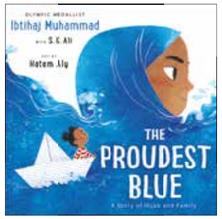
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– I.M.

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– S.K.A.

For my mom, Samia, and my aunt, Mama Samira, two sisters who hold a special place in my heart.
– H.A.

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MAMA HOLDS UP THE DRESS.

My sister Asiya's dress.
Before that, Mama's dress.
Now it's mine.



I hug it close.

I've been waiting so long to wear it.

Asiya does my hair.
Just like Mama taught her.

She says, “Almost done, Faizah.”
Just like Mama.





I get to slide the sparkliest
scarf pin into Asiya’s hijab
to hug it tight.

Mama takes our Picture Day
picture before waving goodbye.
“My kind, beautiful girls.
Remember, you are strong
and smart. You can
do and be anything!”



At school, my friend Sophie twirls in a dress with big red roses.
And the biggest red sash.

I twirl to show her we match.
We march into class together.

