

SOCIAL STORY

# the forgotten girl

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 **FIRST  
STAGE**  
TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH THEATER

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## DEAR FIRST STAGE FRIENDS,

On a cold winter night, Iris and her best friend, Daniel, play in the freshly fallen snow in the woods when they stumble upon the gravestone of a young girl, Avery Moore. Strange things begin to happen, and Iris and Daniel research the area to find answers. They learn of their town's history of segregation, and become determined to restore Avery's grave and pay proper respect for her and others buried there. A ghostly story with a historical twist, this empowering tale examines the connection of past and present, friendship, and forgiveness.

Enjoy the show,



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**GOING TO A SHOW  
AT THE MILWAUKEE  
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# I am going to see a First Stage show at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center.



I am going to see the show with

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**Watching a play is like watching TV or a movie,  
except people are on stage in front of us.**



They are called actors. They can see and hear me too.  
I can't turn the channel or turn the volume up and down.

# A play is made up of many interesting things.



Costumes



Scenery



Sound



Lighting

When we drive to the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, we will park in the parking lot or on the street.



We may need to wait in line to scan our tickets.



When we are waiting, I can stay with my family or teacher.

Once we have our tickets, we will go down the long blue hallway...



...into a large and colorful commons area.



There are bathrooms in the commons area. If I need to, I can use the bathroom before we go to our seats.



**Someone will show us where to sit.**



The audience area is for all of us.



The stage is for the actors only.

## When I am in the theater waiting for the show to start:

1. I can talk to my family or friends.
2. I can take a short break in the lobby.



# There will be a lot of people in theater and it may get noisy.

If it gets too loud:

1. I can bring headphones if I want.
2. I can put my hands over my ears.
3. I can leave the room and take a short break in the lobby.



I can come back when I am ready.

## During the show:

1. I can watch and listen to the actors quietly.
2. I can applaud if I like something.
3. I can hold things in my hand that make me feel comfortable.



## If I need to talk:

1. I can talk quietly to my family.
2. I can write down what I want to say.
3. I can leave the room.

# After the show there will be a “talkback.”

**The talkback is a chance for me to ask questions.**

1. I will raise my hand to show that I want to ask a question.
2. I will wait for the leader to call on me to ask my question.
3. I don't have to ask a question if I don't want.



**I can ask different kinds of questions:**

1. I can ask questions about the show.
2. I can ask questions about the scenery, costumes, lights, or sound.

**After the show is finished,  
I will leave the theater with my family.**



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## MEET THE "ANGEL" CAST

These are the actors you will see at the  
Sensory Friendly Performance on  
Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 3:30PM.

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**THIS IS NOELONI-ANIYA.**



They play a character named Iris. Iris discovers the grave of a young girl named Avery Moore with their friend, Daniel while they are playing in the snow together. Iris often feels “forgotten” or unappreciated and tries to share the story of Avery and other forgotten graves in the cemetery behind their house. Iris is the captain of their school’s step team.



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## THIS IS JESSIMIA.



They play a character named Daniel. Daniels is Iris' best friend. Daniel helps Iris in their journey to learn more about Avery Moore and to bring attention to the forgotten graves.

Suga is their grandmother.

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## THIS IS CYNTHIA.



They play a character named Suga. Suga is Daniel's grandmother and is very superstitious, meaning that they believe in ghosts and spirits. Suga get upset whenever the children play outside in the winter alone or when they mention Avery Moore – Suga believes that "Spirits of the Snow" exist and hurt people in the cold.

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## THIS IS AMIRAH.



They play a character named Avery Moore, who is a spirit. Avery was buried in a segregated and abandoned graveyard and is upset that they have been ignored for decades. Daniel and Iris release their spirit from their gravesite while playing in the snow one night and work to bring recognition to Avery's name as Avery haunts them.

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**THIS IS GWENDOLYN.**



They play a character named Vashti, who is Iris' younger sister. Vashti sees the spirt of Avery as well and plays with them.

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**THIS IS SHERRICK.**



They play the roles of Daddy, who is Iris and Vashti's father as well as Mr. Hammond, who is a teacher at the children's school.

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**THIS IS ALEXANDRIA.**



They play the role of Mama,  
who is Iris and Vashti's mother.

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## THIS IS EVA & FIONA.



They play the roles of Heather and Sarah, who are classmates of Iris and Daniel. Heather is a rival of Iris' and treats her with disrespect while Sarah is trapped in the middle and afraid to speak out.

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**THIS IS THE ENSEMBLE.**



They play a group of spirits in the woods behind Iris' house.