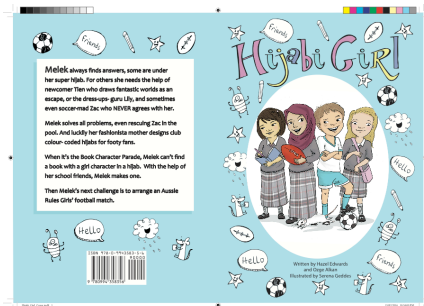


George Ivanoff's review of 'Hijabi Girl'

Good Reads 4 stars



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Fiction, especially children's fiction, can do extraordinary things. It can often achieve things that no amount of lecturing or shouting from rooftops can. It can be enlightening while also being entertaining. It can promote understanding while also telling a good story. And this is what Hijabi Girl does.

It's a good story about kids in a school. Like all kids they have their friendships and difficulties; they deal with teachers and teasing; they have their likes and dislikes. They are ordinary kids doing ordinary things. But one of them happens to be Vietnamese. And another is a Muslim girl who wears a hijab. The cultural differences among these kids are simply part of everyday life, along with all the other little differences between them. One character likes soccer, another likes drawing; one character is into princesses, another likes Aussie Rules footy; one character eats rice paper rolls, another eats only halal food; one character has a pet rat, the others don't; one character wears a hijab, the others don't.

In the end, difference is not only accepted, but celebrated. As it should be in real life. More kids books like this please!

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