



***Aweh!* brings you relatable characters, set in local contexts, emphasising the importance of South African children being able to see themselves in the books they read.**



Tebogo is a Sepedi girl who lives in a town outside of Polokwane in Limpopo. She lives with her mother and siblings. She loves to wake up early, and she and her dog Riri often wake up the rest of the family early in the morning.

Ruben lives in Klerskdorp in the North West Province. His mother is Afrikaans and his father is Tswana, so he and his four brothers and sisters speak three languages!



Mongo, a Zulu-speaking boy, lives in Johannesburg with his parents and his little brother, Butho. He adores the stories that his Aunt Sela writes for him. Despite being hard of hearing in his right ear, he loves being surrounded by his friends and is happiest when he can make people laugh.

Lelo is a Xhosa girl who lives in the Mdeni village in the Eastern Cape. She lives with her father, but is very close to her grandparents too. She is adventurous and loves to play outside with her friend Inam and a goose called Condi.



Zazi is a Ndebele boy living in KwaZanele township in Mpumalanga. Zazi likes to play with his little sister, Madi, and his best friends Siya and Zach. He loves making wire cars and strives to win a race one day.

Alisha is a Hindu girl from Isipingo, KwaZulu-Natal. Alisha lives with her older brother, who calls her "Rabbit". Even though she is in a wheelchair, it doesn't stop her from doing some of her favourite things, like playing video games and collecting glittery stickers.



Aslam is a Muslim boy from Athlone in the Western Cape. His cat, Didi, is his closest companion at home. He loves to imagine that he can fly, so he makes sure to take his pilot's goggles with him everywhere he goes.

Lizzy is a Jewish girl who lives in Bloemfontein. She lives with her grandparents and her dog Roxie. She loves playing with her friends and building puzzles. She is careful not to lose her glasses.





Samuel is a boy with San heritage living in the Northern Cape. His grandmother likes to tell him about the San people and their traditions. He loves to climb and to run around outside, and never goes anywhere without his special necklace.

