

## ABSTRACT

### TAKATAKA

These short stories document one day in the lives of a group of young children, the various mishaps they encounter, and the way they handle them. In Rub-A-Tubby-Tummy, Olivia struggles with insecurities towards her self-image and her mother's unpredictable behavior. In Takataka, a group of street boys are faced with the grim reality of what their future holds, and in Falling, a young boy's life changes when his desire for a certain object clouds his judgment.

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