

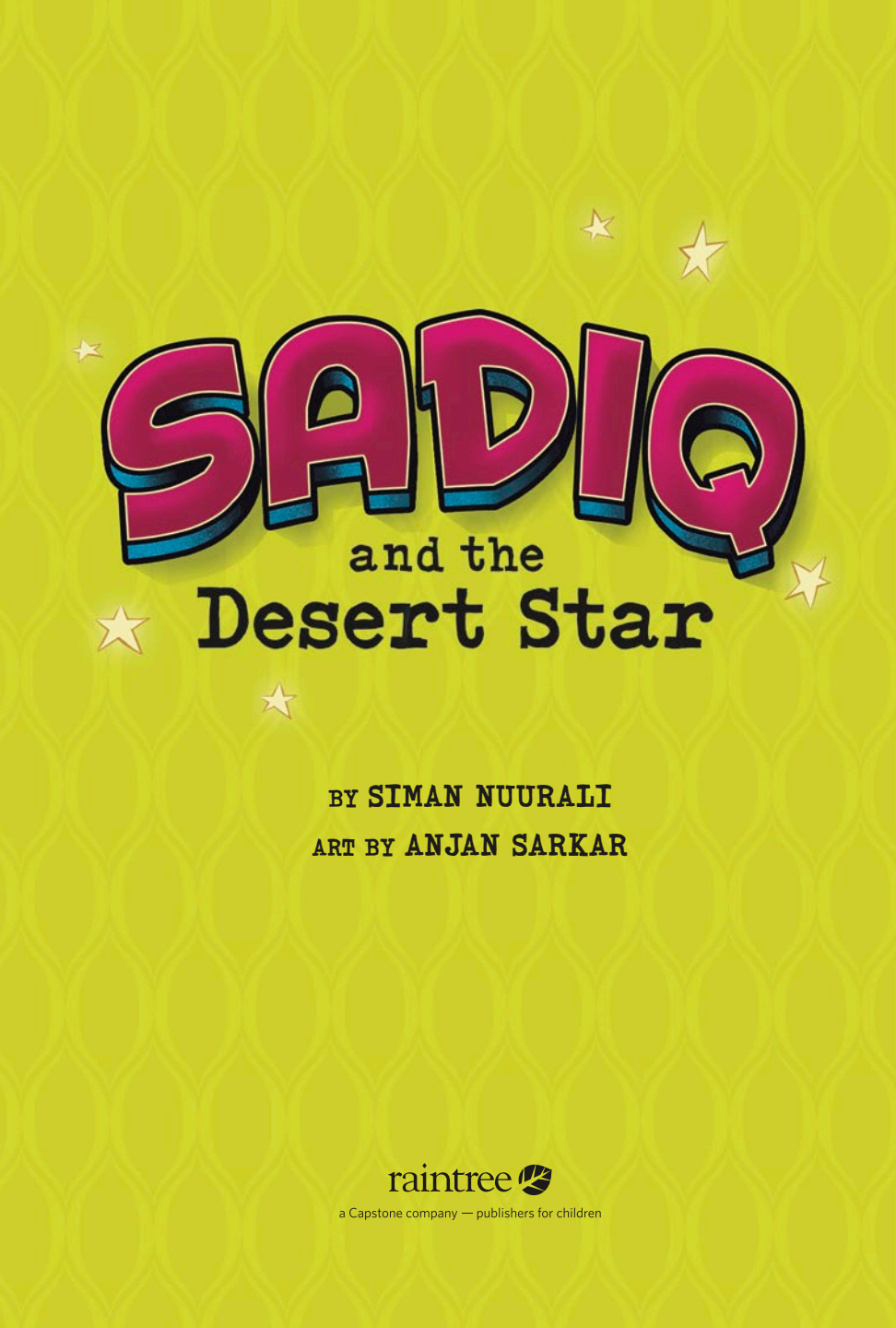
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For my baba, who was and always remains my desert star. — S. N.

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HI, I'M SADIQ!
MY PARENTS ARE FROM
SOMALIA, IN AFRICA.
SOMETIMES WE SPEAK
SOMALI AT HOME.

I'D LIKE YOU TO
MEET MY FAMILY
AND LEARN SOME
INTERESTING FACTS
AND LANGUAGE FROM
OUR CULTURE.



FACTS ABOUT SOMALIA

- Most Somali people belong to one of four major groups: the Darod, Isaaq, Hawiye and Dir.
- Many Somalis in Africa are nomadic. That means they travel from place to place. They search for water, food and land for their animals.
- Somalia is mostly desert. It doesn't rain often there.
- The camel is an important animal to Somali people. Camels can survive a long time without food or water.
- Around ninety-nine per cent of all Somalis are Muslim.

SOMALI LANGUAGE

awoowe (ah-WOH-weh) grandfather

baba (BAH-baah) common word for father

haa (HA) yes

hooyo (HOY-yoh) mother

salaam (sa-LAHM) short form of Arabic greeting, used by many Muslims. It also means "peace".

sambuus (sahm-BOOS) fried pastries that are filled with spicy ground beef, chicken, fish or vegetables

wiilkeyga (wil-KAY-gaah) my son

