

When her mom gets a big promotion, Meskerem must leave her beloved home and grandma and start school in a new town near Tel Aviv. As if that's not bad enough, now she's the only person of color in the entire fifth grade! In this engaging and gripping story, Meskerem rises to the challenge as she comes face-to-face with the ignorance and prejudices of her new classmates.



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