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Katy meets Jamini when Jamini's family moves to town and opens a new shop. And they're just in time for the annual watermelon festival! When it doesn't look like it will be wet enough to sell the shop's gumboots on the day of the festival, Katy and Jamini and a local drum circle step in to help make it rain.



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Chapter 1

A New Family in Town

Katy and her mum lived in a small country town. The town was surrounded by farms, and most of them grew ... watermelons! The farmers were proud to say their farms produced a quarter of all the watermelons grown in the whole country.

A New Family in Town



A new family had come to live in the town: Mr and Mrs Kapur, their grown-up son, Adesh, and their daughter, Jamini. They had opened a shop, and Mr and Mrs Kapur and Adesh worked in it. Katy – and everyone else in town – had been to look at the shop. It was fascinating! It seemed to sell *everything*.

Katy had talked to Jamini when she and her mum visited the shop. Katy liked Jamini at once.

“You’ll be coming to our school, won’t you?” Katy said. “Will you be in my class? We must be the same age.”

Jamini smiled back. “I hope I’ll be in your class,” she said. “That would be good.”



On Saturday morning, there was a drum circle in the park. Katy loved going to drum circle. It had been started by Harry, one of the older boys at school. People got together in the park, brought their drums or percussion instruments and played together, just for fun. Katy had a hand drum, called a djembe. As she put it into her mum's car, she wondered whether Jamini would like to join the drum circle.

"Why don't I ask Jamini if she wants to come?" Katy said to her mum. "Could we call in at the shop on the way to the park?"

