



# I am Ray's Imaginary Friend

## by Brian Moses and Bethan Welby



A moving and humorous verse chapter book written by an imaginary friend

Ray loves life in his village until one day he hears his parents talking about moving away. Traumatised by the idea, Ray invents an imaginary friend to talk to and even runs away. Eventually Ray is able to accept the move, and also the refugee mother and child who come to live with his family in the new house.

### Key Selling Points

- Uniquely narrated by an imaginary friend, which brings gentle humour to the story
- A relatable story about anxiety and empathy
- Free verse format makes for easy reading, creating space for the feelings experienced by Ray
- A boy character – but a book for boys and girls
- Fabulous illustrations with both emotional depth and light-heartedness . Cover matt lam and foil.

**"A terrific book - poetry novel - that takes us deep into coping with change and growing stronger. A wonderful story - and a must have for years 4-6." Pie Corbett**

### Sales and Marketing

- Brian Moses is a household name, and regularly visits schools and performs at poetry events
- Brian's latest book *On Poetry Street* was long listed for the UKLA Award.
- Author active on social media. SM campaign, videos, giveaways
- Campaigns with Love Reading, Toppsta, Authorgraph in Books for Keeps, YLG website
- Bookmarks, free teacher notes planned for website



**Brian Moses** lives in East Sussex, UK. His books have sold over one million copies and he has been labelled 'one of Britain's favourite children's poets' by the National Poetry Archive.

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