves, the width of her hips, or the nature of her parents.
- That her childhood may not have been perfect... but its over!
- What she would and wouldn't do for love or more.
- How to live alone... even if she doesn't like it.
- Whom she can trust, whom she can't, and why she shouldn't take it personally.
- Where to go...when her soul needs soothing.
- What she can and can't accomplish in a day, a month, and a year...



Book Review — A Wrinkle in Time

What a strange thing it is to be called "an adult." What is an adult anyway? I tried to look up the definition, but only found physical descriptions like, "One who has attained maturity or legal age" or "A fully grown, mature organism." I remember as a child looking to my father as the man who had it all together. What he loved was worthy of love, what he disliked was worthy of dislike, when something was broken he could fix it, when something was needed he could make sure we had it, when something needed to be done, it got done. That was my Dad.

Then over time I began to realize how many mistakes he makes and had made and how even when he did his best, there were times that he couldn't come through, he couldn't fix it. Now I'm an adult, and I have to be honest and say that I'm no better. How can one make it in life if even our heroes get overwhelmed and fail? Who can we look to when all around us are lives built out of twigs rather than stones? This is not a subject to bring up to children.

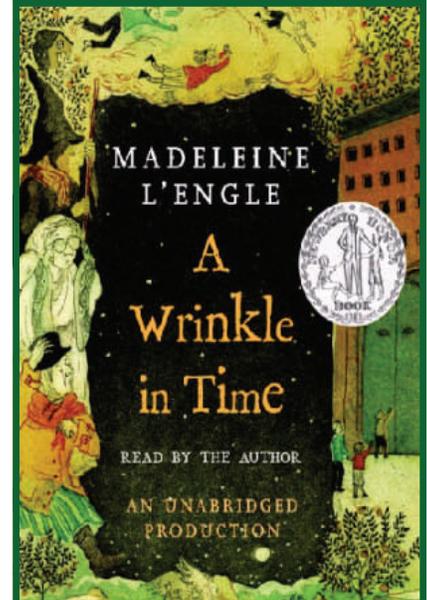
As adults we try to protect children from this and come through for them, but we do this not just for them but to prove our ability ourselves too. However, in the story "A Wrinkle in Time" that is exactly what the story addresses! A children's story that reveals to children the truth that we are all in desperate need! The story follows a prominent family. The parents are scientists, beautiful, handsome, smart, and working on secret projects for the government! Two of their children are misfits, Meg and Charles Wallace. Meg is ugly, clumsy and fearful. Charles Wallace is extra small, very quiet but when he speaks he has the knowledge of an adult and therefore can't fit in with his peers. Their father is missing, working on this secret government project. Then, through three very odd visitors, old women who resemble witches, the children learn that their father had been working on ways to travel through space and time. Through one of the experiments, he was transported to a dark planet.

Earth is only a grey planet but this planet is consumed by pure life sucking, hateful, living evil, and the children have to rescue him. The task is too great for them! Even their father can't be free, how could the children! To make things worse these strange visitors are honest with the children and let them know that the danger is real and they may never be free if they go to that planet. But for some reason the three sisters, the aliens, and the servants of the light have hope. They are joyful and jolly. They know that there is one who is in control of all, who is over all, who believes in the children, and who will help them. The risk is not any less but it's never hopeless!

After the children learn this, the most horrible things happen to them when they go to the planet. The father is just barely saved but Meg is almost killed, and little 6-year old Charles Wallace becomes possessed by "IT" and is left behind for taking him off the planet would now kill him. But there is hope and it's not from the father or from Meg but from the one who is over them and believes in them. They go back and through the very real, not romantic, not twisted all is well happiness, but devout, dedicated, heart wrenching, VERY REAL LOVE they are able to overpower the evil and rescue the little boy.

This is not a typical children's story, it's a fantasy but it's also real! We are adults now but if we are honest with ourselves, we don't have it all together. We are able to make it in our world for the most part but we are frail and the danger is real, it's not imaginary, it's not an idea, it's just around the corner if we mess up or if somebody around us messes up. Why is this world like this, and why over thousands of years has it not gotten any better? These and other questions are answered in this wonderful book by Madeleine L'Engle.

- Submitted by Bibiana





Ashok Surendra Pai

Ashok Pai enjoys lazy days when he can do nothing but watch movies. His dream vacation spot is any place in the company of friends. An adventure sport he would like to try is bungee jumping. He likes the Tom and Jerry cartoon show. He would like to be remembered as a peace-loving guy.

Divya Shetty

Her idea of a perfect day is one spent listening to old melodious songs, cooking delicious food and spending time with family. An adventure sport she would like to try is trekking. She is inspired by Jerry from the Tom and Jerry cartoon show. She would like to be remembered as a good and approachable person. She thinks her mom's a kid and her dad's her best friend.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22nd – Jan. 20th

Care Instructions

- I Love** to learn how to climb to the top
- Be Aware** I know what I want and I will get it
- When I'm Fussy** make me laugh
- Encourage** my natural leadership
- Give Me** rewards for my efforts
- Teach Me** how to be silly

Earth Sign



Ashwini S.N

Her idea of a perfect day is one spent shopping....and only shopping!! Her dream vacation spot is Switzerland. An adventure sport she would like to try is skiing. She likes the Tom and Jerry cartoon show. She would like to be remembered as a friendly person. She thinks her parents are just great!



Harsha Kulkarni

Her idea of a perfect day is one spent with her family on vacation. Her dream vacation spots are Alaska and Paris. An adventure sport she would like to try is bungee jumping. She is inspired by Jerry from the Tom and Jerry cartoon show. She would like to be remembered as a good human being. She thinks her parents are her pillars of strength!

AQUARIUS Jan. 21st – Feb. 19th

Care Instructions

- I Love** to know the unknown
- When I'm Fussy** I need a puzzle or mystery to solve
- Teach Me** the art of compromise
- Encourage** my moments of genius
- Be Aware** I'm unpredictable
- Give Me** freedom to be me

Air Sign

Debaratna Choudhury

Her idea of a perfect day is one spent at home, watching TV. Holidaying at a hill station makes her happy. She would like to be remembered as a good human being. Her parents are her best friends and the people she loves the most.



Imran N Vohra

His idea of a perfect day is one where he actually gets up on time and manages to exercise, do the house work, office work, prayer, breakfast, lunch, dinner and go out with loved ones for some relaxing activity (sports, shopping etc.) all in one day and then go to bed by 12 am. His dream vacation spot is a spot which has less people, less noise, lots of fresh air and nature, and zero fear factor. Adventure sports he would like to try are rock climbing and bungee jumping. He is inspired by Bugs Bunny, Pink Panther, and Jimmy Neutron



Divya G

Her idea of a perfect day is in just knowing that she has nothing to do, worry or think about. No plans, no schedules. The day is all hers! She believes that marriage and two kids are no less than an adventure sport!! She is inspired by Jerry from the Tom and Jerry cartoon show. She would like to be remembered as a person who left the world slightly better off than when she arrived :) Her definition of parents—Paying back the rent (Pay-rent)!

PISCES Feb. 20th – Mar. 20th

Care Instructions

- Be Aware** I'm on my own schedule
- When I'm Fussy** give me a magic star to wish on
- Give Me** your confidence in my abilities
- I Love** reading & listening to poetry
- Teach Me** to trust my intuition
- Encourage** honesty

Water Sign

Gunashekar S

His idea of a perfect day is one spent in the company of good pals!! His dream vacation spots are Goa and New Zealand. Adventure sports he would like to try are jet skiing and para gliding. He is inspired by Jerry from the Tom and Jerry cartoon show. He would like to be remembered as himself.





Lakshminarayana

His idea of a perfect day is one with lots of action! His dream vacation spot is anywhere in the countryside. He is inspired Jerry from the Tom and Jerry cartoon show. He would like to be remembered as a people's person. For him, his parents are akin to God.



Pallavi Prasad

Her idea of a perfect day is one spent in the woods. Her dream vacation spot is Switzerland. Adventure sports she would like to try are river rafting and parachuting. She is inspired by Jerry from the Tom and Jerry cartoon show. She would like to be remembered as a fighter with a positive attitude. Her parents run a special school for disabled children.

Sree Lalitha Kotla

Her idea of a perfect day is one when she works hard and then sleeps soundly. Her dream vacation spot is the Himalayas. An adventure sport she would like to try is scuba diving. She would like to be remembered as an ambitious woman who achieves all that she wants in life. Her parents have taught her the greatest lessons of life and have fulfilled all her wishes.



Rashmi Shankar

Her idea of a perfect day is a rainy day. Her dream vacation spot is Switzerland. An adventure sport she would like to try is bungee jumping. She is inspired by Dennis the Menace. She would like to be remembered as a good friend. Her parents are caring and supportive of all her actions.



Sindhu KM

Her idea of a perfect day is one when everything goes her way. Her dream vacation spot is Wayanad. She is inspired by Jerry from the Tom and Jerry cartoon show. She would like to be remembered as someone who does things differently. Her parents are a source of eternal love and support.

Tescapades

This letter was sent by Tesco's Head Office to a customer in Oxford:

Dear Mrs. Murray,

While we thank you for your valued custom and use of the Tesco Loyalty Card, the Manager of our store is considering banning you and your family from shopping with us, unless your husband stops his antics. Below is a list of offences over the past few months, all verified by our surveillance cameras:

June 15: Took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in people's trolleys when they weren't looking.

July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.

July 7: Made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the feminine products aisle.

September 15: Set up a tent in the outdoor clothing department and told shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring sausages and a Calor gas stove.

September 23: When the Deputy Manager asked if she could help him, he began to cry and asked, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?'

November 10: While appearing to be choosing kitchen knives in the House wares aisle, asked an assistant if he knew where the antidepressants were.

December 3: Darted around the store suspiciously, loudly humming the Mission Impossible' theme.

December 6: In the kitchenware aisle, practised the 'Madonna look' using different size funnels.

December 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed, yelled 'PICK ME!' 'PICK ME!'

December 21: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, assumed the fetal position and screamed 'NO! NO! It's those voices again.' And; last, but not least:

December 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited a while; then yelled, very loudly, 'There is no toilet paper in here!'

- Submitted by Divya G

