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Abdi accidentally gets on the wrong
minibus, and ends up at
Astro Academy, a school for aliens!
Can he avoid being spotted?

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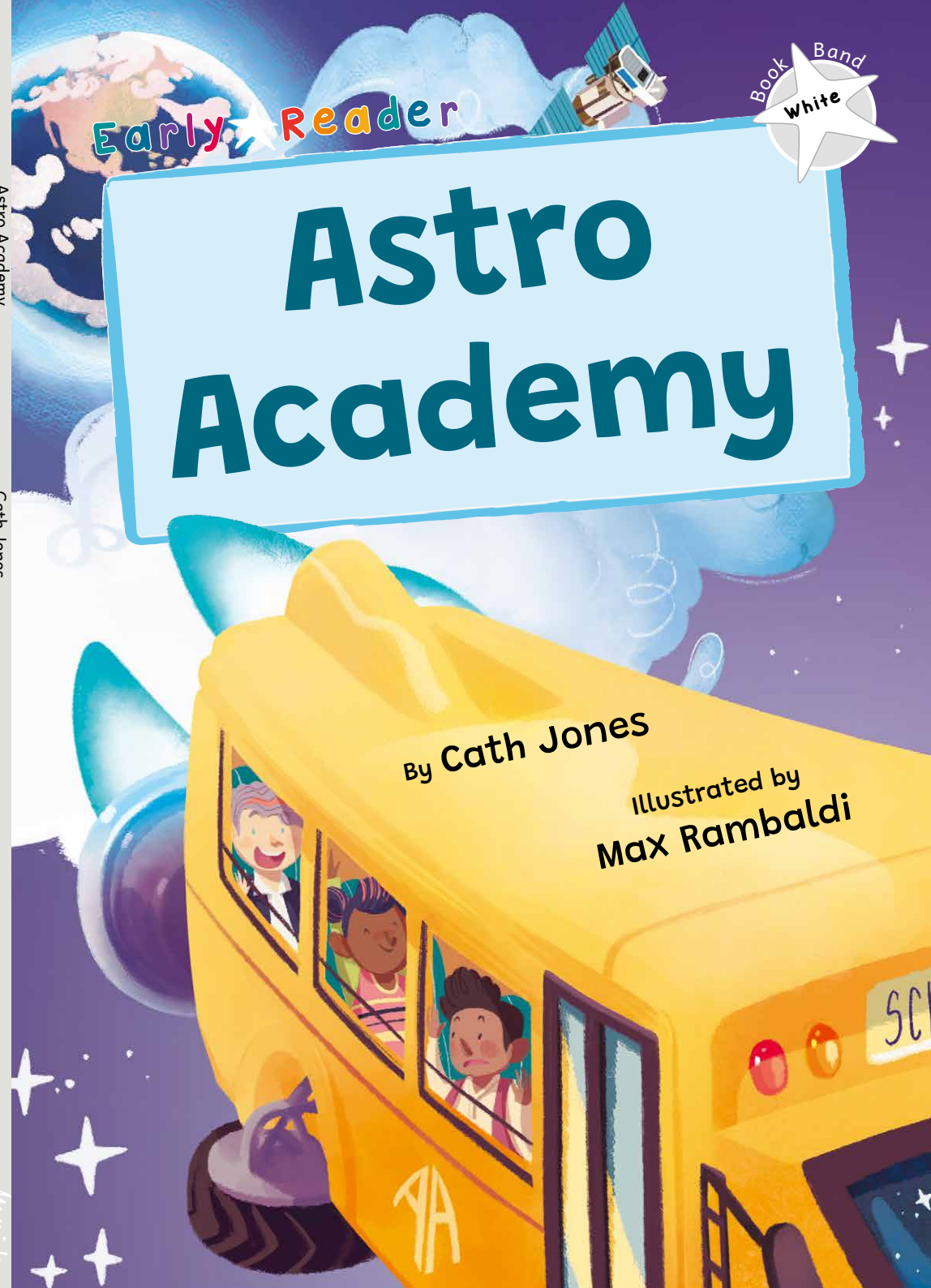
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Chapter 1

It was Abdi's first day at his new school, Abbey Academy. He ran down the road towards the school bus stop. Suddenly, he spotted a minibus.

"Wait for me!" he yelled.

He hurled himself
at the open doors,
tripped on the step
and fell into the bus.
WHOOSH!



The doors closed behind him. Abdi collapsed panting into an empty seat.

"Hi," said a voice. "I'm Sash. I've not seen you before."

Abdi jerked round in surprise and stared at the girl. "Hi," he said. "I'm Abdi."

"First day at the Academy?" she asked. Abdi nodded. "You only just caught the bus!"

The driver interrupted with a loud shout, "Seatbelts please. Launching in 5 seconds..."

Abdi clicked his seatbelt in. "What does he mean 'launching'?" he asked.

But before Sash could reply, there was a tremendous roaring sound. Then the minibus tilted back! Abdi yelped in alarm and hung onto his seat. The roaring grew louder and louder. The minibus began to shake.

“Blast off!” the other pupils whooped excitedly. Abdi closed his eyes as the minibus launched forwards. He concentrated on not being sick. This was worse than a fairground ride!

Suddenly, it went calm.

“We have left Earth’s atmosphere!” yelled the driver.

“Left Earth?!” Abdi repeated in alarm.



“Docking in 3-2-1,” continued the driver.
There was a thud and the minibus jerked
forward. Then everything was still.

“What's going on?” asked Abdi.

A door slid open and a tall woman in a smart
uniform strode onto the bus.

“Welcome back to Astro Academy,” she said.

“Astro Academy,” Abdi murmured in disbelief.

“I’m supposed to be going to Abbey Academy!

I must have caught the wrong minibus!”

Sash stared at Abdi with a worried expression.

“What’s Astro Academy?” Abdi asked.

“Astro Academy is space school,” Sash said.

