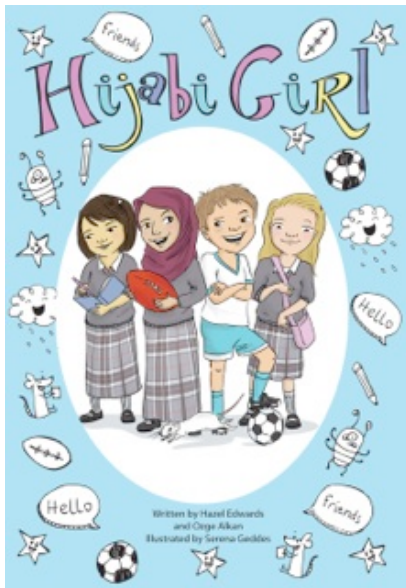


Kids'Book Review of 'Hijabi Girl'

Reviewed by Coral Vass.



Unable to find any book characters in a hijab for school Book Parades, children's librarian Ozge Alkan approached award winning author Hazel Edwards to write a story about one. And so, with collaboration, *Hijabi Girl* was birthed.

Hijabi Girl is a celebration of multicultural Australia. From diverse lunchbox snacks, to different cultural clothing, *Hijabi Girl* gives the reader a well-rounded view of what most Australian mainstream schools look like today.

Despite these differences, children are children wherever they are and whatever background they come from.

Hijabi Girl is a window into the world of four very different primary school children. There's new girl Tien from Vietnam, who loves to draw everything that happens at school, soccer-mad Zac who enjoys teasing the girls, dress-ups-guru Lily who likes princesses, and 8 year old Melek, the very talkative, feisty girl in a hijab.

Tackling issues such as respect for other cultures and making friends even when people are from different backgrounds, *Hijabi Girl* is a refreshing look at the diverse mix of cultures within most Australian school yards. Coupled with excellent [Teacher Resources](#) and a glossary in the back of the book, this is a fun chapter book recommended for independent readers.

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