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BOOT IT!

WRITTEN BY: A. M. Dassu

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ABOUT THE BOOK:

Sami and Ali dream of playing for the school football team. They practise in the park every day and work hard on their skills.

But acing the trials is the last of the boys' worries when they're made to feel they don't belong on the team because of the colour of their skin. Ali just wants to tackle the ball on the pitch. Now he's being forced to tackle the racism in his team too. But how can he, when he's told it's 'just banter'?

From the award-winning author of *Boy, Everywhere*, a powerful story of friendship and booting out racism.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

A. M. DASSU is the internationally acclaimed author of *Fight Back* and *Boy, Everywhere*, which has been listed for 25 awards, including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Carnegie Medal, is the 2021 winner of The Little Rebels Award for Radical Fiction and is also an American Library Association Notable Book.

She is a director at Inclusive Minds, which is an organisation for people who are passionate about inclusion, diversity, equality and accessibility in children's literature, and one of The National Literacy Trust's Connecting Stories campaign authors, aiming to help inspire a love of reading and writing in children and young people.

A. M. Dassu grew up in the Midlands dreaming of becoming a writer but studied economics instead and worked in marketing, Adult Basic Education and project management before realising her dream. She writes books that challenge stereotypes, humanise the "other" and are full of empathy, hope and heart.



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BOOK CHAT:

Sami and Ali are “made to feel they don’t belong on the team because of the colour of their skin”. How does that make you feel? What could be done to support Sami and Ali in this situation?

A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

Friendship is... A game for 2 or more players. First player starts a sentence by saying ‘Friendship is...’ and adds on a word to describe what friendship means to them. The second player then repeats the sentence but adds a new word, so we are creating a list. Keep taking turns, extending the list of what friendship means to you.

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SENSORY ACTIVITY:

WAVE OUR FLAG:

Make your own football flag. Using inspiration from existing club designs, design and draw your own flag on paper. What could you add which would help to represent you? Think about your favourite colours, activities and hobbies, and places you love – remember to include your own club motto!

Bring the flags outside and take turns taking penalties while waving your flags to support your friends.


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