

MO has gotten used to tuning out his father's fits of rage. He knows that the best way to respond is not to engage. Apparently, his mama knows that too—which is why she took an important job on the other side of the world, leaving Mo alone with him.

Without Mama, Mo and Abbu move to Texas to live with Mo's aunt and her son, Rayyan. The two boys could not be more different. Rayyan is achievement-driven and factual; Mo is a known bad kid, just doing his best to survive in an unfair world (with the help of the South Asian folktales he treasures).

Still, there is a lot to like about living in Texas. Sundays at the mosque are better than expected. And Rayyan doesn't dismiss Mo's fears, and he sees beyond his outer shell.

But even in a warm home and a school where he can start to see a future, Mo knows that the monster his father has within him can break out at any moment. . . .

Beloved middle grade author Saadia Faruqi has crafted a poignant exploration of the impact of mental illness on families—and the love and hope that it takes to begin telling a different tale.

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