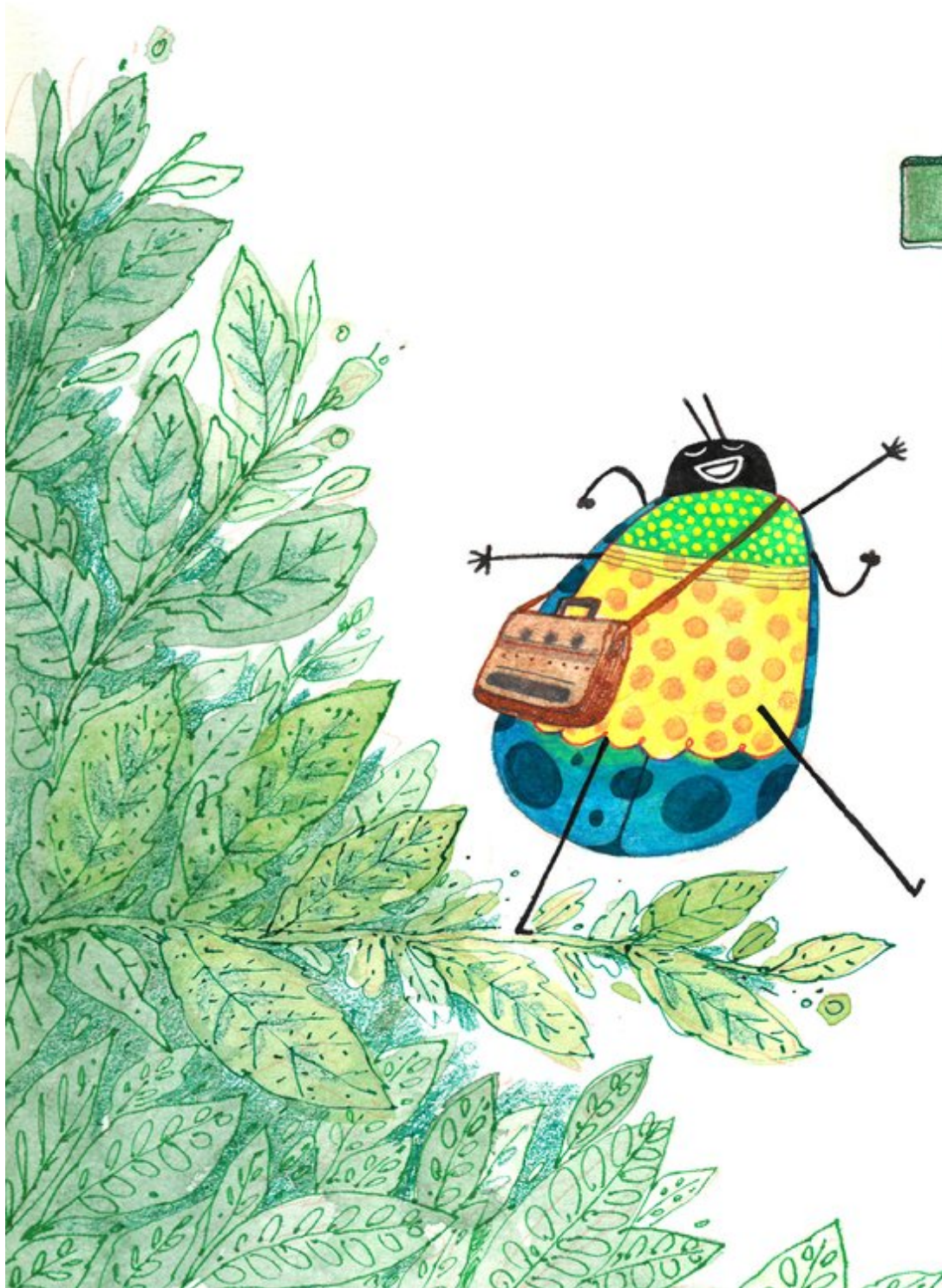Level 2

The Travelling Bug

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Binita Beetle was bitten
by the travel bug.
She packed a bag and
set off on a big adventure.

"Adventure, here I come!"

Oh no! Binita Beetle saw the last Caterpillar Special pull away from the bug-stop. She ran behind it, waving her arms and yelled "Stop!". But, it just wouldn't slow down. Then, Binita Beetle spotted Shaggy-dog. She jumped onto his back.

Shaggy-dog brought
Binita Beetle to The
Land of Singing Trees.
They gifted her
The Bag of Songs.

As Binita Beetle was walking, suddenly she tripped!

The Bag of Songs landed right on her antennae.
And the antennae started to play music!

Binita Beetle was thrilled! She swirled, twirled and danced her way to The City of Jewels. Here, she met Mr. Kokto and his family. They were also singing and dancing! Binita Beetle played her musical antennae and danced with them.

The music filled Binita Beetle with a sense of happiness like never before. And she wanted to share it with everyone. So, she went to The Mountains of Snow. "Ya juley," everyone sang and danced.
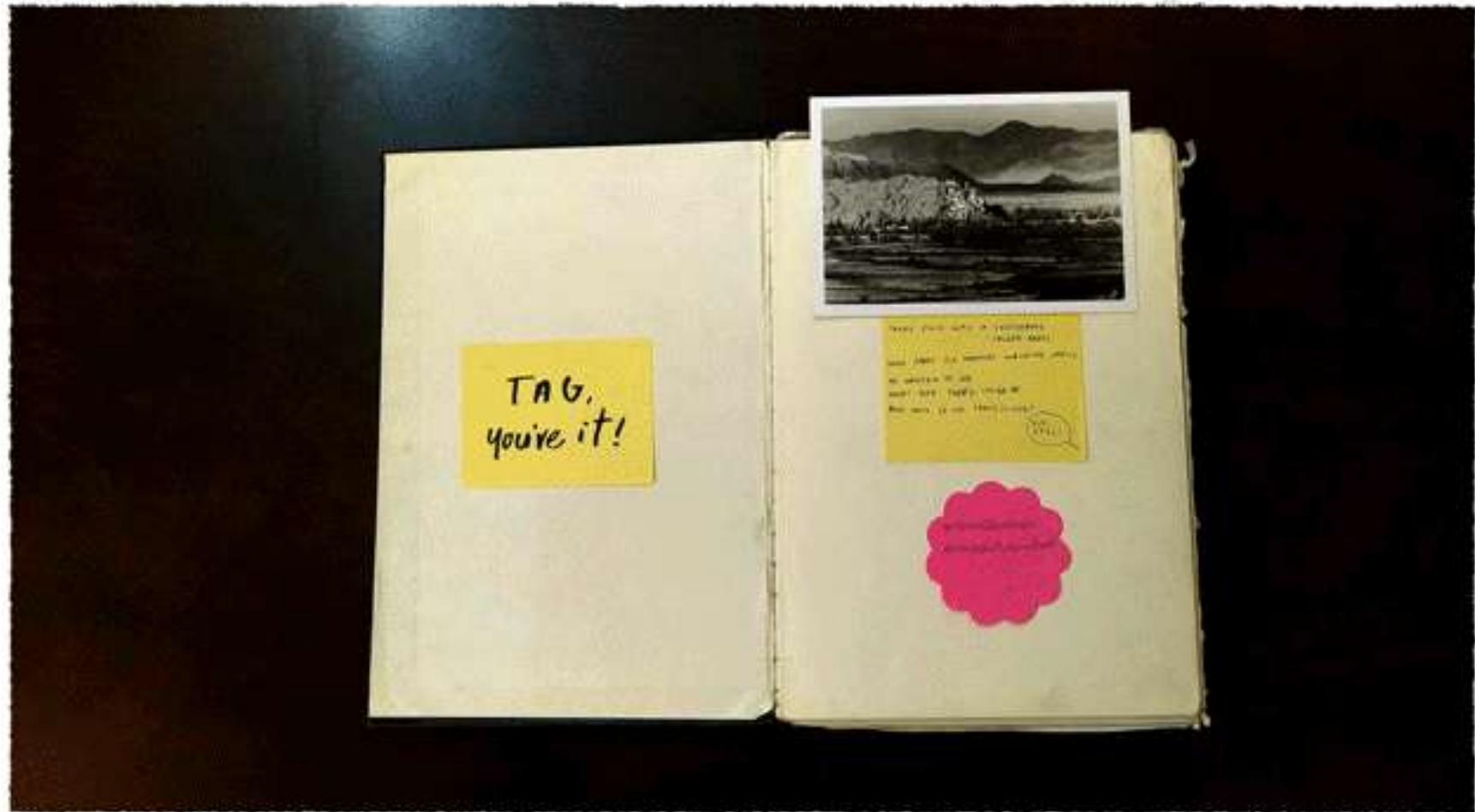
After traveling across the world, Binita Beetle
finally came home. She sang
and sang, and played everything
she'd learnt. And her Garden
of Music kept growing
and growing.

The Travelling Bug and the Travelling Sketchbook

Once upon a time, there was a Sketchbook who got bitten by the travel bug. Ow! So it jumped into Rajiv Eipe's bag in Bengaluru. Luckily for the Sketchbook, Rajiv Eipe was an illustrator and he dreamed up Binita Beetle who travels the world. Like Binita, the Sketchbook too wanted to travel. So they set off to Kalyani Ganapathy's desk in Coonoor in, who helped her hitch a ride with Shaggydog. From there, the pair (the bug and the book) travelled to Itanagar, and Ogin Nayam gifted her The Bag of Songs. Tanya Kotnala invited them next to Dehradun, and she accidentally opened The Bag of Songs, and turned it into a musical antennae. From there, Lungshai Leisan in Manipur dreamed up new friends for the pair of them. So the two set off to Ladakh to make more new friends, including Prabhakar Dabral. Tired and happy from all that singing, dancing and making new friends; Binita Beetle and the Sketchbook returned to Bangalore. First stop to Ruchi Shah who gave them a happy ending.

Then home at last, to the Pratham Books office. And now their story is in your hand and we know that Binita Beetle and the Travelling Sketchbook were read happily ever after.

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The Travelling Bug
(English)

Ow! Binita Beetle gets bitten by the travel bug and so what does she do? She packs her bags and has a grand adventure. As she travels to different lands, Binita sheds her old skin, becoming part of the new spaces and embracing new experiences, as she discovers the magic of music, travel, and friendship.

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.