

**Teen Author, Gangulel Hettigamage Presents Debut Book to Sri Lanka's
Ambassador to the United States**



15-year-old Gangulel Hettigamage had the distinct honour of presenting her debut book, 'After Dawn and Other Stories' to Ambassador Mahinda Samarasinghe recently.

Born in Sri Lanka and raised in New Jersey, Gangulel is a remarkably talented young author who began writing short stories at the age of nine. Driven by a deep passion for reading, she was inspired to become a writer so she could spark the same joy in others that books had brought to her own childhood.

She began writing After Dawn and Other Stories at the age of 11 and completed it by 12, showcasing both her creativity and dedication at a young age. The collection is a reflection of her storytelling prowess, offering a unique perspective through the eyes of a young but insightful writer.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hettigamage, along with her younger sister, as well as Embassy officials were present during the occasion.