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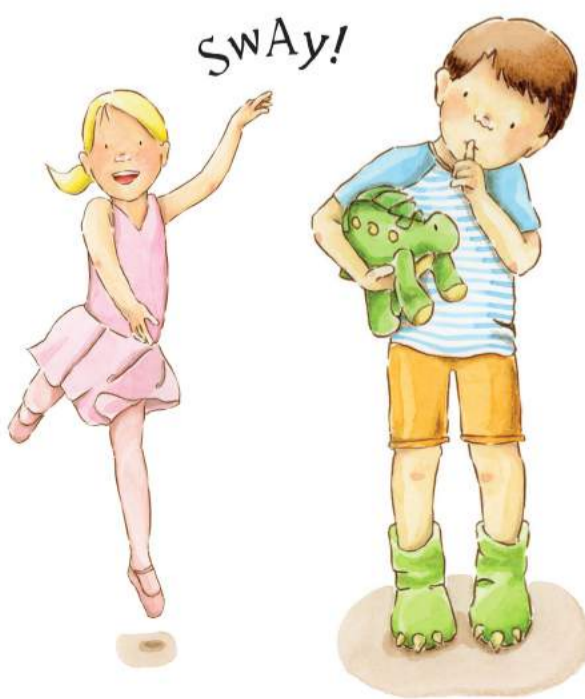
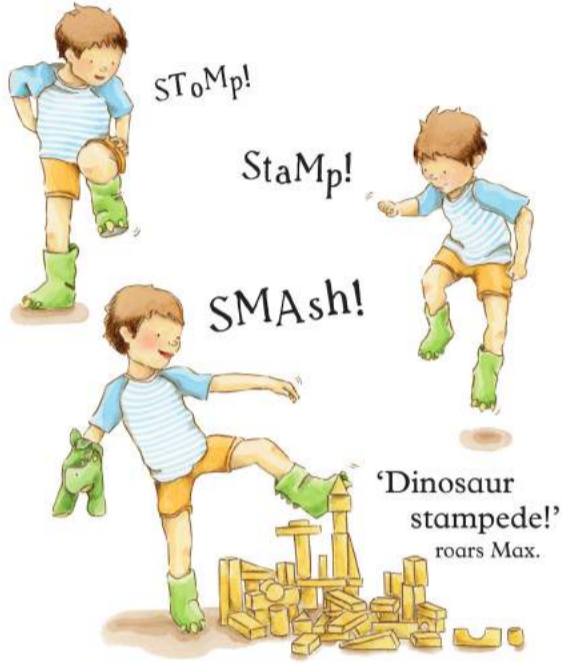
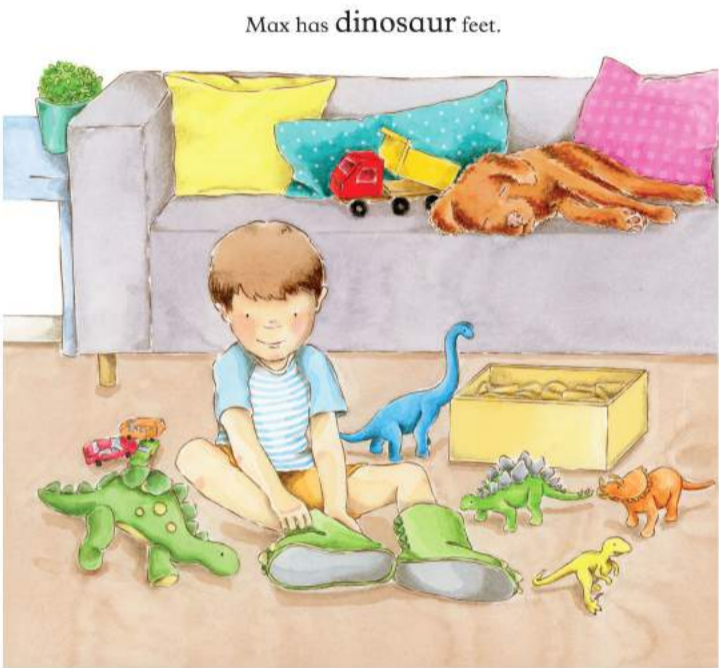
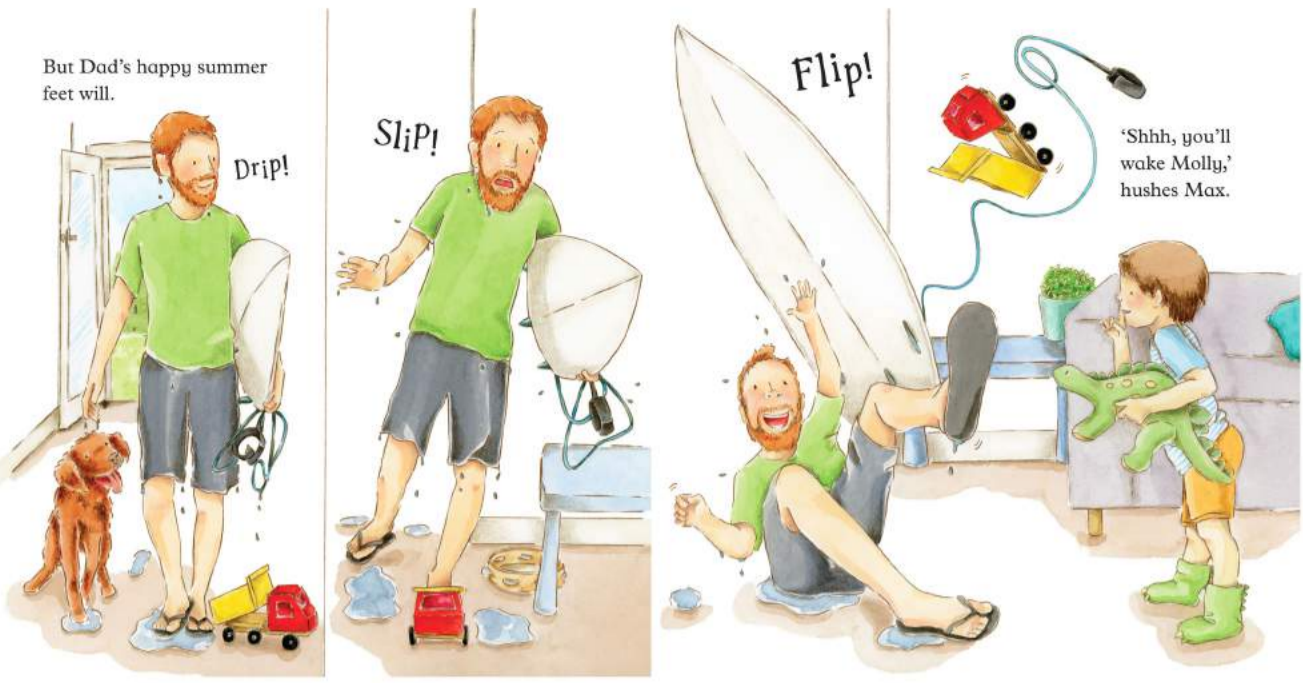
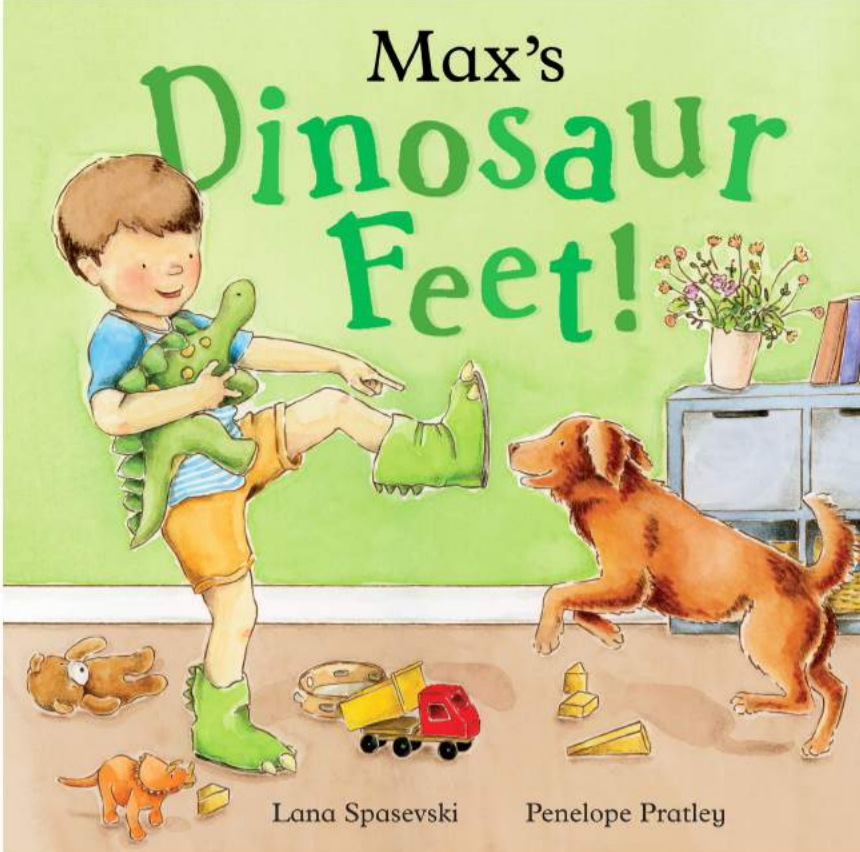
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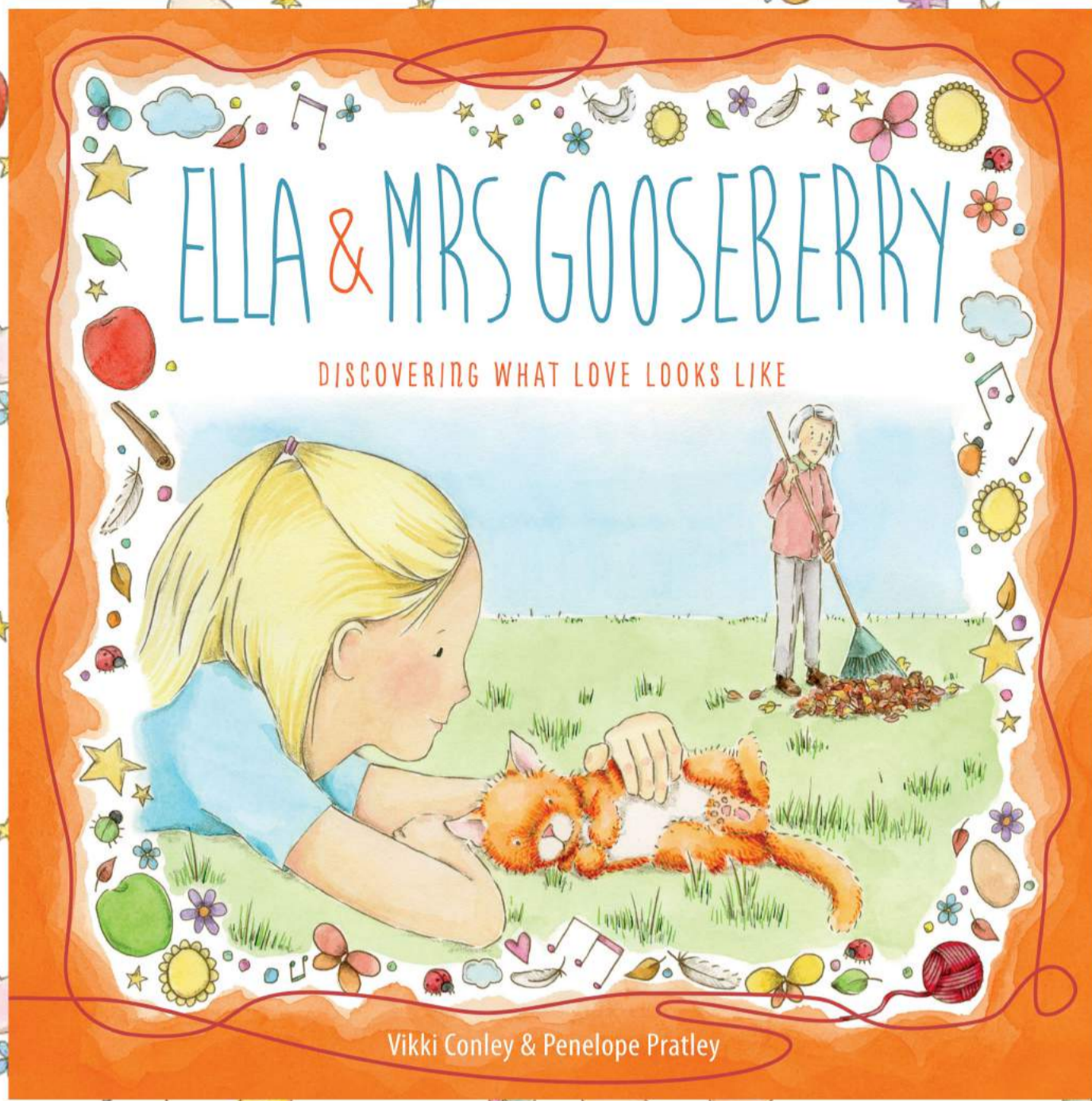


*Hold Fast
January 2019*

Within your heart
Keep one still, secret spot
Where dreams may go,
And sheltered so,
May thrive and grow -
Where doubt and fear are not.
Oh, keep a place apart
Within your heart,
For little dreams to go.

*'Hold Fast Your Dreams'
Louise Driscoll*





Hurt no living thing:
 Ladybird, nor butterfly,
 Nor moth with dusty wing,
 Nor cricket chirping cheerily,
 Nor grasshopper, so light of leap,
 Nor dancing gnat, nor beetle fat,
 Nor harmless worms that creep



February 2019

Hurt No Living Thing
 Christina Rossetti

From the beach its sandy
 walls rise,
 Its turrets reach up to
 touch the skies.
 A tiny moat dissolves the keep.
 Its pavers are strong,
 though only two inches deep.
 Tiny footprints embedded
 in the sand,
 Where once a child there did stand.
 It's grace and beauty a
 short time will last,
 Before the sea washes it
 into the past.



Sand Castle
 February 2019

The Sandcastle Poem
 Author Unknown



I meant to do my work today -
But a brown bird sang in the apple tree,
And a butterfly flitted across the field,
And all the leaves were calling me.



And the wind went sighing over the land,
Tossing the grasses to and fro,
And a rainbow held out its shining hand -
So what could I do but laugh and go?

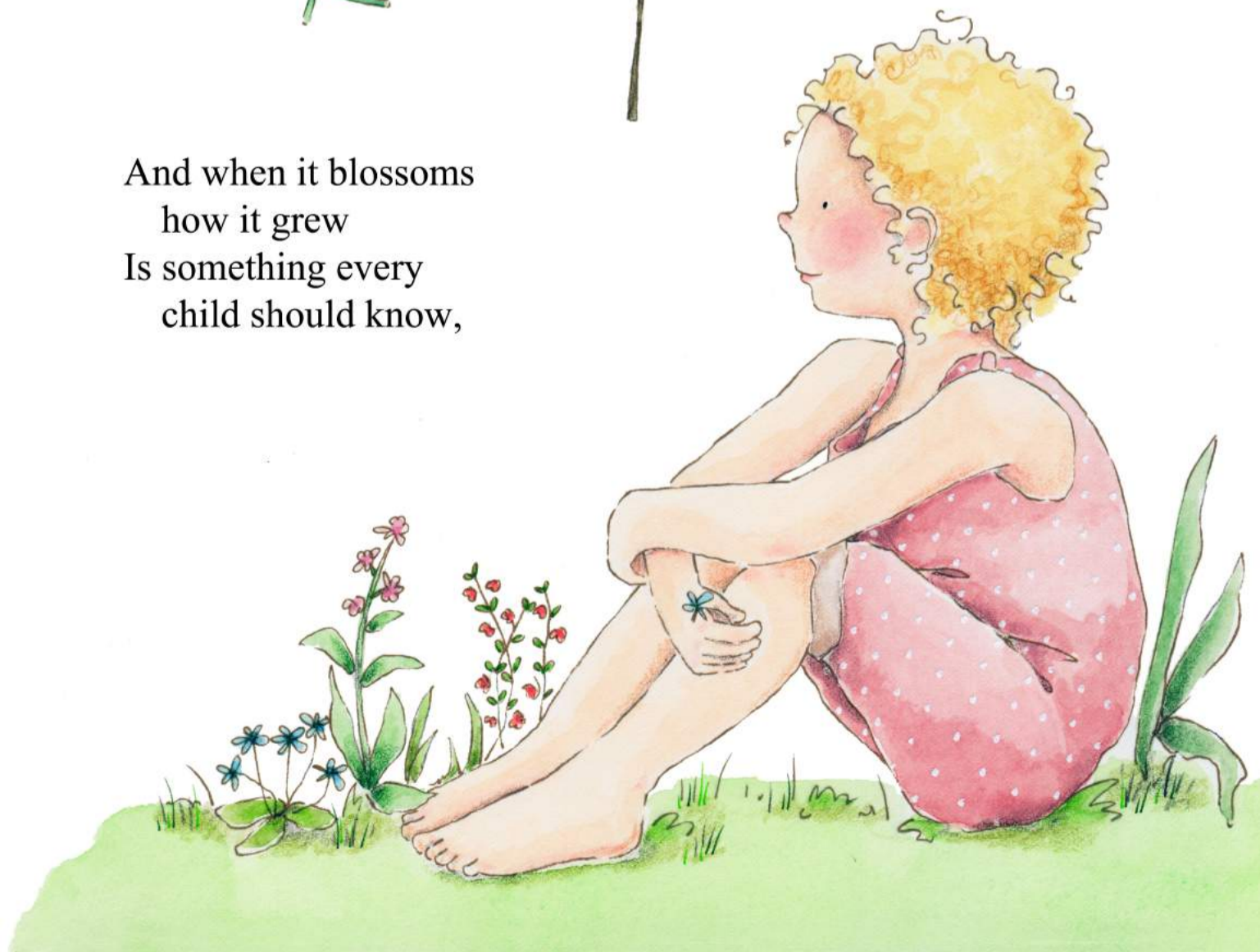


The Lesson
Written By Harry Behn

To plant a seed
and see it grow
Is something every
child should do,



And when it blossoms
how it grew
Is something every
child should know,



And when its seeds
are ripe to sow
A child may see
the old made new.

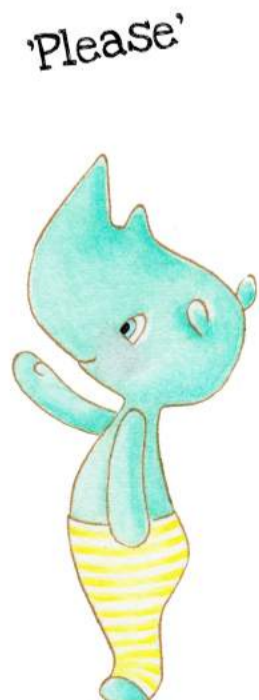
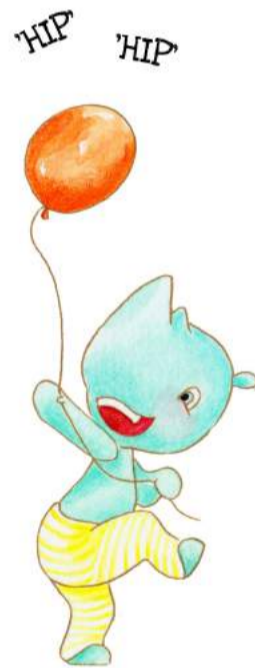


To grow and gently
grow and grow
Is something people
should do too.





Zoffee & Bagel

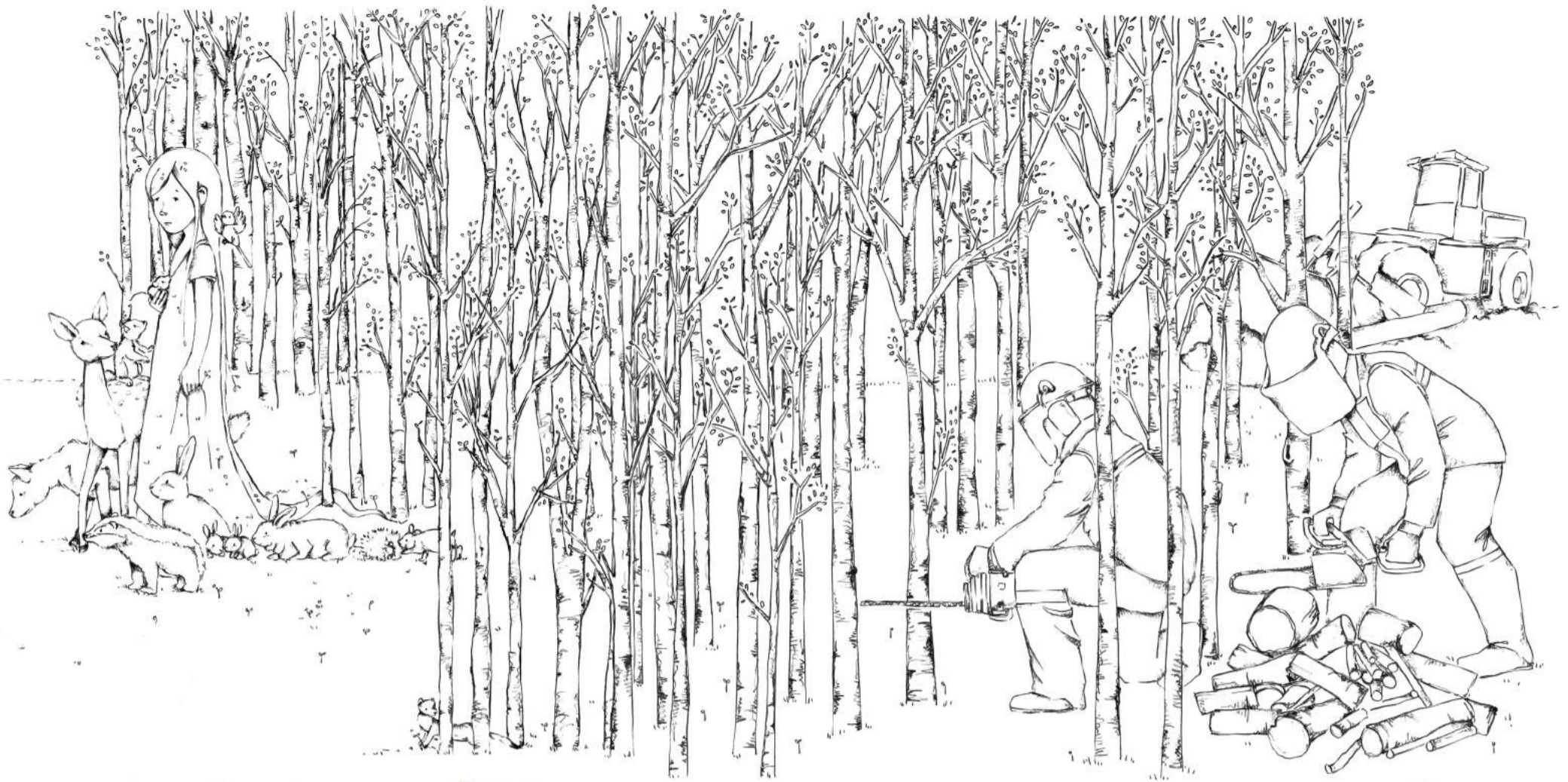




Polkas Dots
Story written December 2018



My Imaginary Octopus
Character study completed January 2019



*Where shall we go?
May 2018*

*She grew it all from her heart
May 2018*

*They were finally home
May 2018*



Here we sit
August 2018



The Wind's lullaby
November 2018



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*Red Kite
February 2019*

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

I love using watercolour, ink, pencil, and mixed media. I long to create books that people treasure. Books they will come back to time and time again. I wish to capture a child's imagination and engage them into adulthood as so many authors and illustrators have done for me.

Living with a surfer, an inventor, a ballerina, three chickens, a rabbit, an ancient guinea pig, and a rescued cat, I am never short of inspiration.

I adore stories for children, own far too many pencil cases and only emerge from my garden studio (really a shed) to hunt for chocolate freckles, seek sunshine and care for my beautiful family.

