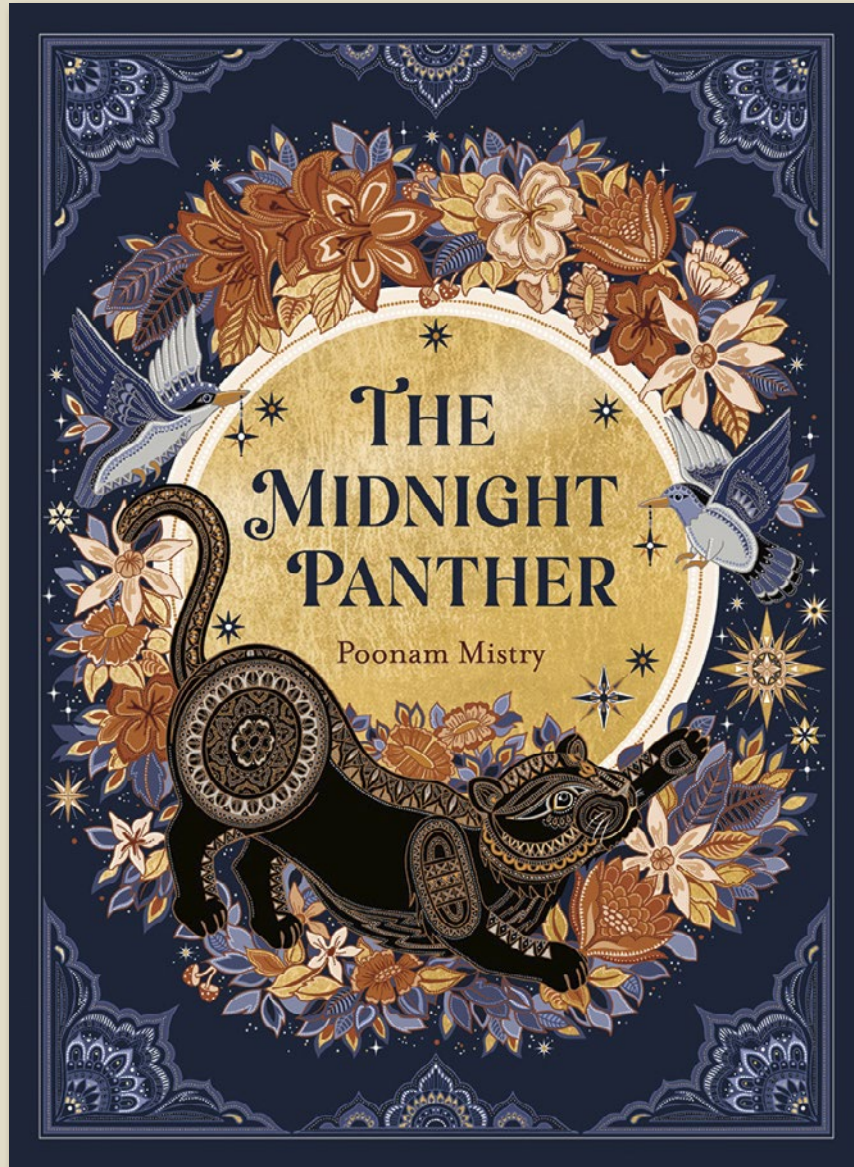


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When the morning sun  
crept through the leaves,  
Panther trailed after  
butterflies and  
insects...



...and indulged in the clear waters  
of the stream.

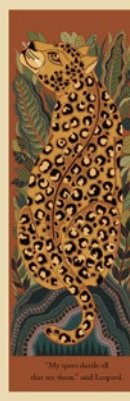


He was different to the other cats,  
and they did not like it.

"My stripes are bold  
and brash," said Tiger.



"My golden mane shines  
as bright as the sun," said Lion.



"My spots dance all  
over me," said Leopard.



Each day they teased  
him and over time  
Panther grew a little less  
brave, and one day  
he could take no more.  
And so he set off,  
hoping to change  
his fate.



Panther crept over and under the tangled vines and weeds.  
Soon he reached a dense cluster of trees.

Up in their branches was a rainbow as far as the eye could see.



From behind the clouds,  
Sun shone down, flooding the  
forest with her warmth.

She beamed down  
brightly onto Panther.  
"That's better," Sun smiled  
as the dry leaves fell.



Shadow engulfed  
the forest.  
Panther sank into  
the soft earth.  
"I don't belong anywhere,"  
he said.

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