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February 5, 2020

Ms. Smita Turakhia
Atman Press Inc.
2014 Cherokee Avenue
Columbus, GA 31906-1424

Dear Donors,

It is with sincere thanks that we accept the donation of the beautiful books sent to our school district. The Stafford Public Schools is proud to promote a culture that celebrates culturally responsive pedagogy. We embrace the opportunities given for our educators to acknowledge, respond to, and celebrate the cultural diversity of our learners. We are grateful for your donation to allow us to continue to provide access to these instructional resources.

The Stafford Public Schools enrolls a population of approximately 1,450 students in Grades PK-12. The text resources have been divided and allocated to our five buildings on campus. The Library Media Specialists will be integrating these new books to circulation for students to access immediately.

With the generosity of donors such as yourselves, we are able to bring exciting new texts and resources that celebrate the diversity of our student population. Please keep our district in mind in the future.

On behalf of our staff and students, thank you for your work to support reading and cultural relevance to schools throughout our state and country.

Kind regards,

Steven M. Autieri
Director of Curriculum & Instruction
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February 7, 2020

To the donors from the Indian-American Community of Connecticut:

I am writing to thank you for your generous donation of books to our library, as well as to other libraries in our school district and in the area. I admire your passion for sharing your culture and history, and we are grateful for your help in expanding the diversity of our collection.

It is crucial that our students learn to see the world from many viewpoints, and to hear those viewpoints from their original sources. *India Unveiled* will make a fine addition to my collection, both to support our social studies curriculum and for general interest reading.

Thank again for your contribution to our students' learning experiences.

Sincerely,



Brendan Eckert, Library Media Specialist

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January 30, 2020

Atman Press

2104 Cherokee Avenue

Columbus, Georgia 31906-1424

Dear Smita Turakhia:

What a wonderful donation of books on India to the West Haven Public Schools !

I know each donated copy will be put to good use. For example, our students in the sixth grade are currently engaged in a unit dedicated to the study of India. Your donation of a copy of *India Unveiled* to their school library will help these students as they prepare their reports.

The beautifully illustrated copies of the picture book *Finders Keepers?* will help many other students to appreciate the culture of India.

Thank you for increasing the diversity of books we can offer our students through our school libraries.

We appreciate your generosity!

Sincerely,



Colette Marie Bennett

Curriculum Coordinator English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Library Media

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July 17, 2018

Dr. Jagdish and Mrs. Madhu Sheth



Atlanta, GA 30033

Dear Dr. Jagdish and Mrs. Madhu Sheth,

I want to thank you for your most generous gift of *Finders Keepers? A True Story of India*. My elementary school library has a wide range of geographic books of world countries, cultures and regions, but none that tell such an important story. Most cultural studies and geographic books offer dry facts and figures with photographs and maps as supplements. Yours, however, takes into account the storytelling nature of a nonfiction book with a message all people from all walks of life should abide by... "Do what you ought to do, not what you want to do." What a powerful message presented in this well-written and illustrated book.

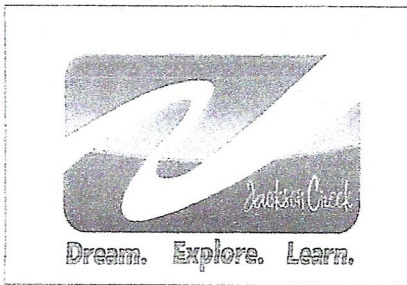
As a school librarian I read many books...some good and some not-so-good. This is an exceptionally well-written and illustrated book. I believe in the power of the written word as much as the depiction of the scene in an illustration. Finding the right words and vivid colorful illustrations mean a great deal to a beginning reader. The two meld together exceptionally well in *Finders Keepers?* My favorite sentence and illustration is a two-page spread in which these words are written: "How beautiful to look upon everyone you meet as part of your family and being as dear to you as a brother, a sister, or a parent". The illustration which accompanies this sentence depicts children and adults arm-in-arm from all different cultural backgrounds. I love it!

Your gift of this book is a treasure and immensely appreciated. It will be prominently displayed in my library (when not on loan) and promoted for the true treasure it is.

Thank you very much for sharing this gift and your generosity to our school library. *Namaste*.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Blackwell".

Robert Blackwell
School Librarian
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February 2, 2018

Dr. Prem Kumar, Executive Director
Indian American Education Foundation
P.O. Box 4305
Seattle, WA 98194

Dear Dr. Kumar,

Smita Turakhia of Atman Press sent us the beautiful book, *India Unveiled: Spirit, Tradition, People* by Robert Arnett, indicating the book was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Gyan and Sheila Joshi with the donation facilitated by you. I want to express my deepest appreciation for this wonderful book. The illustrations are magnificent and the text will provide our students with excellent information about the culture and people of India. One of our Social Studies classes does a special unit on countries of the world and this book will be very helpful to the students who study India.

Once again, thank you for such a beautiful and useful gift.

Sincerely,

Kristina McGlaun, Media Specialist



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