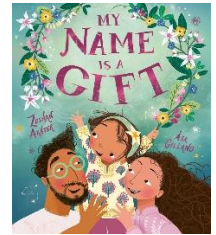




Our Best Picture Book 2025 Reading the Shortlisted Books at Home

My Name is a Gift by Zeshan Akhter



The Our Best Picture Book shortlisted books are for you and your child to read and enjoy together. So, find a comfortable and quiet place to read the book either to your child, or with them. 😊

The main thing is that you have fun! You can discuss the pictures, enjoy the story and think about what you both want to find out about weather! Use some of the prompts, questions and activities below to make the most of having this exciting new book at home to share together! Please remember to return the book to school so that other families can also enjoy reading this book together.

Before you start reading the book together...

- Read the title and author.
- Talk about the cover, e.g. What can you see? What do you think this book might be about?

During reading...

- Talk about any new words or interesting words.
- What do you think Sitara is thinking and feeling?

After reading...

- How did reading this story make you feel?
- How would you feel if someone says your name wrong?

Some questions you can ask your child about this book...

- Sitara does different things with different people in her family. What do you like doing with your special people?
- Sitara makes a new friend in the story. Let's talk about who your friends are and what you like to do together.

Praise your child...

- *That is so lovely to hear!*
- *I like how you...*

Follow up activities to try at home...

- Can you think of things you like that start with each letter in your name? You could make a list or draw a picture of these things.
- Talk about your favourite names. The name Sitara means 'shine like a star' in the story. Do you know any other names that have a meaning?

Here is a link to the author reading this book for you to listen to and watch together:

