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My Color

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A young mixed-race boy's quest for an identity that will make strength out of his differences.

His mother is white and his father black, but Fathi doesn't know what color he's supposed to be. His father says he's black, his mother says he's white, other people call him coffee-with-cream or chocolate, and some kids from his school even say he's the color of poop. Whom to heed, whom to believe - especially now that his parents are divorced? He will find the answer only in himself: a unique color uniting all the other colors people have saddled him with, in a rainbow in his heart. Only then will Fathi come to discover himself and find freedom.

A first-person novel about the pain a boy feels over how other people look at him, brought to life in sensitive ink illustrations.

Rights Sold: Simplified Chinese

Adaptations: Adapted for a live theatrical reading by Bordeaux-based company SI

Awards: Selected for the National Ministry of Education's Common Reads, 6th grade