

The No. 1 Car Spotter

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Oluwalase Babatunde Benson scales palm trees to collect nuts for oil in his small African village, alerting neighbors to approaching traffic so they can ready to sell their wares. His grandfather taught him the gift of identifying a distant car solely from its engine noise; a proud No. 1 Car Spotter and his cohort, Coca-Cola, share the hardships and humor of daily life in this wonderfully quirky, contemporary, and down-to-earth first in a series. The language is musical and the story will tickle your funny bone. Ages nine to twelve.

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