10 brilliant books

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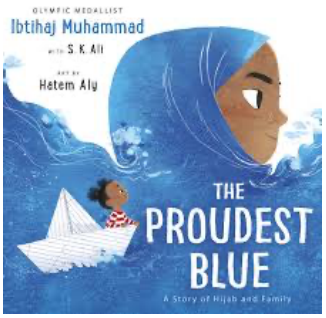
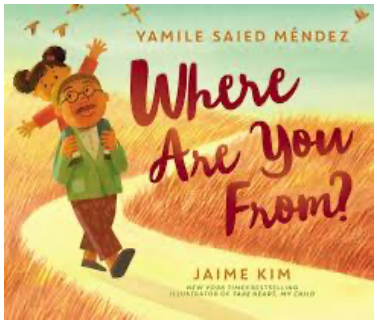




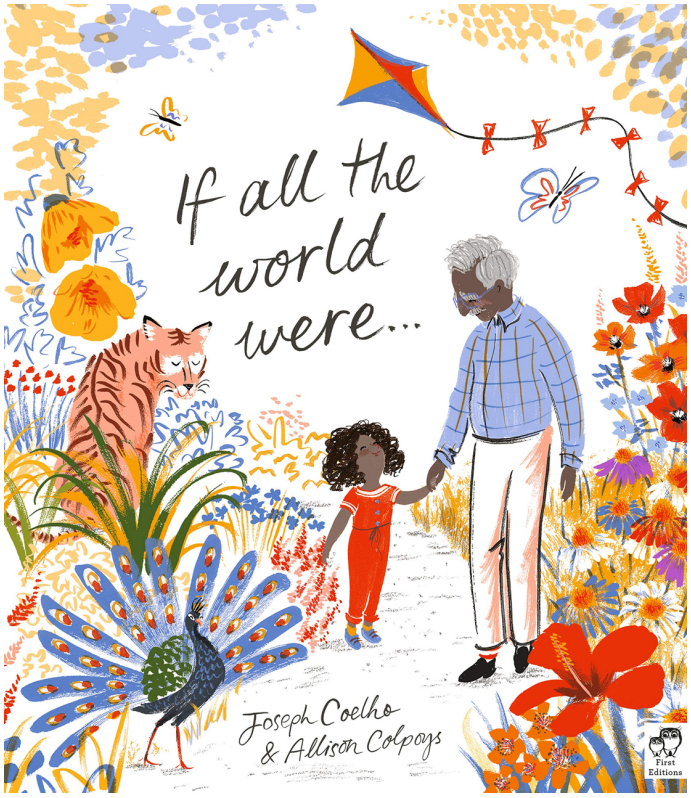
1. Be Kind

by Pat Zietlow Miller

From asking the new girl to play to standing up for someone being bullied, this moving and thoughtful story explores what a child can do to be kind.

2. If All the World Were

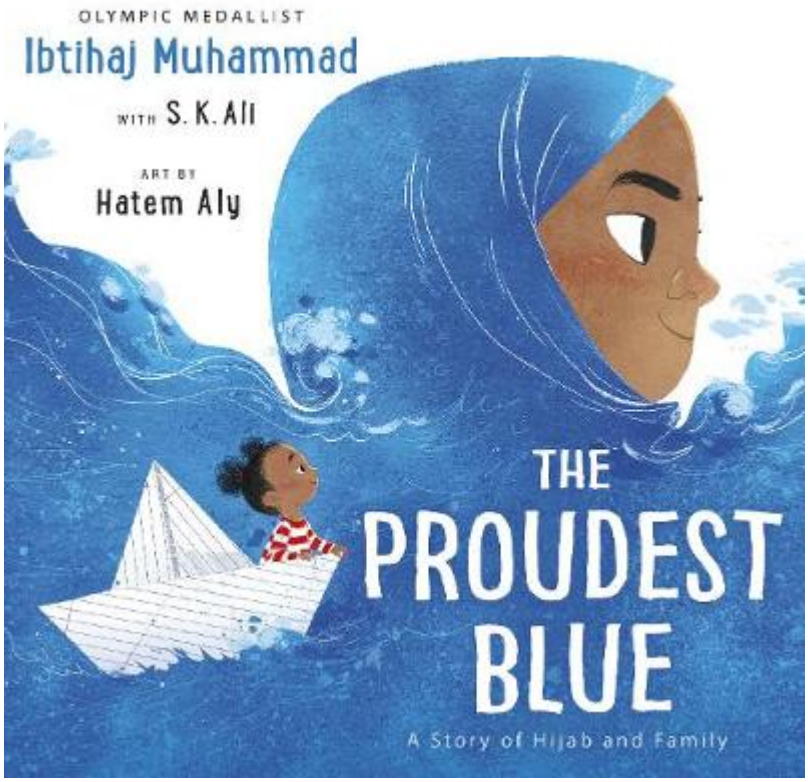
by Joseph Coelho



A moving, lyrical picture book about a young girl's love for her granddad and how she copes when he dies.

3. The Proudest Blue

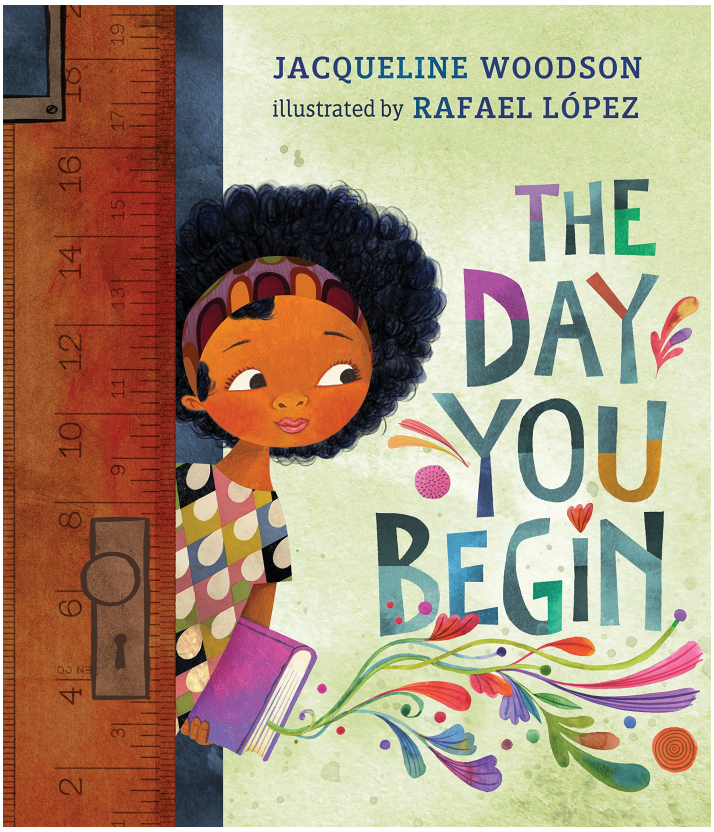
by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali



A ground-breaking picture book about religion, sisterhood and identity, The Proudest Blue features Faizah, who faces taunts and bullying when her older sister starts wearing hijab.

4. The Day You Begin

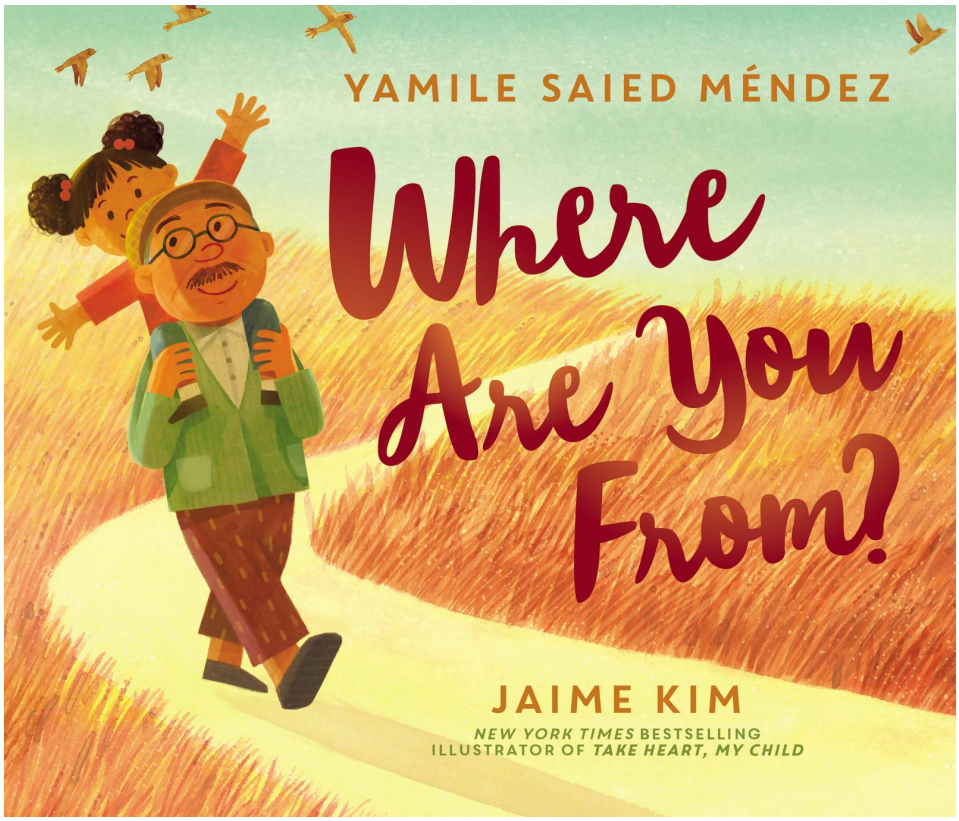
by Jacqueline Woodson



This book reminds us that we all feel like outsiders sometimes and how brave it is that we go forth anyway. And that sometimes, when we reach out and begin to share our stories, others will be happy to meet us halfway.

5. Where Are You From?

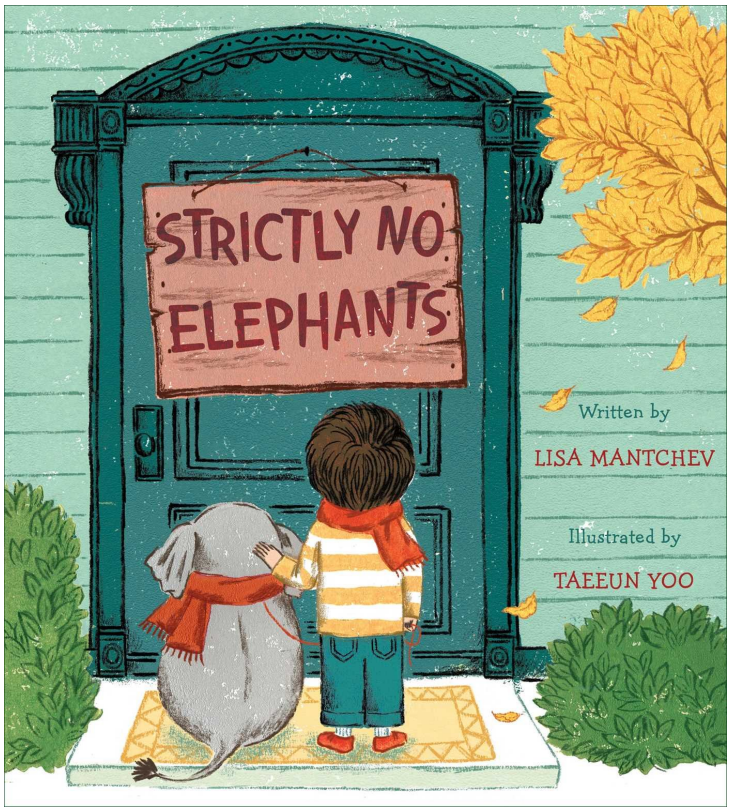
by Yamile Saied Méndez



With themes of self-acceptance, identity, and home, this powerful, lyrical picture book will resonate with readers young and old, from all backgrounds and of all colours—especially anyone who ever felt that they don't belong.

6. Strictly No Elephants

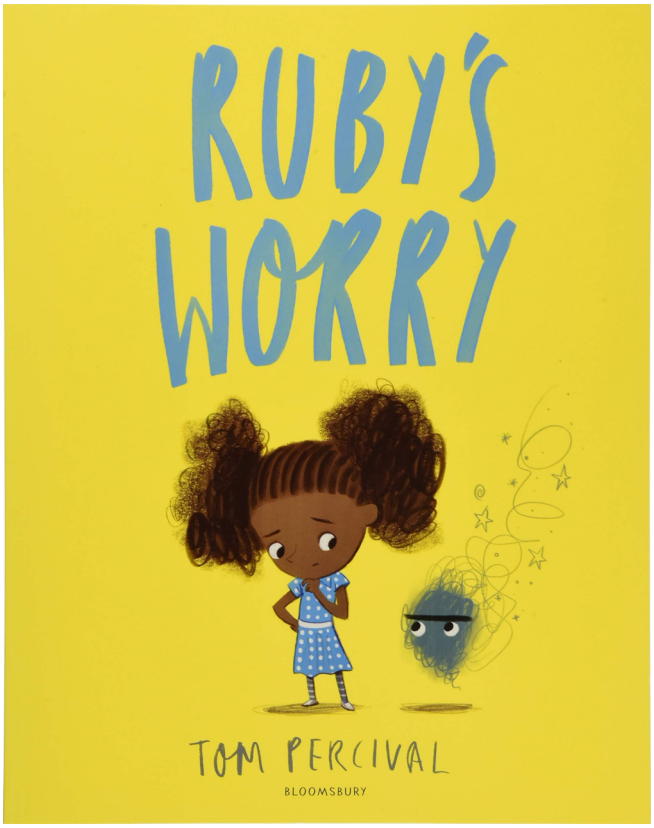
by Lisa Mantchev



Today is Pet Club day. There will be cats and dogs and fish, but strictly no elephants are allowed. The Pet Club doesn't understand that pets come in all shapes and sizes, just like friends. Now it is time for a boy and his tiny pet elephant to show them what it means to be a true friend.

7. Ruby's Worry

by Tom Percival



This is the perfect book for discussing childhood worries and anxieties, no matter how big or small they may be.

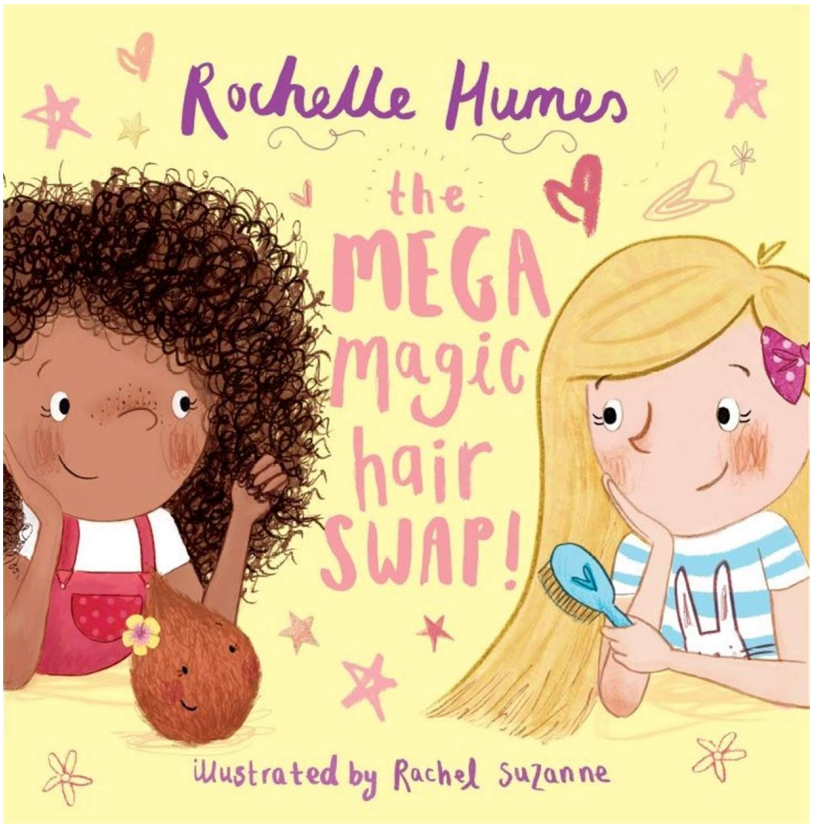
8. There's a Tiger in the Garden

by Lizzy Stewart

When Grandma says she's seen a tiger in the garden, Nora doesn't believe her. She's too old to play Grandma's silly games! Everyone knows that tigers live in jungles, not gardens. So even when Nora sees butterflies with wings as big as her arm, and plants that try and eat her toy giraffe, and a polar bear that likes fishing, she knows there's absolutely, DEFINITELY no way there could be a tiger in the garden . . . Could there?

9. The Mega Magic Hair Swap

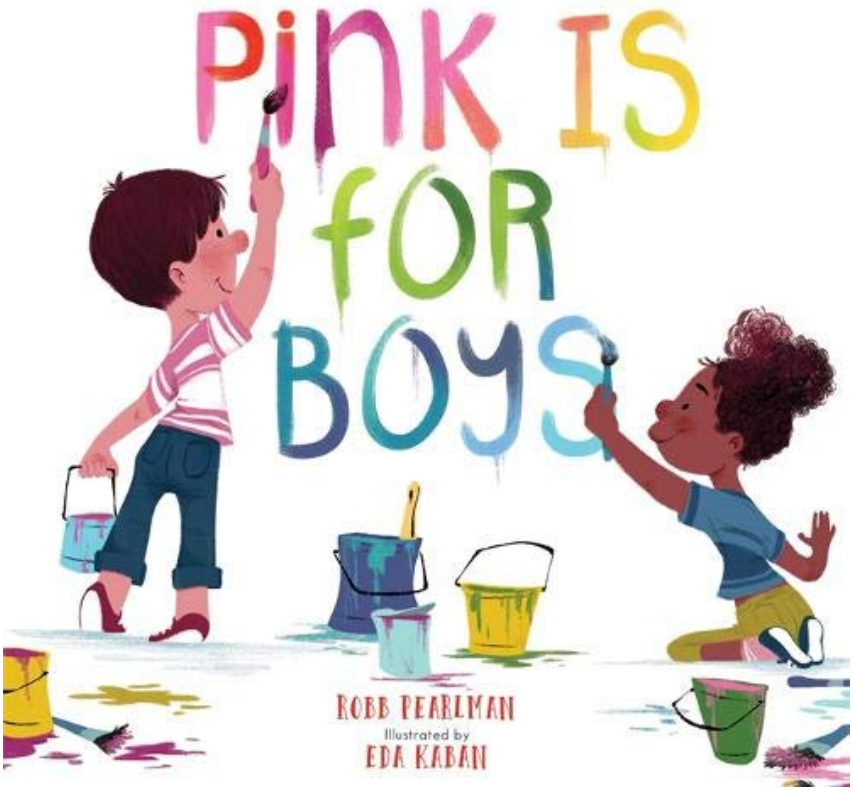
by Rochelle Humes



The Mega Magic Hair Swap is all about accepting, loving and celebrating curly hair.

10. Pink is for Boys

by Eda Kaban



An empowering and educational picture book that proves colours are for everyone, regardless of gender.