The Ramayana for Little Listeners

A Colourful Read-Aloud Journey
of Courage, Kindness and Hope

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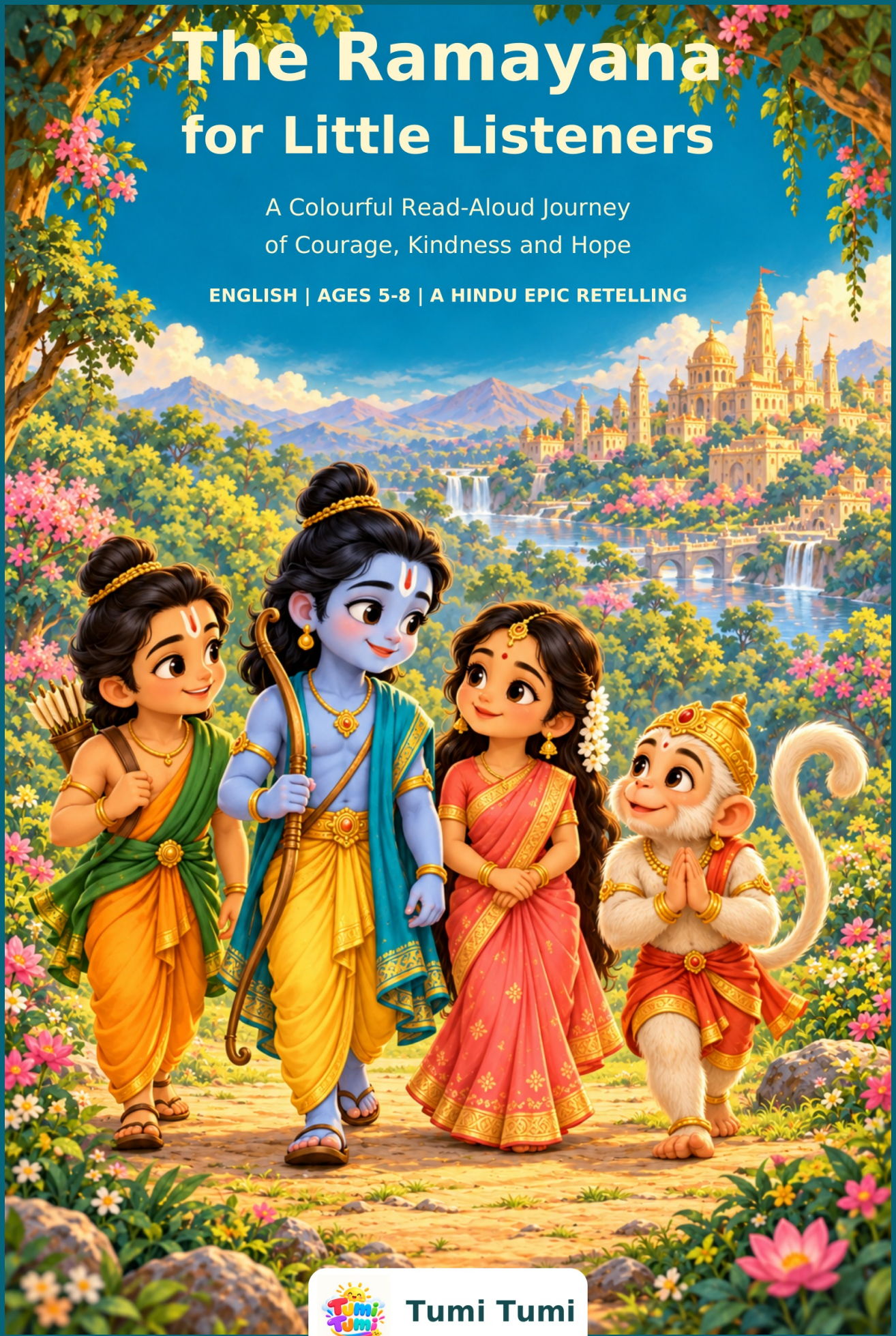

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Four Brothers by the River



In Ayodhya, four brothers grew up beside the Sarayu river. Rama, Bharata, Lakshmana and Shatrughna shared a home, a family and many things to learn.

CHAPTER 01 | THE STORY CONTINUES

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King Dasharatha watched his sons become young men. They learned from teachers, practised their skills and prepared for the responsibilities of royal life. Rama was the eldest. Lakshmana was especially close to him; Bharata and Shatrughna were close companions too.

The palace was full of grand things: tall doorways, bright fabrics and busy courtyards. But a crown was more than something that shone. A ruler had people to look after. Growing wiser mattered as much as growing stronger.

Beyond Ayodhya were other kingdoms and wide forests. With the sage Vishvamitra as their guide, Rama and Lakshmana travelled beyond their familiar home. Their journey brought challenges, learning and new places to see.

At last they reached Mithila, where King Janaka lived. There, Rama would meet someone who would become an important part of his life. A new chapter was waiting beyond the palace garden.

LET'S THINK TOGETHER

What might someone need to learn before looking after other people?