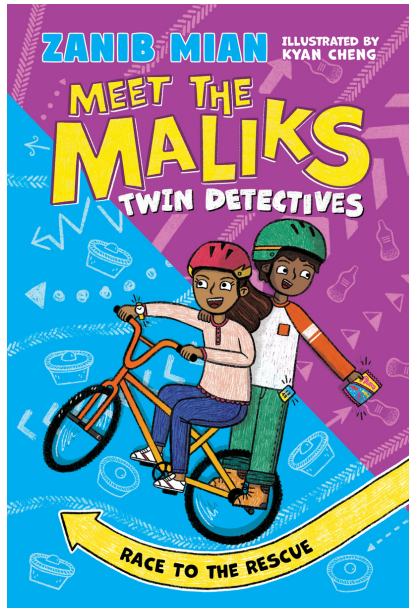


PRESS RELEASE

A BRAND NEW SERIES FROM THE AUTHOR OF PLANET OMAR



MEET THE MALIKS TWIN DETECTIVES

RACE TO THE RESCUE

ZANIB MIAN

1ST FEBRUARY 2024 | £6.99 | PAPERBACK

Meet Maysa and Musa Malik. They might be twins but they are total opposites. And together they make an unstoppable team, especially when trying to solve a mystery!

Maysa Malik has got herself into trouble yet again and this time she's forgotten to post her dad's passport application before his SUPER IMPORTANT work trip.

Then Imam Abdullah goes missing, and Maysa and her twin brother Musa have a new mystery to solve with the help of their neighbour, Norman, of course. But, as they search for clues around the neighbourhood, Maysa will have to find a way to save her dad's trip too!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Zanib Mian (Author)

Zanib Mian's books have featured on BBC's CBeebies Bedtime Stories and The Guardian for their contribution to diversity in children's literature. She was a World Book Day author in 2021, and her work has been translated into multiple languages. Zanib studied Molecular Cell Biology at University College London and went on to teach Science in secondary schools before she made the decision to give up the career to create change within children's publishing. She felt that diverse characters from all minorities and backgrounds weren't being fully represented in books for young children. She launched Sweet Apple Publishers with a clear commitment to publishing inclusive books, many of which she has authored herself.

Kyan Cheng (Illustrator)

Kyan Cheng is currently residing in Bristol with her husband and furbaby pup. One of her favourite things to do growing up was drawing characters from books and tv shows. She now has fun creating her own characters and continues to explore her favourite themes which include nature, food and all creatures great and small.



PUBLICITY CONTACTS: NAMISHKA KARIA
NAMISHKA.KARIA@HACHETTECHILDRENS.CO.UK

on his chin. 'Hey, guys!'

'Hi, Norman,' Musa said.

'What happened then?'

I asked, nodding a hello

at Norman with all the

possible answers flooding

into my mind. 'What if

he was **abducted by**

aliens? Or walked through

some kind of **magical door into a**

different world, or lost

his memory and walked

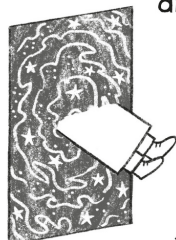
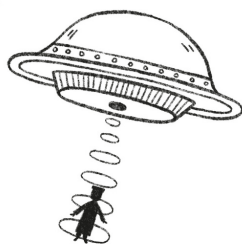
off?'

Musa **lifted one**

eyebrow and

screwed up his lips

to point out that I was getting



28



carried away

dreaming up the

impossible. 'It

might not be anything,

Maysa. We looked inside and he wasn't there.

His **bike** was gone so it's obvious he left just

like Mum said?' I know my twin so I could see

it was more of a question. Something he said

out loud but didn't believe.

'Yes ... but something doesn't add up,' I

insisted.

Norman had been listening

to our conversation and

finally asked excitedly,

'WAIT A MINUTE

... IS SOMEONE

MISSING?' He was



29

BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Title: Meet the Maliks – Twin Detectives: The Cookie Culprit

Author: Zanib Mian

Illustrator: Kyan Cheng

Release date: 1st February 2024

Format: Paperback

Imprint: Hodder Children's Books

Price: £6.99

NOTES TO EDITORS

About Hachette Children's Group

Hachette Children's Group is one of the largest children's publishers in the UK, with an excellent track record in creating bestselling and award-winning books for children. The Group aims to cater for every child, with baby and pre-school books, picture books, gift, fiction, non-fiction, series fiction, books for the school and library market and licensed publishing and comprises the imprints Hodder Children's Books, Orchard Books, Orion Children's Books, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Quercus Children's Books, Laurence King Children's Books, Pat-a-Cake, Welbeck Children's Books, Wren & Rook, Franklin Watts and Wayland Books.

The Group publishes a wide range of authors, illustrators, series and licences including: Alice Oseman, Cressida Cowell, Jim Field, Onjali Q. Raúf, Tim Peake, Rachel Bright, Dean Atta, Kiran Millwood Hargrave, Marion Deuchars, Nina Chakrabarti, Adiba Jaigirdar, Alex Wheatle, Alexandra Bracken, Rosie Jones, Benjamin Zephaniah, J.K. Rowling, Sinead Burke, Jacqueline Wilson, Juno Dawson, Leigh Bardugo, Annabel Karmel, Matthew Syed, Skye McKenna, David Almond, L. D. Lapinski, Lauren Child, Dermot O'Leary, Francesca Simon, Alex T. Smith, Zanib Mian, Giles Andreae, Guy Parker-Rees, Piers Torday, Robert Ingpen, Rainbow Magic, Beast Quest, Kes Gray, Gabby's Dollhouse and Jurassic World.

Hachette Children's Group is also the publisher of author Enid Blyton, and the owner of Enid Blyton Entertainment.

Follow us on socials @HachetteChildrens



@HachetteKids



to discover our fantastic selection of books for every child

Hachette Children's Group

Carmelite House, 50 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0DZ

Reception: 020 3122 7126 www.hachettechildrens.co.uk

@HachetteChildrens @HachetteKids Hachette Childrens