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## **Amira's Totally Chocolate World**

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Amira imagines a world completely made of chocolate—chocolate flowers, chocolate rain, and chocolate waves in the ocean. She prays to Allah to grant her wish. On the morning of Eid ul-Fitr (the Festival of Fast-Breaking) she wakes up to find herself in a chocolate world! She spends all day sailing the chocolate ocean, scooping up cups of chocolate to drink. On her way back home, she realizes she misses the beautiful colors and smells of creation, and asks Allah to return the world to its original beauty. And then...she wakes up! This is a story that is just right for new readers, with steady text and just enough repetition. Make sure you have some chocolate on hand—the story and illustrations just might make readers hungry. For ages five to seven.

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