

Rubiah from Semarang 
Book 2

What a Scare!



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May this book be a conversation-starter for families and their helpers,
in this city we call home. —Atiqah Halim

For every Singaporean who can relate to growing up with a domestic helper.
Let's show our appreciation! —Zafirah Idris

To all domestic workers from Indonesia. Thank you for your hard work
and sacrifices. —Carolynn Yoe

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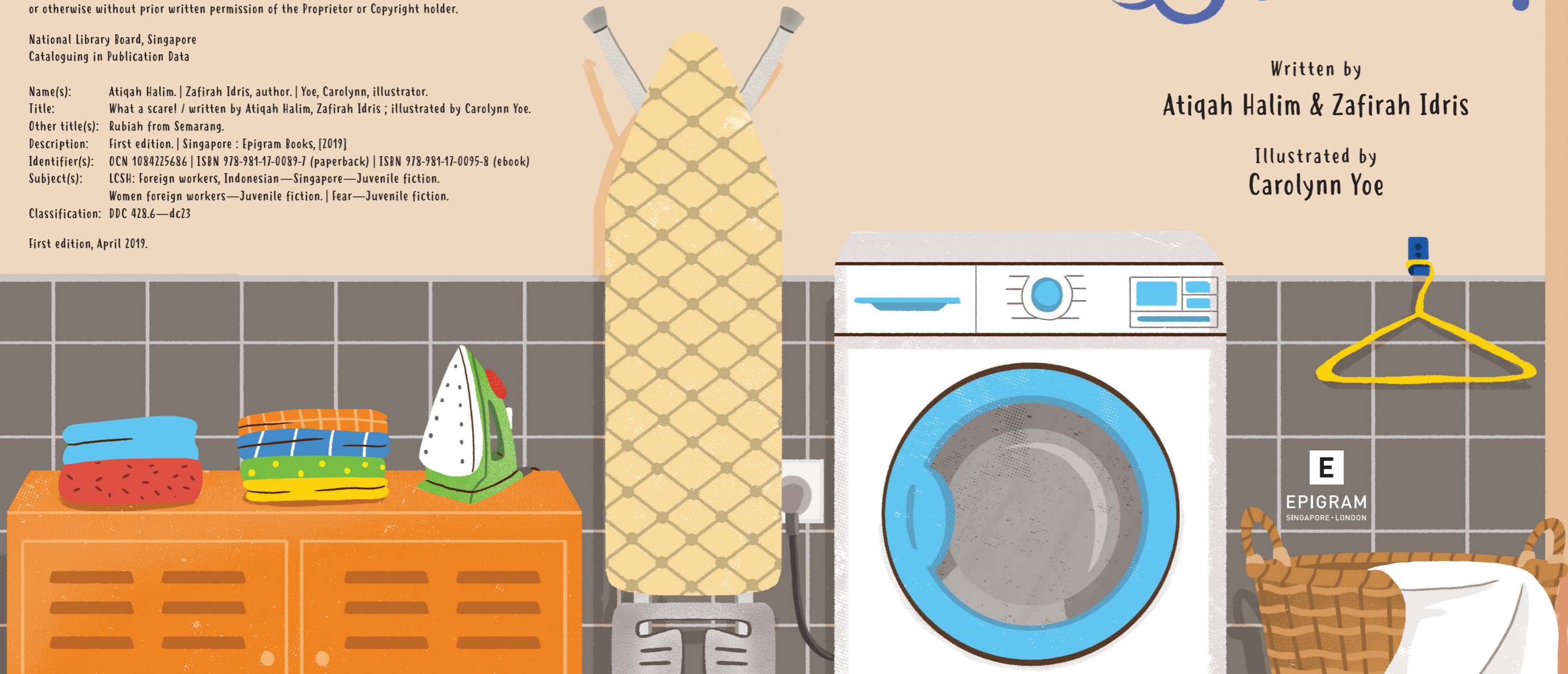
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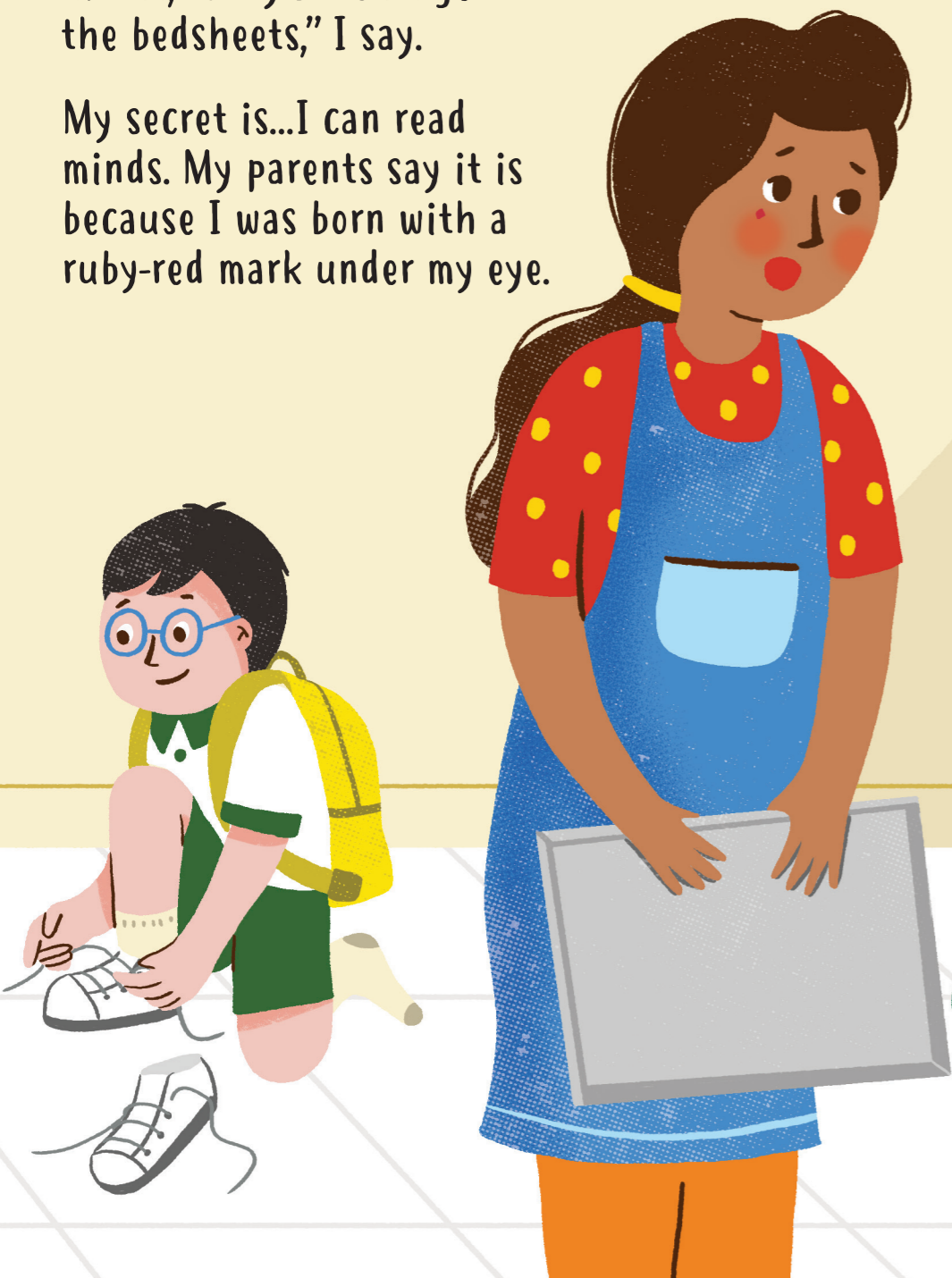
Hmm, it's time to change the bedsheets...

Hello, I'm Rubiah from a village near Semarang in Indonesia. I'm a domestic worker in Singapore. I like my family very much, but they still don't know my secret.



“Ma’am, today I’ll change the bedsheets,” I say.

My secret is...I can read minds. My parents say it is because I was born with a ruby-red mark under my eye.



*How did she know?
I didn't even have to ask!*



Today, Jeremy is at school,
Ma'am and Sir are at work,
and Ah Ma is out with her friends.



I change the bedsheets
and gather the laundry.

I wash the laundry,
then hang it outside.



I also fold and
iron the clothes.
It is the holy month
of Ramadan, but I still
have lots of work to do.



Suddenly, I hear a loud noise.



I hope it's not a ghost.



The very special Rubiah and Jeremy learn
to face their fears...together.

In this second book, they hear
a strange **BUMP, BUMP, BUMP** coming
from an empty room. Is it a ghost?
Luckily, Rubiah's ability to read minds
helps them discover the truth.



Don't miss the first book!
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