

## **More to the Story**

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Jameela's father leaves Georgia for Abu Dhabi in desperate need of a well-paying job. Jameela, a 7th grader who aspires to become a journalist, feels abandoned, as she thinks her father understands her the best. Jameela, her mom, and three sisters, try to keep the family as functional as possible, but disaster hits. Jameela's sister, Bisma is diagnosed with lymphoma, a type of cancer, and she is confused. Throughout her journey of trying to help her family's situation, she makes friends. Gradually, she finds a way to fix her unsettled family, in her own, special way.

More to the Story is a relatable story for all tweens. It sheds light on the importance of family and friendship, in a light, cherishable manner. The main character is a Pakistani-American, and introduces readers to a new culture. Jameela's persistence, to build her path to becoming a journalist is inspiring. I believe after reading this book, all tweens can believe in themselves, and pursue their passion. As I read this book, I couldn't help but take in the articulate writing, and I found myself deep in the plot. I would recommend this book to 10 year olds and above, as there are some concepts that younger kids may not fully be able to grasp. More to the Story is the perfect fit for readers looking for a feel-good book.

### **Recommended Titles :**

Amina's Voice by Hena Khan

Roll With It by Jamie Sumner

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett