

THE CAT AND THE CUSTARD

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Biljana Nikolić:

Behind every door there is a story.

This is a story about a mother, her daughter and a cat named Shandor.

While I was writing this book, I felt that I couldn't do it and that this is nonsense. Countless times I gave up and started again. I would come to a point where I would stop and say: "No, no! Who am I? I'm a Roma! What book, what nonsense—I don't want this." I've always doubted that I had any gifts, until one day when we had a Bible study with the Roma Bible Union. They said that God has a gift for everyone. And that God has planted that gift in us and that we have to develop our gift. Ideas came by themselves without me thinking. I knew God wanted me to do this and I felt that this is it.

Excerpt from the book, *The Cat and the Custard*:

"After mom went out, Melek ran to the fridge right away. She put her finger into the custard to lick it, just a little bit. The custard was very tasty. Little by little, and a little bit more, there was a hole in the bowl."

Biljana Nikolić:

When God revealed to me that He has a special gift even for me, then I worked with a writer from the Roma Bible Union who helped me to develop my writing style and to write the book.

Excerpt from the book, *The Cat and the Custard*:

"Melek took the spoon to fix everything, so mom wouldn't notice. Spoon by spoon, Melek ate almost the whole custard."



Biljana Nikolić:

Now that I know that the book is done, I still can't actually believe it. I'm still not aware of it. I still don't have any feelings of it. Well, yeah, that's great, that's that. But I think I'm still not aware that this is a finished book that I have written.

I believe every one of us has a gift, whether it's writing, music, or art. God is a creative God and He embedded His creativity in us. And

He would love for us to comprehend our creativity.

To the Roma in the Balkans I would say: don't bury the gifts God has given you but use them as blessings to other people and the glory of God.



I think this is a hard message for Roma in the Balkans because in today's world Roma are accused of being incompetent, illiterate, not being able to do anything and being worthless. But God's plan is something else and God has a plan for every person. And God wants us to recognise His plan in our lives.

Behind every door there is a story. Let's open the door and hear their story.

God has an amazing plan for your life. He gave you an amazing gift, which He wants you to discover.