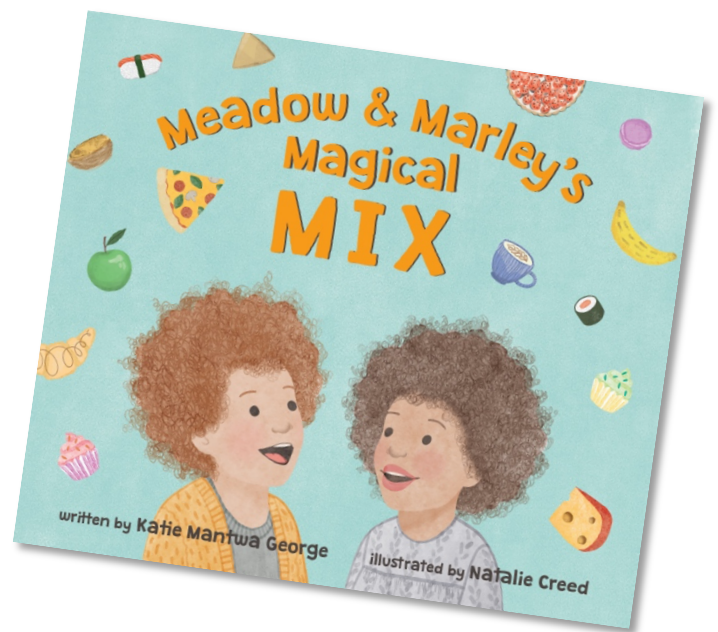


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### SYNOPSIS

Meadow and Marley set out on a mission to understand their heritage! When this duo go on an action-packed trip to the market, they discover there is so much to learn from delicious food and curious passers-by.

An inspirational adventure to enable little ones – and their parents – to cultivate pride in their unique mixed heritage backgrounds!

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Katie cultivates inclusivity in all spaces she is in, from her corporate advisory work to her talks, her stationery designs and now her writing. Katie prides herself in ensuring everyone around her feels included and instills a strong sense of belonging in all that she creates. With a career in the Entry Level Talent and Inclusive Hiring Space spanning 15 years and a long list of accolades and published articles, Katie has a deep knowledge of diversity, inclusion and equity in the workplace and many personal experiences of what it feels like to go through life as a woman of British and South African heritage.

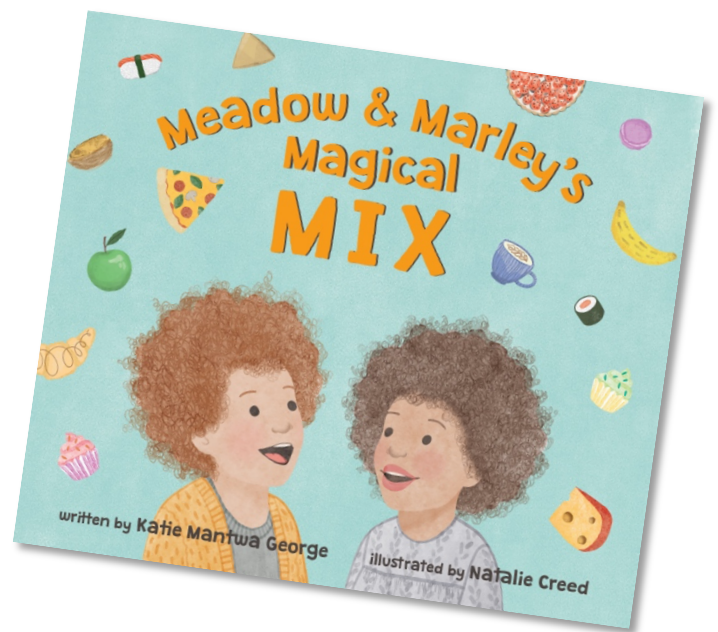
### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Natalie is a South African artist with a degree in fashion design and many years' experience as a graphic designer. After a recent four-year stint of travelling the world as an air hostess, she has returned to her passion – illustrations. Natalie now enjoys working as an illustrator full time and is inspired by the beauty of people, animals and her incredible experiences during her travels. Natalie illustrates for various industries, including fashion and home textiles, and has recently completed her first children's book.



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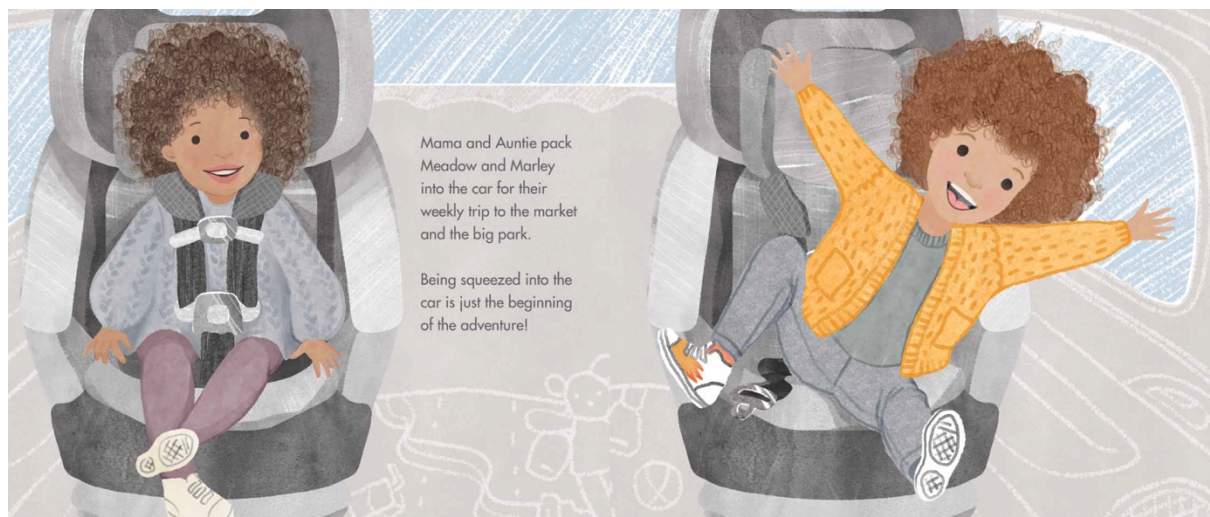
### EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

*Meadow & Marley's Magical Mix* is a personal story, and the author wants to empower and build pride in children from a mixed background. This book is perfect for children and their parents who will all benefit from being equipped to face regular curiosity about where they are 'from'. Food is cleverly used in the story to help children recognise the beauty of understanding and belonging to multiple parts of the world.

### DISCUSSION TOPICS

Read the book together, asking questions throughout.

1. Look at the cover of the book together. What do you think the story might be about?
2. Whether teacher or parent, discuss the concept of mixed backgrounds with the children/child.
3. How many people do they know of mixed backgrounds? Talk about the different cultures and countries. Do they know about their backgrounds?
4. What were Meadow and Marley trying to find out?
5. Have they ever been to a market before? In what country? What did they buy? What different foods have they eaten?
6. What did Meadow and Marley find out in the end?
7. What did the children think of the book? If they liked it, why did they like it? What was their favourite part?



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# WORDSEARCH ACTIVITY

Find all the words in the *Meadow & Marley's Magical Mix* wordsearch.



## MEADOW & MARLEY'S MAGICAL MIX

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WORDSEARCH SOLUTION

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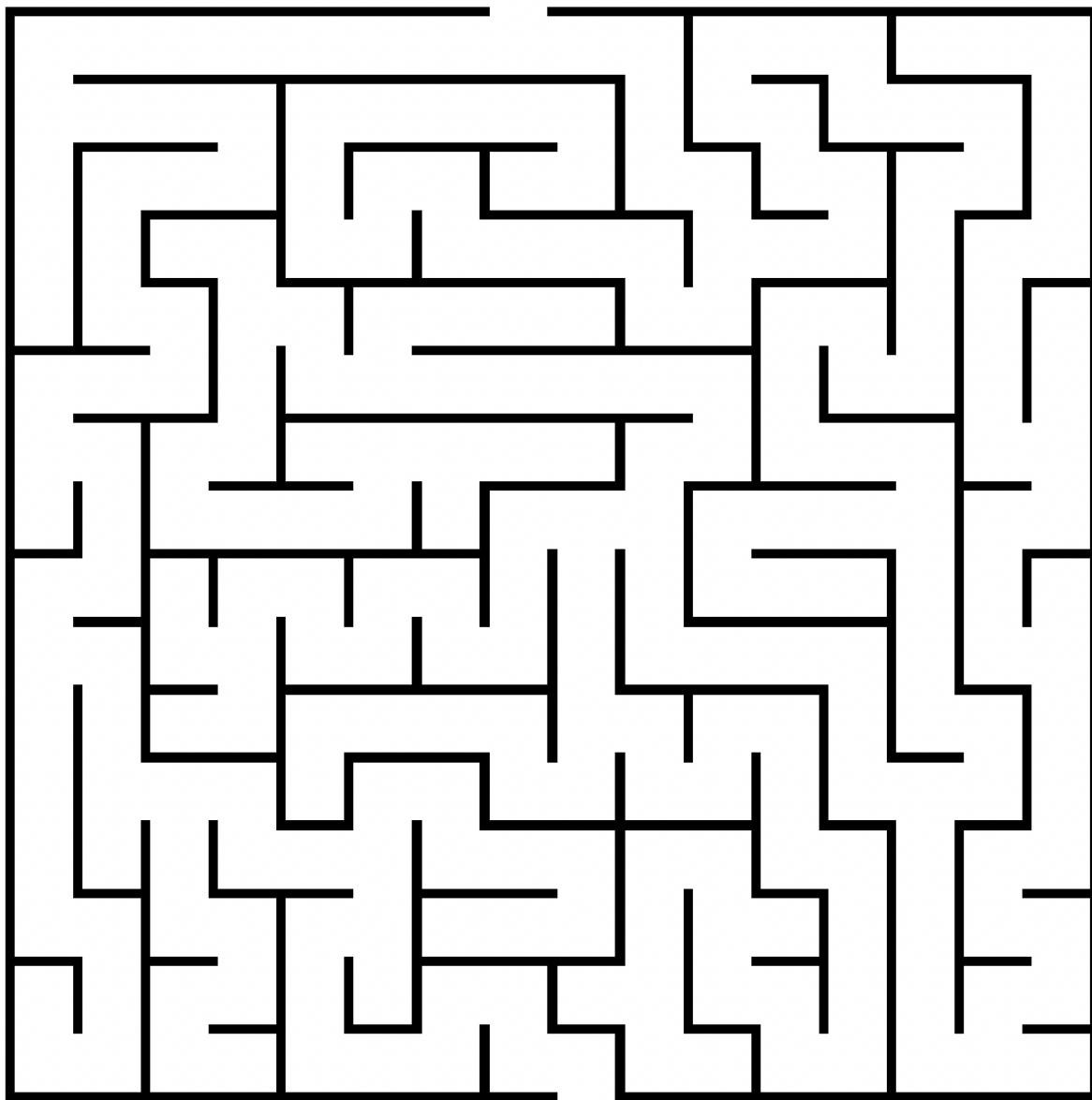
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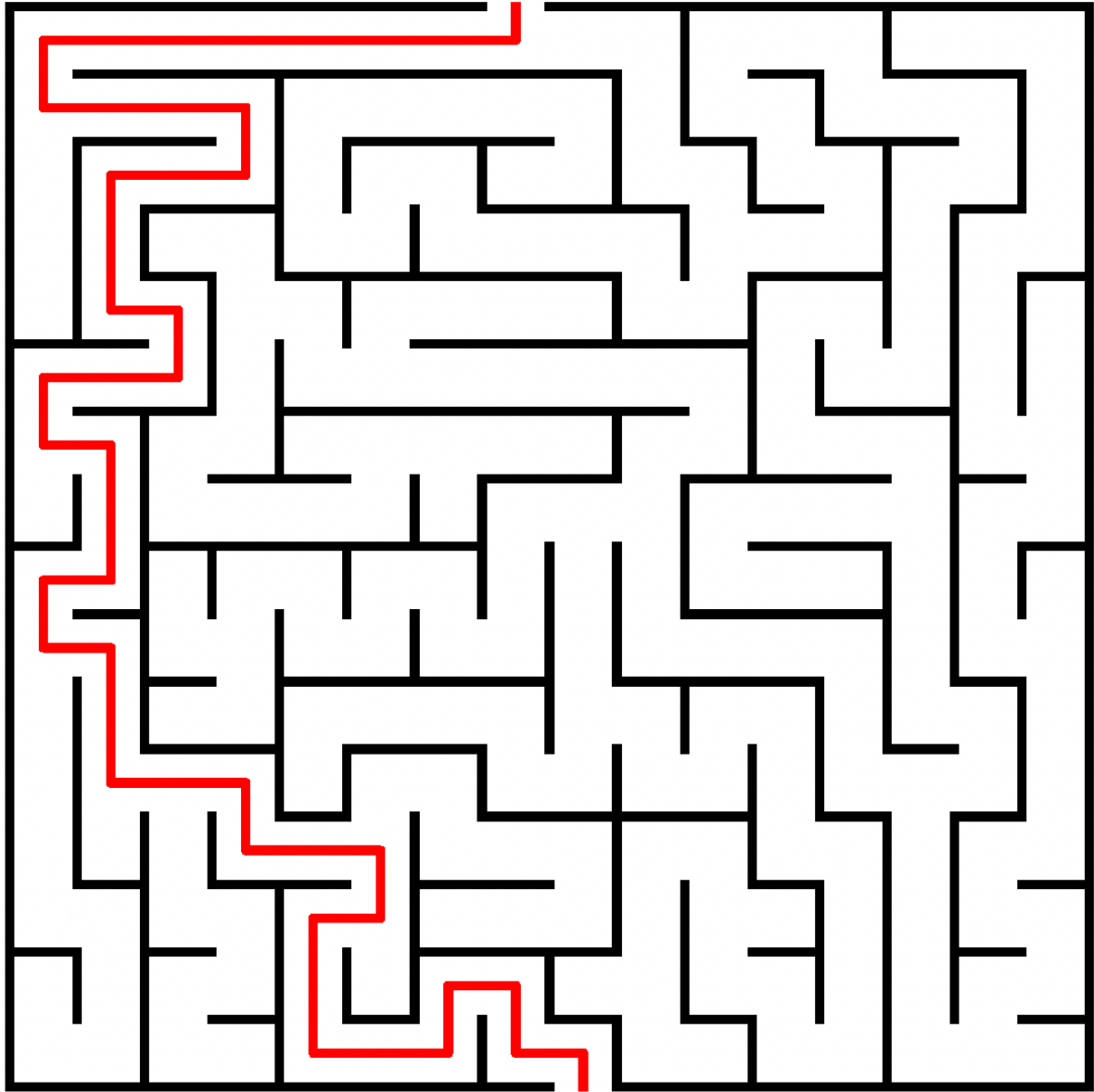
# A-MAZE-ING MEADOW AND MARLEY

Help Meadow and Marley find the market.



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# A-MAZE-ING MEADOW AND MARLEY SOLUTION



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## DRAWING ACTIVITY

Draw a picture of Meadow and Marley in the market.

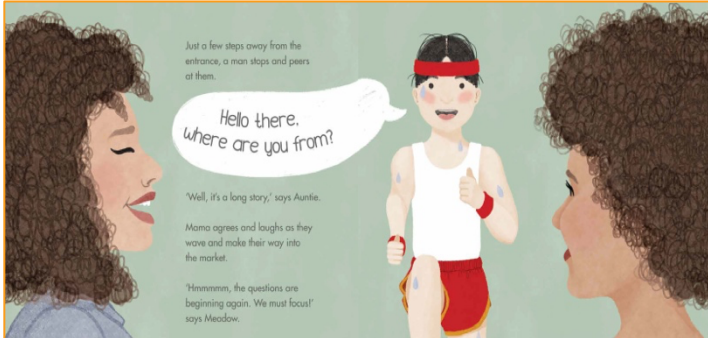
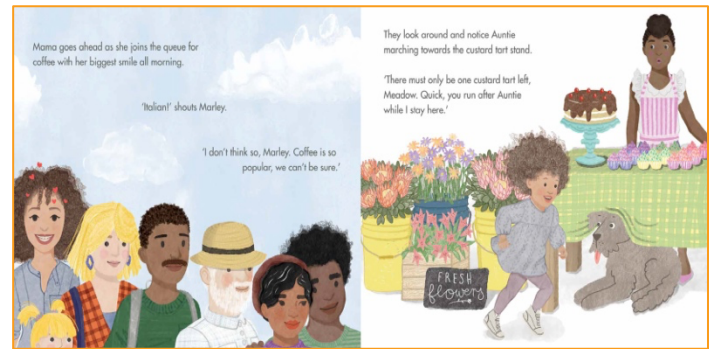
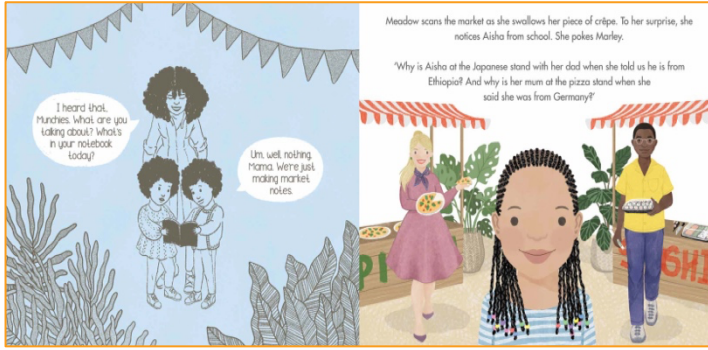


A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for drawing a picture of Meadow and Marley in the market.



# MEMORY GAME

How well do you remember what happened in the story? Below are six pictures from the story but they are jumbled up. Carefully cut them out and arrange them in the correct order. Try to retell the story in your own words. Maybe you can tell it to your favourite bedtime cuddly toy!



Ask an adult to help you cut out these images!

