

# Supplies for Kolti

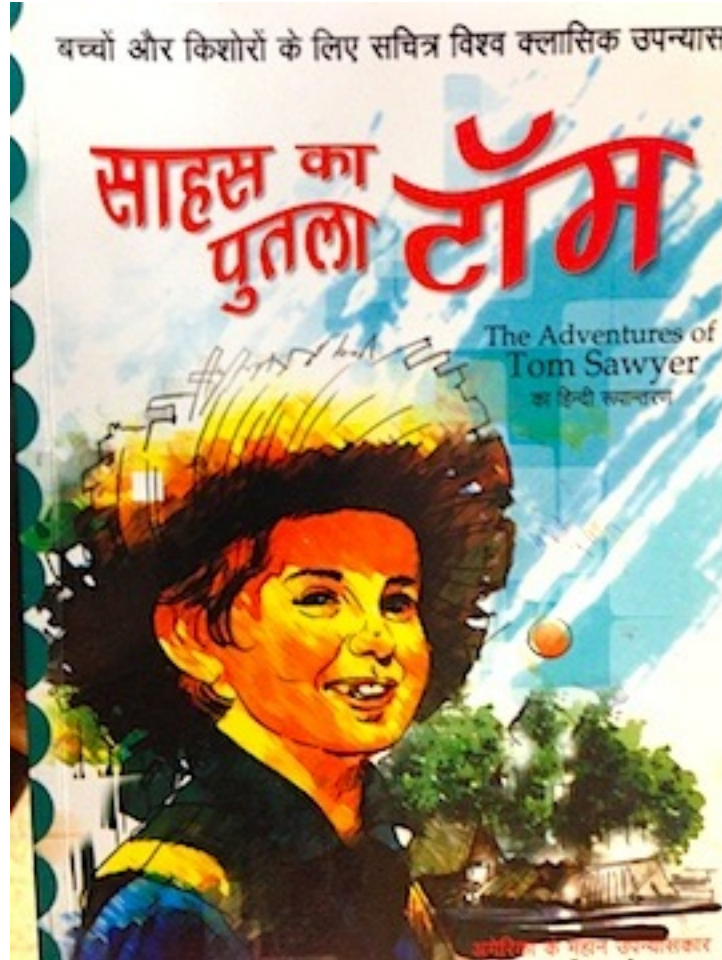
## Part II Gathering the supplies



**At the Ram Saran Dass Stationers  
purchasing the stack of school supplies on the right**

After learning what the Pahari village needed, John and I got busy shopping. We bought 100 packages of cookies, 5 large bags of candies, 100 notebooks, 100 pens, 50 pencils, boxes of colored chalks for the teachers, and a pile of illustrated story books in Hindi for the village school, including *Tom Sawyer*,

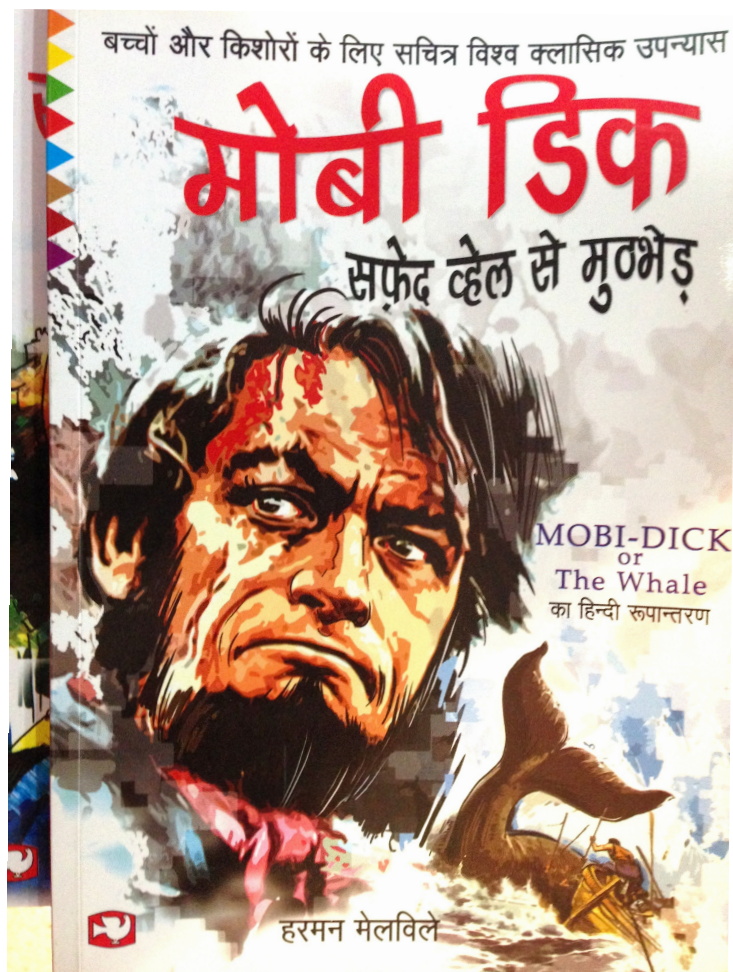
*David and Goliath, and Moby Dick.* We paid for the items and left them at the stores to be boxed for us so that we could pick them up the next day.



**Tom Sawyer story book in Hindi**



David and Goliath story book



### **Moby Dick Story Book**

Bulbir had told us that they were not allowed to bring the mules into the markets in town, so they would leave them at the far end of town, at Lal Tibba, which also happened to be the highest place. They told me we would need to rent a small truck to carry the flour to the trailhead of their village where the mules would be waiting.

Then we went shopping for flour. No one in any of the many small shops had fifty bags of forty-five kilograms (99 lbs.) of flour. The most any store had on hand was fourteen bags. We would have to come back tomorrow for more. We decided we would take two loads, one then and one the next day. After Bulbir examined and tasted the flour and bargained for a better price, we purchased twenty-four bags for the first run.



**Loading flour into jeep**

The Paharis knew the prices and quality of the flour and advised us against the higher prices even though they were not paying.



**Flour purchased for the village**

We found a small truck to take the flour and had the bags loaded. Then we headed up the hill to Lal Tibba, stopping to pick up the other packages of school supplies and treats.