

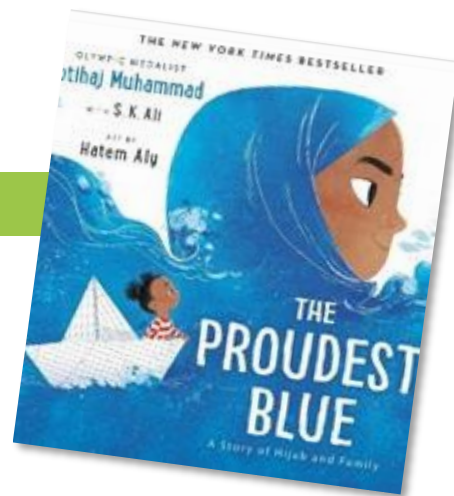
The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Being Yourself, Family

Book Brief: Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. It's the start of a brand-new year and, best of all, it's her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab--a hijab of beautiful blue fabric, like the ocean waving to the sky. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful, and Faizah will find new ways to be strong.

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Read the title. Ask students if they have ever seen a hijab, and explore so in conversation

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they see, think, or wonder about the story.

Vocabulary: [Vocabulary Guide](#)

Prior Knowledge: Ask students if they were ever teased for doing something they love. Ask them how that made them feel and discuss.

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about how Faizah and Asiya showed courage in tough situations."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What is Faizah, Asiya and their mother shopping for in the book?
- How does Asiya feel on her first day of wearing hijab?
- What upsets Faizah in her school line?
- What did the boy say he wanted to do to Asiya?
- What happened to Faizah and Asiya after school

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: How did Asiya react to the bullies at school? How can you show courage when people are mistreating you?

Extending Our Thinking: Think about ways you can show kindness and encourage others to be kind to others. Allow students to make positive affirmations or select positive quotes to make posters out of.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.