



MAMTA'S LOVELY MUSTACHE

Puja Suri

Mamta is so excited for her first day of grade three! But when her classmates start to whisper and laugh in the line for recess, Mamta wonders if she'll ever fit in. With some help from her Ma, Mamta learns to celebrate who she is in a confident and sparkling way. As Mamta encourages her classmates to shine bright and share their differences, she gains self-confidence and makes a new and unexpected friend.

About the Author



Puja Suri is a Canadian Certified Counselor and children's yoga instructor. She has a passion for inclusion and has spent many years advocating for people with disabilities. In 2016, she was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation by Vantage for her valuable contributions within her community. Puja is the founder of Seva Girl, a fundraising-based initiative that supports organizations that educate and empower women and children. Her love for self-acceptance is incorporated in *Mamta's Lovely Mustache*, which is based on her life, but with a fun twist.

About the Illustrator



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