



The BOOK Mama Reads

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Bismillah



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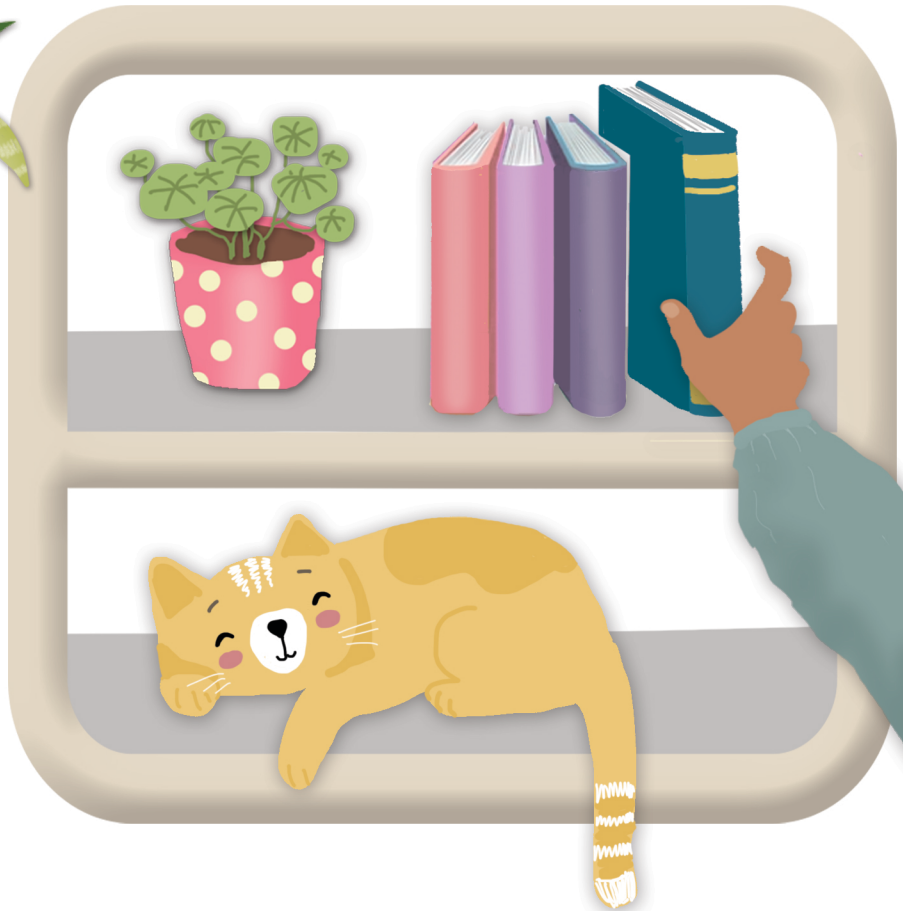
Dedicated to my mother, Sanober Yacoob. – SY
Dedicated to my parents, Salma Shaikh and Abdul Wahed Momin. – AM

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There is a book my Mama reads.



She smiles when she reads it,
and sometimes she cries.

The words move slowly
as her soft voice
reaches my waiting ears.




It makes me wonder
what the book says to her.



I look at its cover.
It's gold and blue.

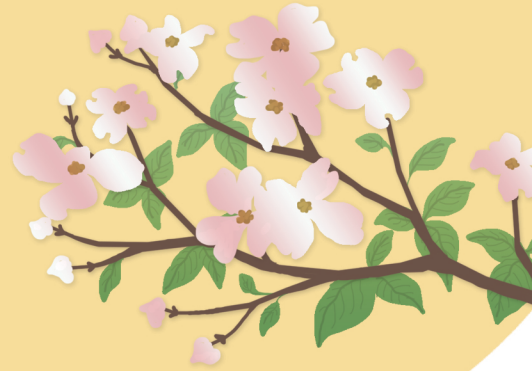
The pages inside
are silky and smooth.





I point to *baa*.

My mother says
it's the beginning of *Bismillah*
and the book is the word of Allah.

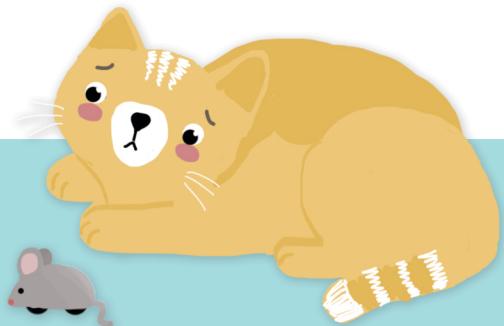


When we are happy,
it feels like the warm sun,
reminding us to thank Allah.



When we are sad,
it's like a cool breeze,

reminding us that Allah loves us,
and we need to be patient.



When we feel weak,
its words wrap themselves around us,



reminding us that Allah is all Powerful
and He is our Helper.

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When we are sick,
it holds us close,
and Allah heals us through it.



When we think of
doing something bad,

it gives us a serious stare,
reminding us to do what's right.





But the most amazing thing about it
is that it's always there for us.

The book my mother reads
is called the Quran.



It is the word of Allah sent to you and me
and I will read it too in shā'Allah.

Do you want to read it too?



Suggested Activities

- 1) The teacher or parent should have the children listen to a recitation of the Qur'an. After they listen, ask them how it made them feel.
- 2) Ask them to draw a picture of how it made them feel.
- 3) Make a thank you card for Allah. For younger children, they can put stickers of things they are grateful for or draw pictures of them. Older children can write out the blessings they are grateful for.
- 4) Color or fill in outlines of the letter baa or the word bismillah (they are included at the end of this book).



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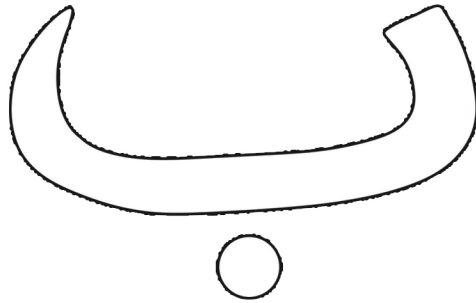


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Color the letter "baa"



Color the word "Bismillah"

