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Chapter 1
The Best Day of My Life

It's always horrible when you start at a new school.

It's even worse when you have to start in Spring. By Spring, everyone has made all their new mates. Then up pops a new boy, and no one wants to know.

Today I was that new boy. Ben the new boy, on his first day in school.

I had to wait outside the Head's office first thing. He wanted to have a few words with me. Yawn!

I was feeling funny as I sat there. For the first time ever I was wearing contact lenses, not glasses. And I'd had my hair cut short. I was glad no one was looking at me.

And then someone was.

It was a girl.

A stunning girl, looking right at me.



Then the girl walked over to me. I hoped my face wasn't bright red. At least she couldn't hear my heart thumping away.

"Hi," she said. "You're new, aren't you?"

"Yeah," I mumbled. "I'm Ben."

The girl gave a funny little gasp. "Does your other name begin with an 'M'?" she asked.

'What an odd question,' I thought. But I was happy to answer any silly question this dream girl asked. And she was right. My second name did begin with an 'M'.

"How did you know that?" I asked.

She just giggled.

Then the Head came out of his office.

"Why aren't you in class?" he snapped at the girl.

"I'm just going, Sir," she said.

She smiled back at me as she turned to walk away. "I'm Jasmine," she whispered. "See you, Awesome!"

Wow. I take back anything I said about being the new boy. Today was the best day of my life. The most beautiful girl I'd ever seen had just called me 'awesome'.

I should have dumped my glasses years ago.

Without them it seems I'm a total girl magnet!