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AMINA'S SONG

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In the companion novel to the beloved and award-winning Amina's Voice, Amina once again uses her voice to bridge the places, people, and communities she loves—this time across continents.

It's the last few days of her vacation in Pakistan, and Amina has loved every minute of it. The food, the shops, the time she's spent with her family—all of it holds a special place in Amina's heart. Now that the school year is

starting again, she's sad to leave, but also excited to share the wonders of Pakistan with her friends back in Greendale.

After she's home, though, her friends don't seem overly interested in her trip. And when she decides to do a presentation on Pakistani hero Malala Yousafzai, her classmates focus on the worst parts of the story. How can Amina share the beauty of Pakistan when no one wants to listen?

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Khan excellently weaves together complex issues of feeling torn between two parts of one's identity, illness in the family, helping others, and finding out that growing up does not have to mean growing apart. Highly recommended for all collections

Booklist, STARRED REVIEW

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Readers will enjoy being along for the ride as Amina

sorts through mild middle school turbulence and finds satisfying ways to express and share her true self... A sweet sequel.
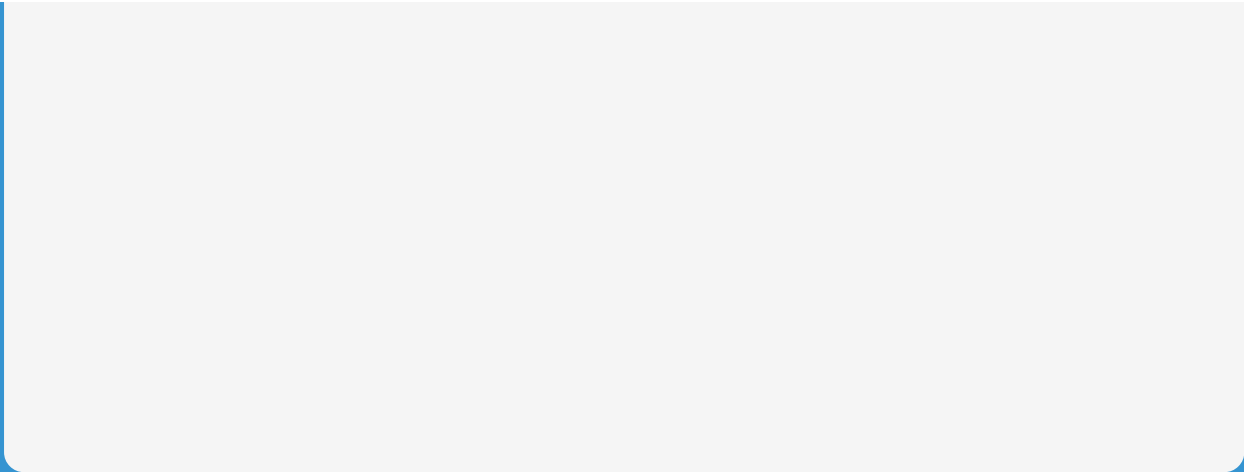
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