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Rifka Takes a Bow

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Rifka's mama and papa are actors in the Yiddish Theater. When they take her with them to work one day, she's allowed to explore backstage, where she watches the actresses put on their makeup and learns the tricks of props—but then she wanders onstage during an important production! The intriguing illustrations are works of art in themselves, the characters' wide-set eyes and the confetti-like colors curiously inviting. Each page offers new and fascinating peeks into the mystery of the theater. Ages five to nine.

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