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Walter is the only Not-A-Wizard in his homeland. One day, all the wizards get sick and lose their magic, so they turn to Walter for help...

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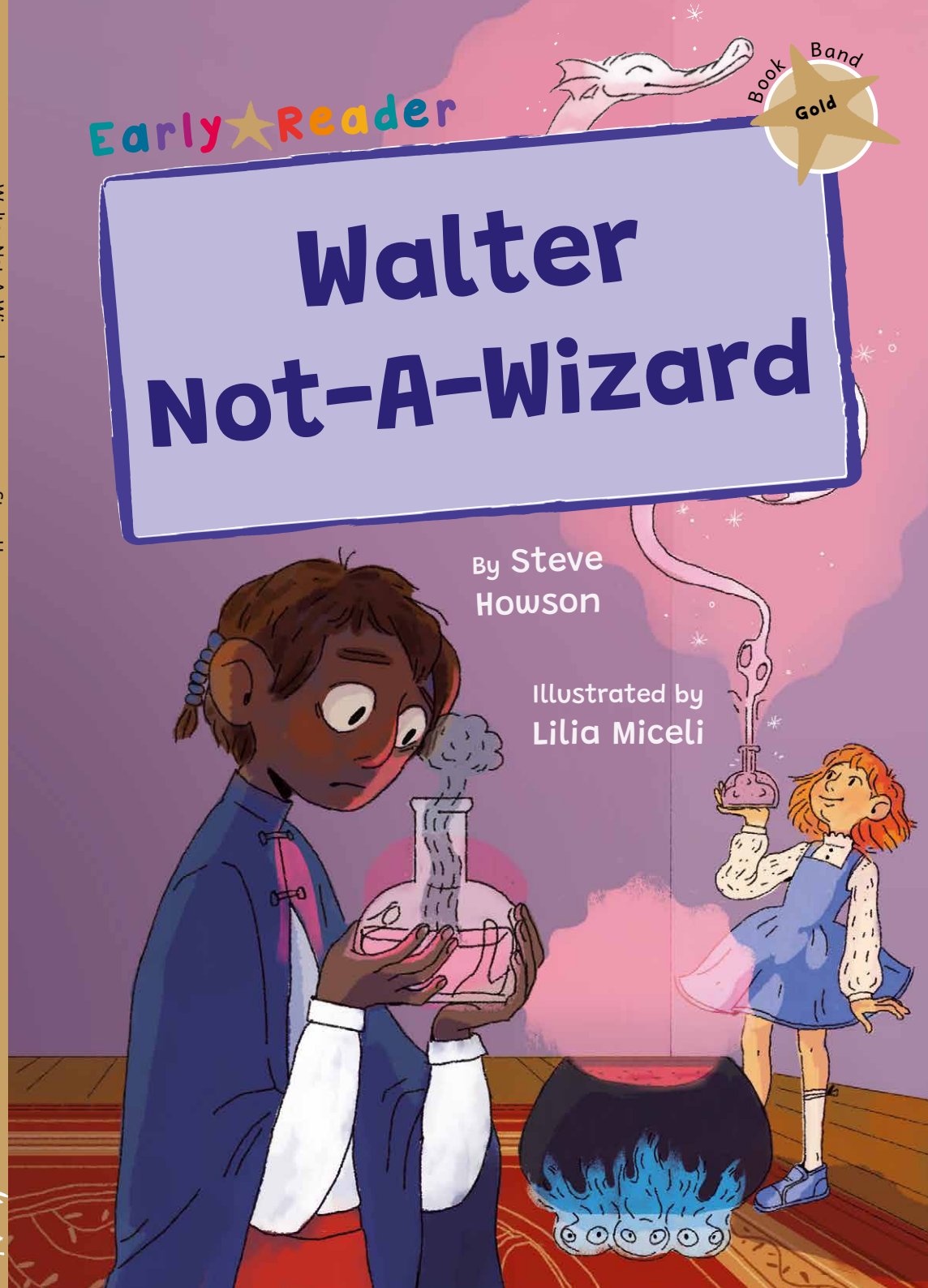
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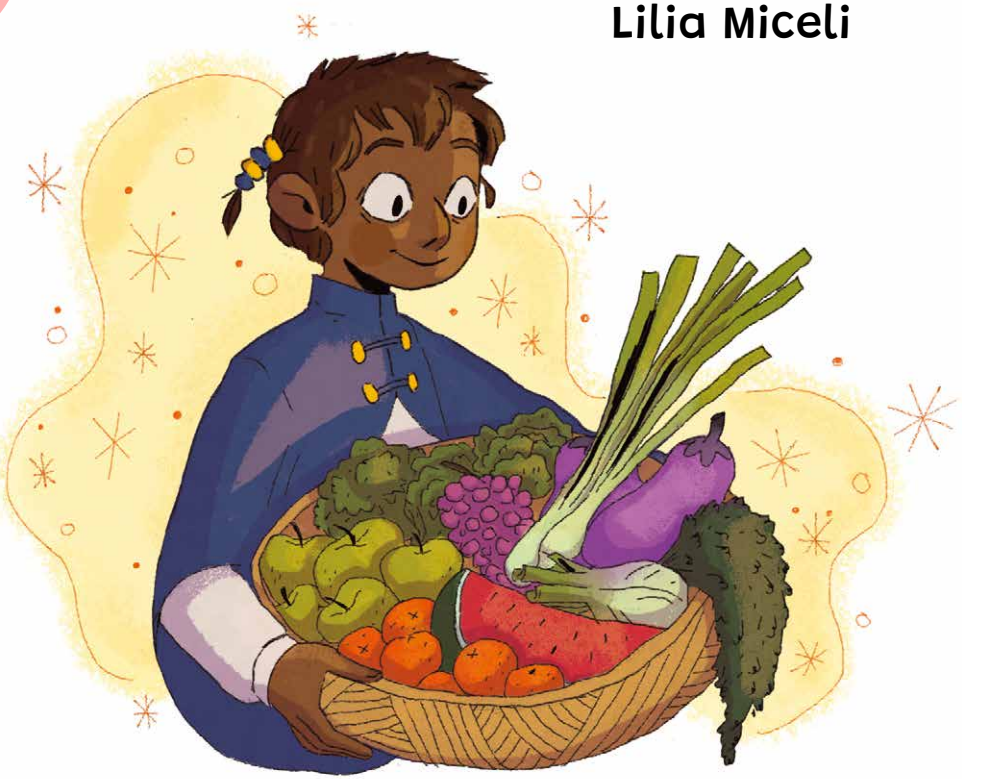
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Chapter 1

In the faraway land of Wazzam, everyone was a wizard. Everyone... except Walter.

Walter's potions were positively powerless.
His spelling was always a muddle.
His charms were utterly charmless.
His curses were totally harmless.
In every wizarding test, Walter scored zero.
Magic came naturally to everyone in Wazzam.
Everyone... except Walter.

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So while his friends were learning how to use magic to make castles and feasts and dragons, Walter had other ideas...

He read history books about the time before magic. He learned how people had once built their own homes and grown their own food. He made vast buildings out of wooden blocks. He drew plans for incredible machines and made them from bits of metal and wood and junk. He found seeds and planted them at the bottom of the garden to see what would grow.



His mum and dad worried about Walter's strange behaviour. So did his teachers. They worried that he had no magical skills. How would he pass his school magic tests? They wondered what he would do when he grew up.

How could a person without any magic live happily in the land of Wazzam?

"Don't worry about me," said Walter. "People lived without magic before. I can be just like them."

His mum and dad shook their heads sadly.

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Chapter 2

Soon, the chief wizards of Wazzam found out about Walter. He was summoned by the mighty wizards: Bibbi and Bobbi and Boo.



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"We are worried about you, Walter," said Bibbi.

"You are the first Not-A-Wizard in Wazzam for more than 100 years," said Bobbi.

"We do not know how you can stay in Wazzam without magic," said Boo.

"It's fine," said Walter. "I've read all about it. I don't need any magic, thank you."

"Pah! Nonsense!" huffed Bibbi.

"Where will you live?" said Bobbi.