



A Star Shines Through

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Inspired by the author's experience emigrating from Russia with her family after the outbreak of the war on Ukraine, this thoughtful picture book speaks to children during uncertain times. A girl relocates to a sparse apartment in an unfamiliar country with her mother; she muses on a star-shaped lamp that used to sit in their window, guiding her home. After her mother fashions a new lamp, the girl finds things feel a little less different—even if they can never be the same.

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