

Mina Belongs Here

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Mina is nervous about starting at a new kindergarten; she doesn't speak the same language as her classmates and teacher, and she is quiet at first. While she learns English, Mina and her classmates find connection in the universal languages of art, music, and kindness. At first, the watercolor and acrylic illustrations depict Mina's classroom in muted blue tones, contrasting with her vibrant home life and dreams; over time, color creeps into her world.

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