

Exclusive “Hang Nadim” for dyslexic and visually impaired children.

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Singapore: Soon, differently abled children can all benefit from an illustrated book with an inclusive character.

Entitled “Hang Nadim and the Garfish,” this book comprises three unique features including special texts with Dyslexie fonts for dyslexic readers.

The book also contains digital elements as well as Braille text that allow the visually impaired to read.

In this book, local writer, Hidayah Amin, retells the Singaporean folklore that features a boy named Hang Nadim.

In the Malay legend, when Singapore was attacked by thousands of garfishes, an intelligent boy named Hang Nadim suggested to the King that banana trunks should be lined up along the beach as a fortress.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN’S POTENTIAL

Hang Nadim and the Garfish targets children aged 4 and above, aiming to start with kindergarteners first.

Hidayah tells BERITAMediaCorp: “This story demonstrates that despite their young age, children’s ideas are important. I simplified the story to accommodate the Braille text. In this book, we have included a glossary of difficult words such as “Garfish,” and also a list of the Braille alphabet.”



Hidayah Amin with a member of SAVH reviewing the Braille writings in the book’s prototype (Image: Hidayah Amin’s Facebook page)

Earlier this week, Hidayah visited the Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped (SAVH) to review the Braille texts in a prototype of “Hang Nadim and the Garfish.”

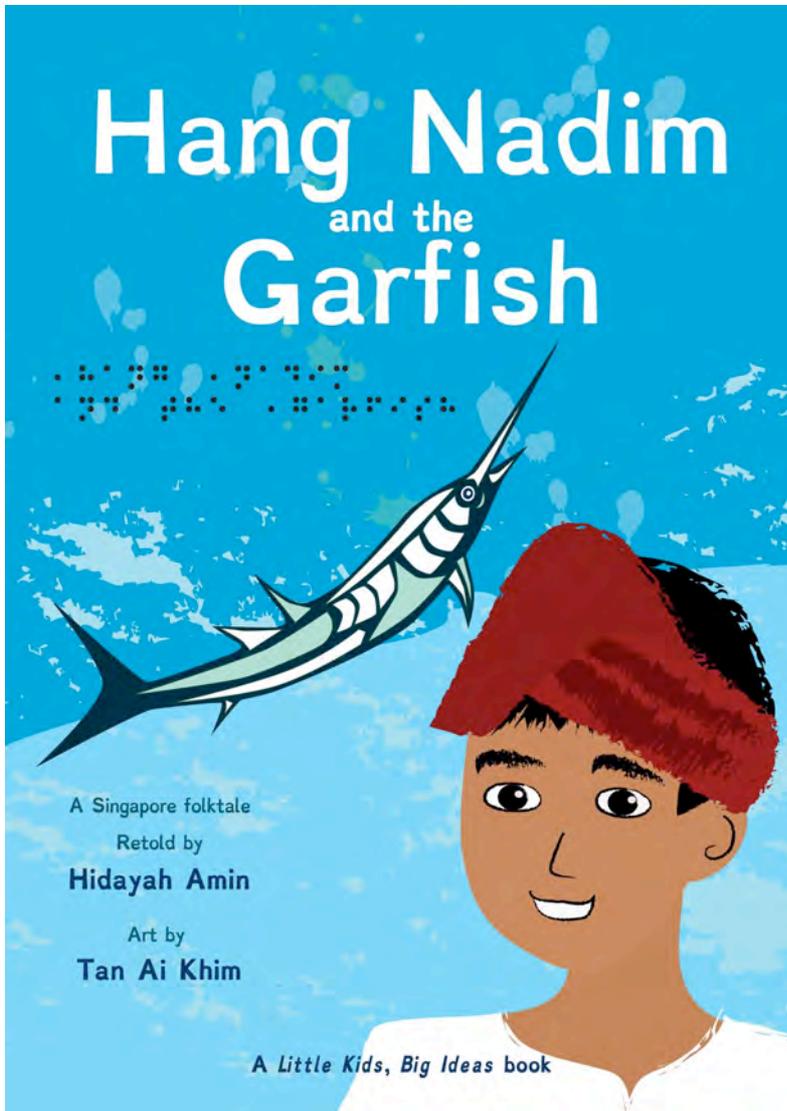
This book is the first of four books in the series “Little Kids, Big Ideas.”

This series celebrates children’s potential and encourages them to believe in themselves and their abilities to bring a positive change to the world.

The second book entitled “Si Ma Guang and the Giant Jar” is underway and also retells a folklore involving children.

LIMITED COPIES OF THE BOOK

According to Hidayah, this special book will be printed in limited copies of approximately 200.



“Hang Nadim and the Garfish” Book (Image: Hidayah Amin’s Facebook page)

Hidayah adds: “We do not know how this book will be received, since it is the first of its kind. It is not cheap to produce given the technology used to print these books.”

This book can be categorised as expensive. Hidayah says that the price is “approximately \$40 but less than \$50.”

The book launch of “Hang Nadim and the Garfish” will happen on Saturday 20th June at the Plaza, National Library Building.

It is under the community book project that is supported by the National Arts Council (NAC).