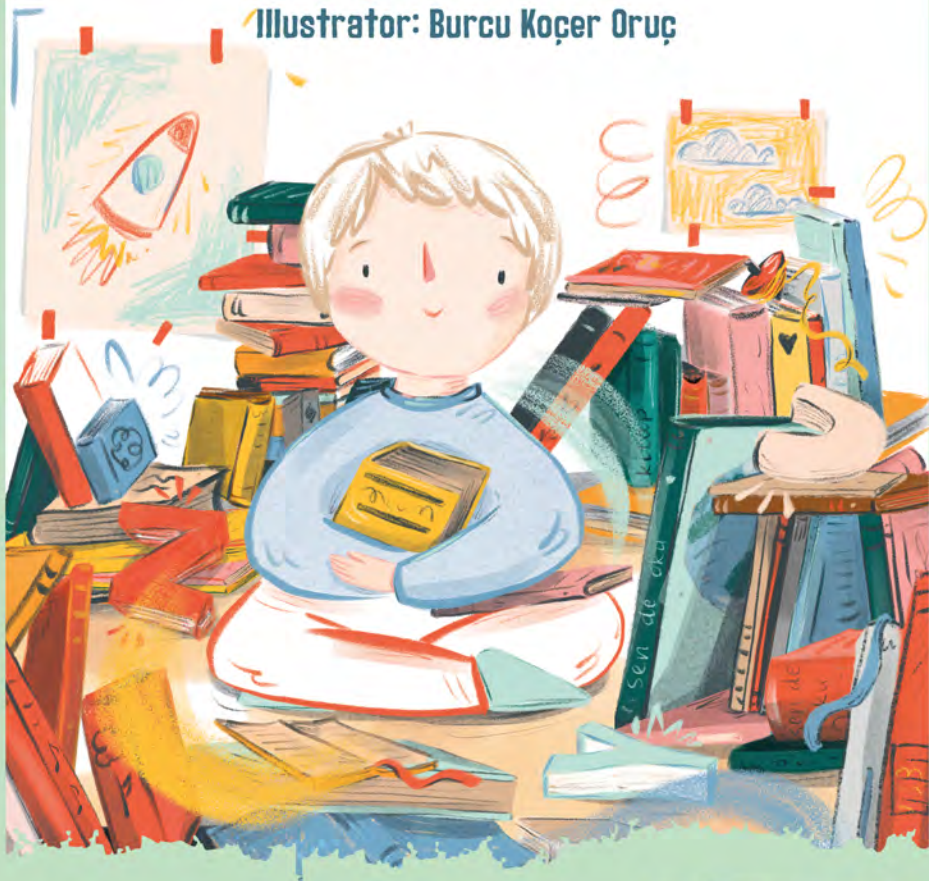


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Chapter One

Where Are The Books?

Kerem really loved books. Before learning to read, he would look at the pictures in the books. He would make up stories from those pictures. Then he would tell them to everyone.

To his mother, father, aunt, uncle, grandfather, grandmother, the guests coming to their home, his friends at kindergarten...

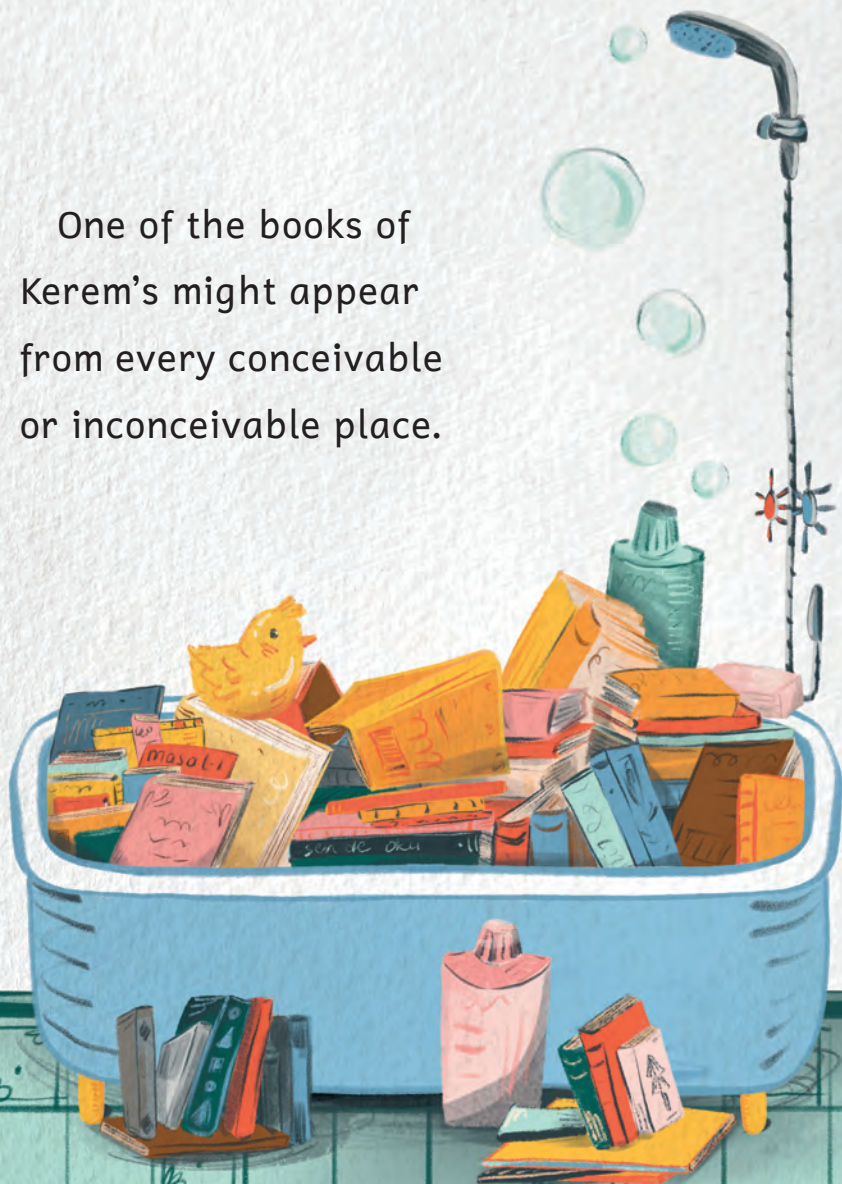
Once he learnt to read, he discovered that there were different stories in each book. He loved them too.

His parents were very pleased with Kerem's love of books. But there was one thing they were not pleased with: Kerem's untidiness.

Was his room the only messy place? No, this was not all. Books were everywhere in the house.

In the living room, bathroom, on top of the washing machine, on the kitchen counter, the table, the chair, on the carpet, in drawers...

One of the books of
Kerem's might appear
from every conceivable
or inconceivable place.



Chapter Two

Toys on the Shelf, Books on the Floor

One day, his mother pointed to the book on the floor and grouched, “Please, pick up these now. I tripped over it and nearly fell.”

His father also called out from the sofa he was sitting on:

“Look, you left your book on the seat here. I had sat on it without noticing.”

He picked up the book and showed it.

The pages of it were crumpled, and the cover was torn.



His mother reminded him of the shelf on the wall in his room by saying, “You should put your books on the bookshelf, but not your toys.”

Kerem defended his toys, “They’re not toys, they’re superheroes.”

But his mother said determinedly, “That shelf is for your books.” Then she added, “Besides, your birthday is coming up soon. It would be a good idea to start tidying up the house for your birthday party.”

Kerem carefully took down his toys from the shelf one by one and piled them on his bed. It wasn't going to be easy at all. There were so many books scattered around the house.

He could only take them all to his room in a few trips. As he set the books down from his arms, they tumbled over each other and spread out on the floor.

His room was now even messier than usual.





Chapter Three

Oops, No Place for Books on the Shelf!

Kerem started to arrange his books on the shelf one by one. Some of them were too tall to fit on the shelf.

Besides, only a portion of his books could fit in the shelf. The rest were still on the floor.

Perhaps he was to stack them horizontally, one on top of the other. When he did in that way, the larger ones fit in the shelf freely. However, many of the books were still left out.



The next day at school, he shared his problem with his friend.

His friend said, “You should arrange the books in order of their heights, then they’ll fit in. My dad is a coach. He always lines up athletes by height.”



When he returned from school, Kerem's first task was to separate all the books by height.

He put the very tall ones horizontally and started to stack the rest on top of them. But this time, it seemed as if there were more books left behind.





His parents were silently watching his efforts.

His mother whispered, “Had we better help him?”

His father replied, “No, let’s wait and see. Let’s see what solutions he comes up with.”

Chapter Four

Copyright Page? What's That?

The next day he mentioned his problem to a few other friends at school.

“I think you should organize the books by their titles,” said one of them. “My mum is a bookshop owner. She saves the book titles in alphabetical order on the computer.”