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This is McCall Smith on territory where I first read him ? strong simple books for emergent readers. He is also back with his most famous character, Precious Ramotswe.

Precious as a girl is like her adult self, very kind and very curious. When a new girl comes to her school she soon takes her under her wing. But there is a mystery about Nancy: all she has of her mother is a photograph and a necklace made with zebra charms. With a little help they trace where Nancy?s mother?s village must be and go to find it. They almost immediately get lost in the bush and are rescued by a San boy. All turns out well in the end.

It is a lovely story with a very distinctive voice, just like the adult Precious Ramotswe books, and beautifully illustrated by Iain McIntosh in three coloured prints. I think any child would love the adventure of the story, the setting and the illustrations of wild animals in the bush.

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