IS THIS REAL, MOM?

2 FAMILY CONVERSATION GUIDE

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This guide helps you open conversations with your children while reading the book together and after you finish it. There are no right answers — only shared curiosity.

WHILE READING TOGETHER

These questions are meant to be asked in the moment each scene appears in the book. You don't need to use them all — pick the ones that flow naturally with your child.

When you see the purple kitten flying

What looks strange in this image? How many odd things can you find?

Invites careful observation before making judgments.

When Mom says AI created it

Do you know any app or game that creates images or stories? Have you ever tried something like that?

Connects the book to the child's real experience.

When the AI imagines the old man with glasses

If you asked the AI to draw a scientist, how do you think it would imagine them? And how would you imagine them?

Opens the conversation about bias without naming it yet.

When the child asks for the giant axolotl

If you could ask the AI to create any image, what would it be? The more absurd the better!

Celebrates creativity and playfulness.

When Mom says AI can be tricky

How would you know if an image or video you see online was made by a person or by AI?

Plants the seed of critical thinking.

AFTER FINISHING THE BOOK

These questions are for exploring together once you've closed the book. You can pick just one for the day, or let the conversation lead you to the next.

About the world around us

Do you think there are other things the AI might imagine incorrectly? Why?

Extends the concept of bias beyond the book.

About real and made-up things

If you saw an incredible photo online, what would you do to find out if it's real or not?

Builds verification habits in a natural way.

About the people behind AI

If you asked the AI to draw a scientist, how do you think it would imagine them? And how would you imagine them?

Demystifies AI and returns agency to the child.

About creativity and imagination

What do you think AI is better at than you? And what are you better at than AI?

Builds confidence without demonizing technology.

The heart question

If AI were your friend, what would you ask it first?

Closes with curiosity, warmth, and openness.

Curiosity is the best starting point. There are no wrong answers.