

How I Taught My Grandmother to Read is a short story written by Sudha Murthy who remembers one of her childhood experiences when her grandmother wanted to learn the Alphabet. The author was still young, and the story is about a time when there were no television serials or movies in India. The elders took interest in the stories and novels published in a popular Kannada magazine. One of the novels was Kaashi Yatra, written by Triveni. It was the grandmother's favourite novel, as she identified herself with the old woman in the novel. Like the old woman in the novel, the author's grandmother also dreamt of being educated. After being married at a young age and bearing children, the grandmother had to abandon her studies. Therefore, unable to read or write, she would ask the author to read the novel to her. Once, when the author had gone to a wedding, the magazine arrived but the grandmother could not read it as the author was away. When the author returned home, her grandmother requested her to become

was away. When the author returned home, her grandmother requested her to become her guru and teach her to read. Grandmother explained to her little granddaughter about her long-forgotten love to learn reading and writing. The author agreed to teach her grandmother. In a few days, the grandmother could read the Alphabet.

On the day of Durga Puja, she read the title of the book, Kaashi Yatra, on her own. The author gave her a copy of the book Kaashi Yatra and her grandmother touched her feet in respect; as she was a student touching the feet of her teacher. (260 words)

Precis

The author narrates story about how she taught her grandmother to read. At that time, elders took interest in reading Kannada magazine as there were no televisions. Kaashi Yatra was her grandmother's favourite novel as she also wished to be educated like old woman in novel. (She relate) Her grandmother left education due to early marriage. So, she used to request author to ^{read} novels as she could not read on her own. Grandmother requested author to read magazine when she came back from wedding. Author decided to teach her grandmother to read. Her grandmother read title of book and touched feet of father as a student.

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2) Grandmother desire to read