ABOUT THE BOOK
Alma lives happily in her hairy world, where she can braid the trees, comb the grass, pet the roof and feed her plumpooshkie butterfly. Until one day... a hairless, button-nosed beast appears in the garden! At first Alma is scared, but when she realizes the beast is lost and misses her hairless home, Alma offers to help her find her way back. As the two take a fantastical journey through the Redheaded Woods and the Bearded-Mushroom Glen to the beast's bald abode, they discover that they are much more alike than different.

This quirky and charming story about friendship, empathy and perspective invites readers into a surreal, fantastical world that evokes Alice in Wonderland, Where the Wild Things Are and The Lorax.

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Oh no, something is missing on Alma’s plumpooshkie butterfly!

Draw the plumpooshkie’s wings and hair using your favorite colors.
Circle TRUE or FALSE after each statement.

Alma ate two butter breakfast tulips.
TRUE / FALSE

Alma braided the trees.
TRUE / FALSE

Alma cut the grass.
TRUE / FALSE

Alma combed the roof.
TRUE / FALSE

Alma drank the water from the fountain.
TRUE / FALSE
Alma meets a beast who is terribly, tremendously, STUPENDOUSLY lost.

Help Mala find her way home.
Color in the magical world of Alma and draw the wings for her plumpooshkie butterfly!
Draw your own magical world for Alma and Mala to play in!