

Story Makers Press



Once upon a time, in a very ordinary town, on the edge of an ordinary forest, something extraordinary happened...

Zalfa Emir was worried! She'd spent the last two years attending a school for magic (yes, magic!), but after all this time she still wasn't sure she had any actual powers. Then her parents go missing and she starts having weird dreams about her home town. She knows she must return to boring old Manford to find her parents; and she knows she'd better find some power along the way.

Zalfa Emir is a Warrior! (Powerful, Responsible and Definitely Not Little) out defeating evil on the 3rd of July!

Join us for our virtual launch and explore her story with your students:

- ◆ Learn more about our worldbuilding process and how we worked with Girlington Primary to imagine Zalfa's story.
- ◆ Hear from our writer, illustrator and designer about how they shaped Zalfa, giving children an insight into the book making process.
- ◆ Hear from the Year 5 girls who created Zalfa and what the project meant to them.
'It's not about characters that look like me, it's about characters that are like me!'
- ◆ Explore a series of enquiry questions with children to help them find their inner warrior and inspire them to create their own stories, which they can then choose to share on our platform.
- ◆ Experience one of our worldbuilding activities and encourage children to enter Zalfa's world.

Our video interviews have been pre-recorded, but we will be monitoring the platform live and responding to any creative submissions from children. If you'd like to register for this unique virtual book launch or find out more information email us at storymakers@leedsbeckett.ac.uk with the subject line Zalfa Emir.