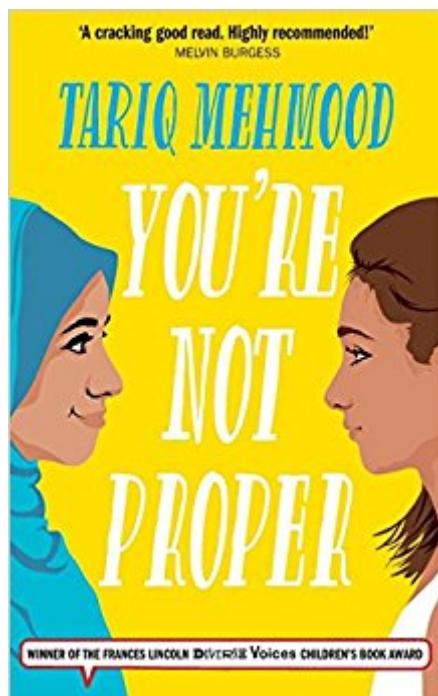


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# You're Not Proper (Striker)



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