



Every Once  
in a

Magical

Dittle

By  
Cindy Palin

Illustrated  
by  
Danielle  
Lemay



EVERY ONCE IN A MAGICAL DITTLE

Text and Illustrations Copyright ©2024 Cindy Palin

All rights reserved. Neither this publication nor any part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording or any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in writing from the author.

Print ISBN: 978-1-7779349-2-7

eBook ISBN: 978-1-7779349-3-4

Audio Book ISBN: 978-1-7779349-4-1

Thank you to Dometree Publishing for Consulting Services.



Dedicated to  
Thorin


Love Grammy

When the first child is born  
they are often called  
“baby.”




Then baby grows  
to make room  
for more;  
maybe?






But every once  
in a magical while,  
something unusual  
happens.



This every once in  
a magical while  
happened to the  
Smallmans!




Their first child was born  
and they named her  
**Willow.**

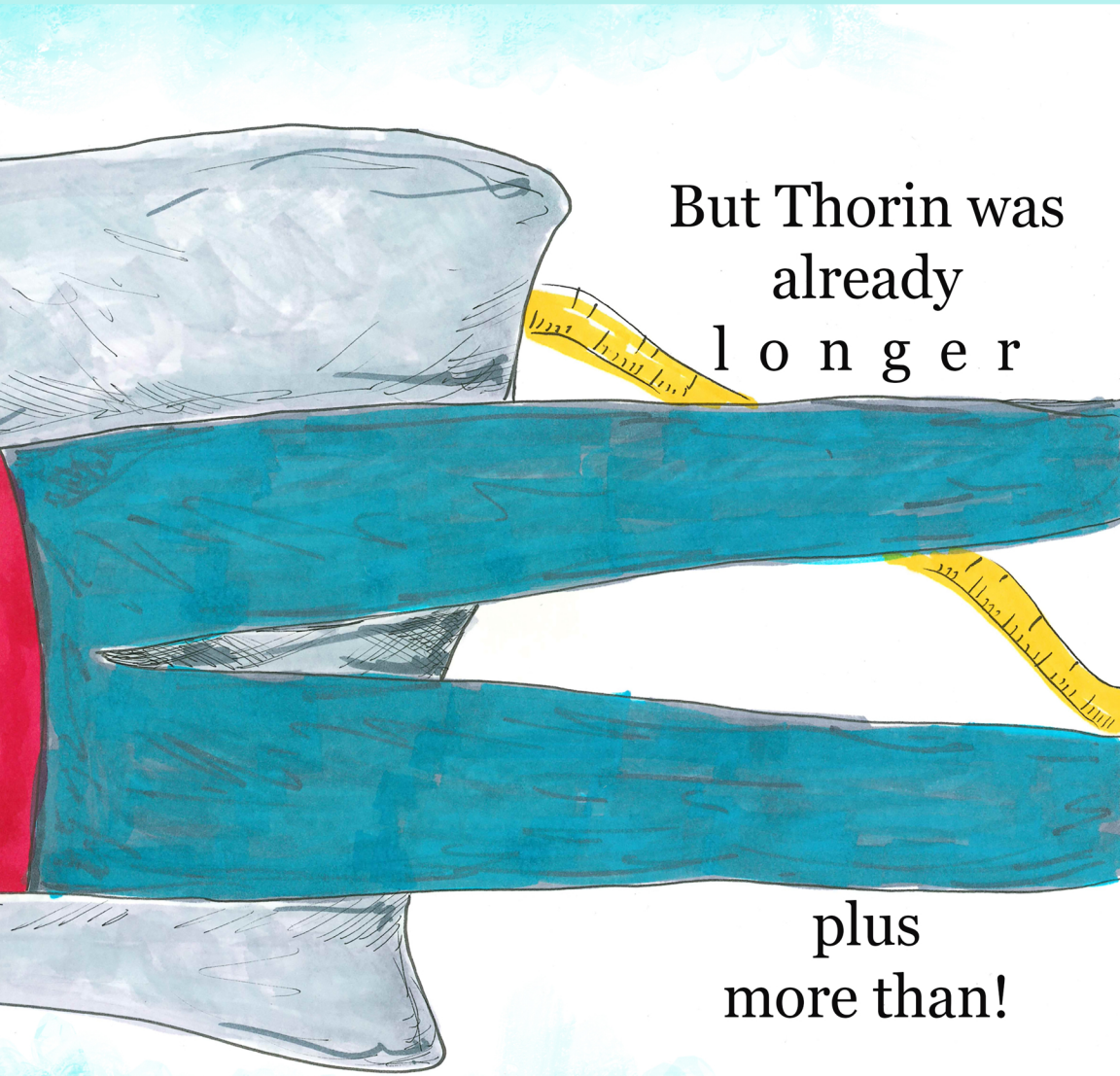




Willow grew more  
than the length of  
her pillow!

A stylized illustration of a young child with short brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a red dress with white trim. The child is holding a yellow measuring tape in their right hand and a grey banner in their left. The banner contains the text 'Their second child came and they named him Thorin,'. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds.

Their second child came  
and they named him  
Thorin,



But Thorin was  
already  
l o n g e r

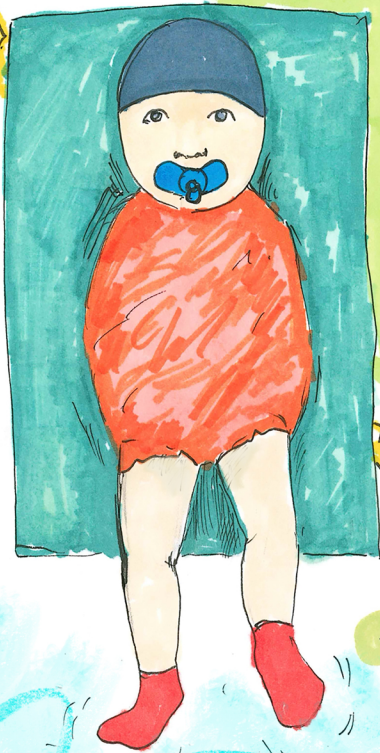
plus  
more than!

You see every once in a




magical dittle,

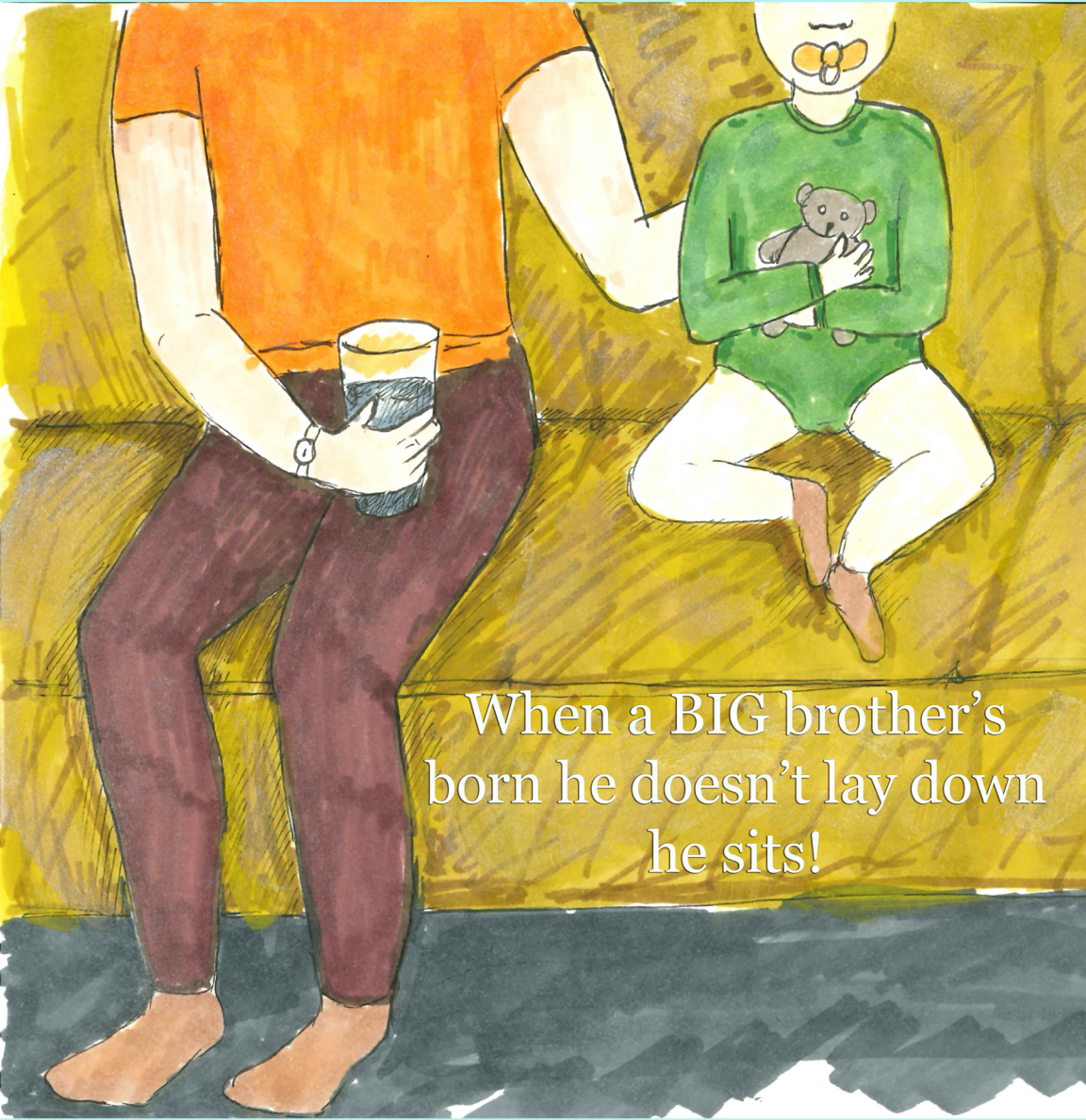
a BIG brother's born



instead of a  
little.

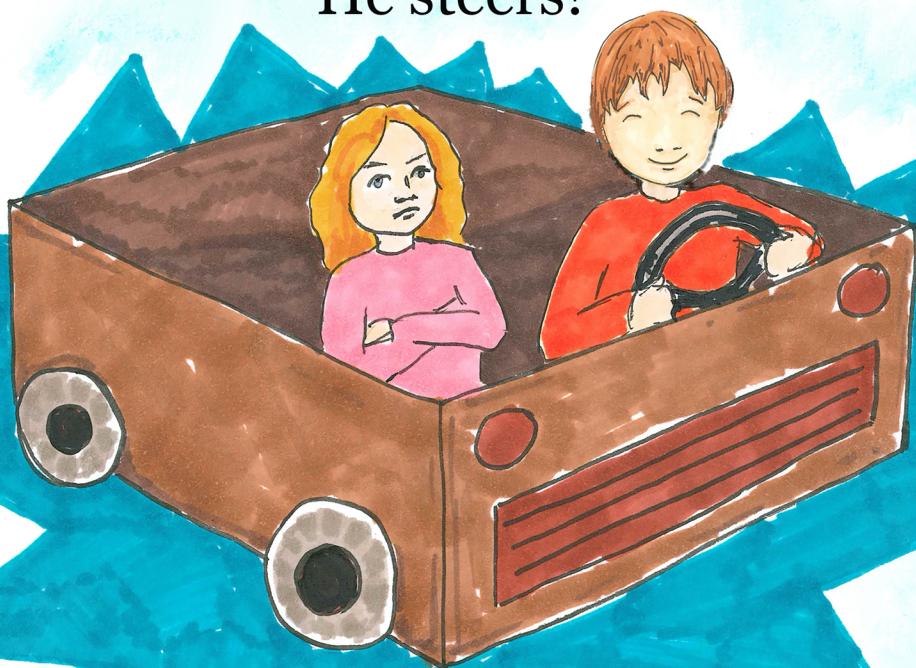
A circular arrangement of baby clothes and a measuring tape. The items include a pair of blue shorts, a blue t-shirt, a red beanie, a pair of grey pants, a white onesie, a pair of brown boots, and an orange and red patterned onesie. A yellow measuring tape is draped around the items, forming a circle. The background is a light blue sky with a green grassy field.

When a  
BIG brother's  
born, baby clothes  
don't fit!



When a BIG brother's  
born he doesn't lay down  
he sits!

When a BIG brother's  
born, he doesn't ride.  
He steers!







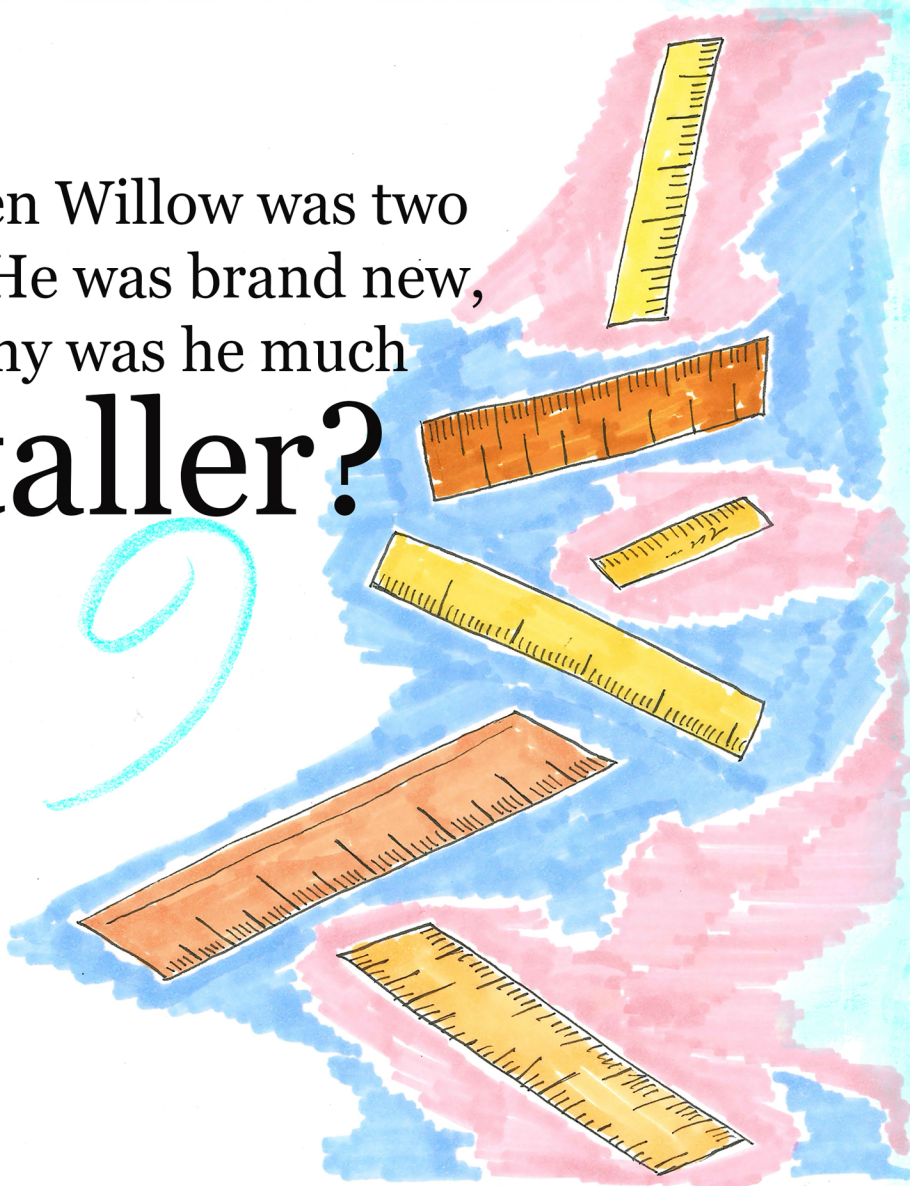
Measuring  
MASTER  
25 ft.

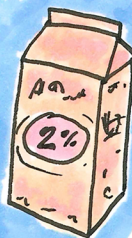
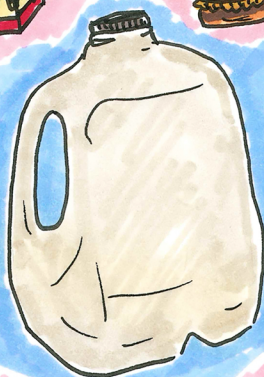
MARCH 2016

When a BIG brother's  
born there's  
a question  
of years.

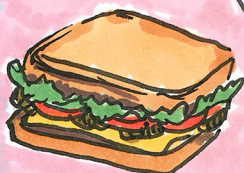
5121.1

When Willow was two  
and He was brand new,  
why was he much  
**taller?**

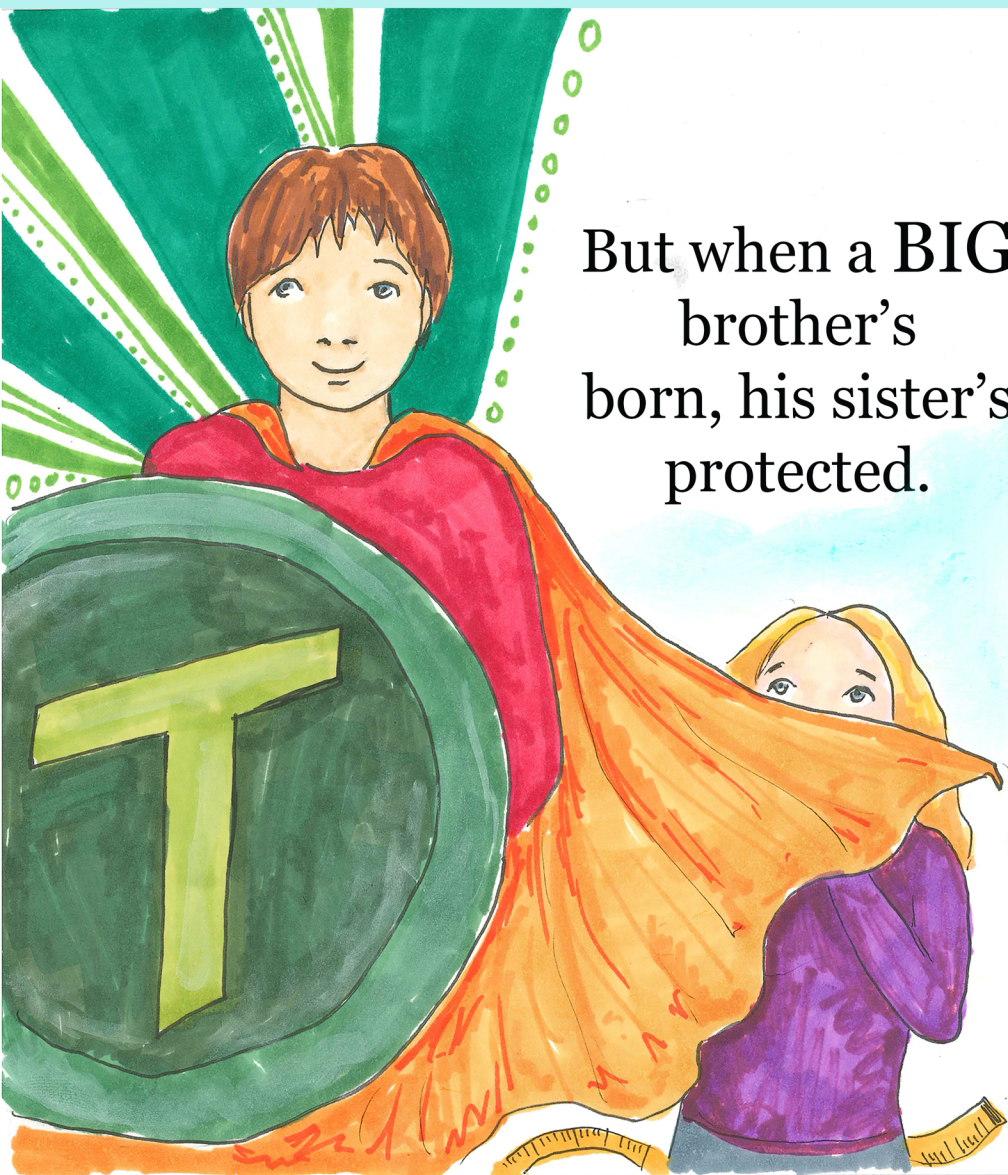




When he's on milk  
and she's on solids  
shouldn't he be  
smaller?



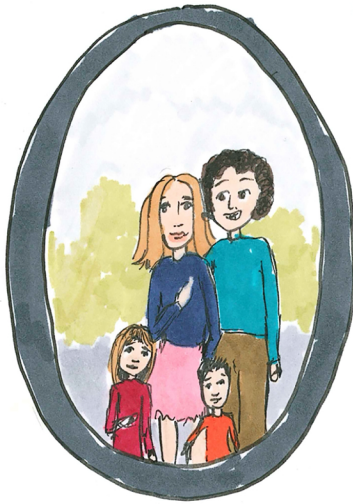
But when a **BIG**  
brother's  
born, his sister's  
protected.

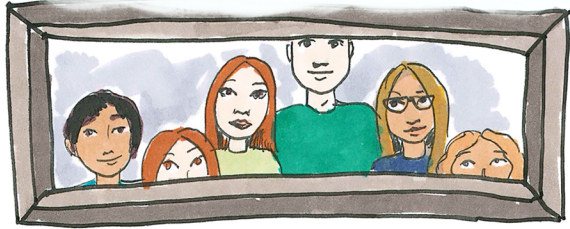
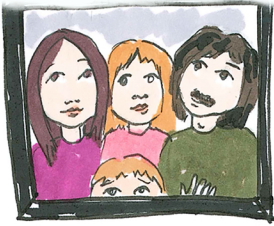




Unless there's  
a fight,  
then she may  
be ejected!

But always every once in a  
magical while,





means family is family,



no matter the s T y L e.



If baby is born and  
**BIG** brother comes after,



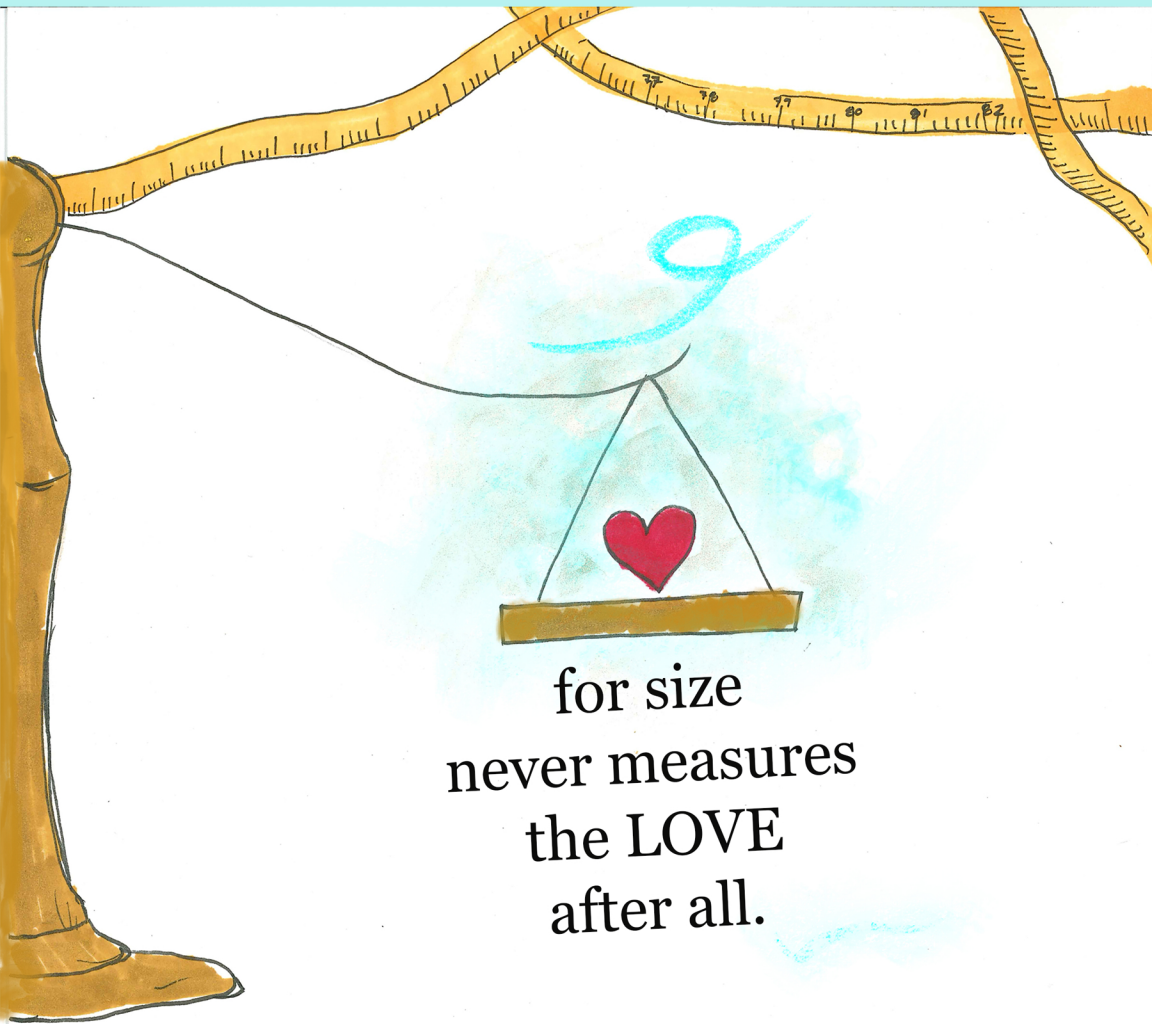


the magic is still  
in the fun and the  
laughter,



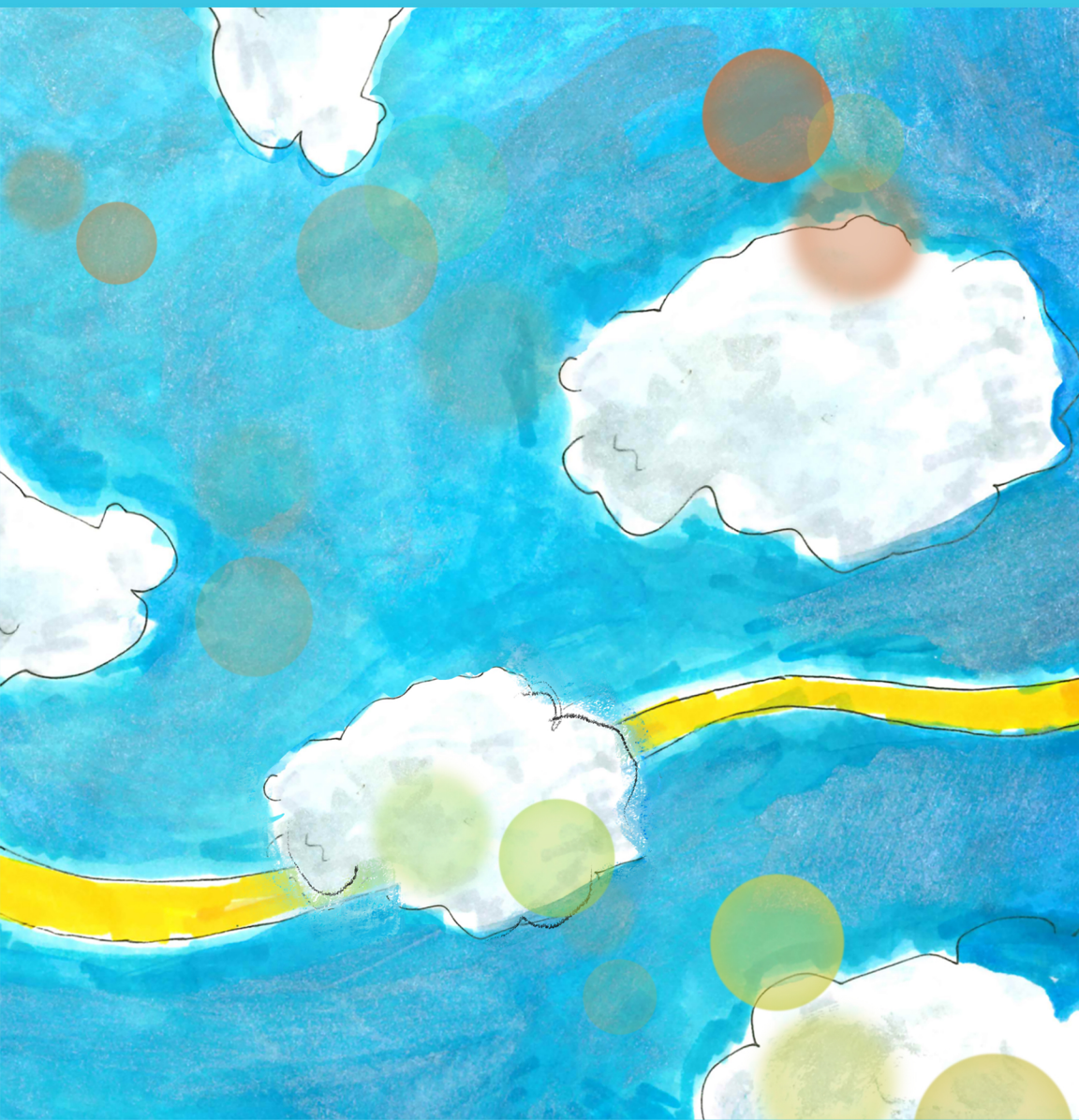


not found in  
the who is  
the **BIG**  
and  
the small,



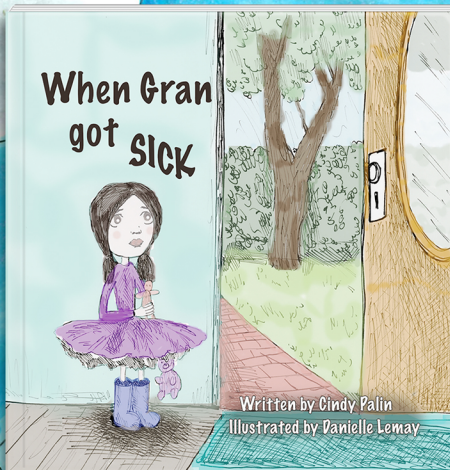
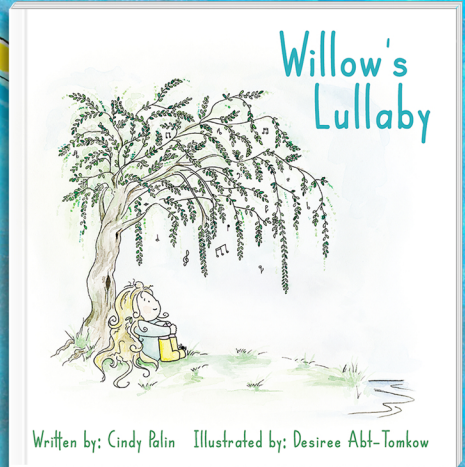
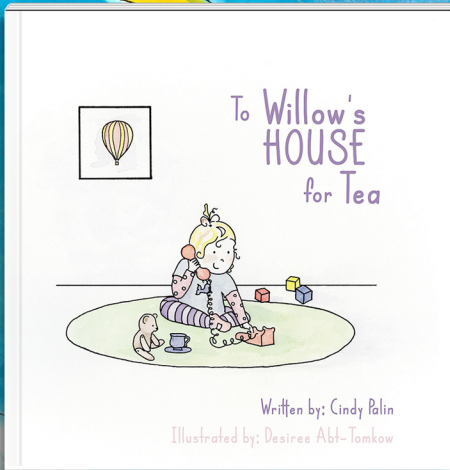
for size  
never measures  
the LOVE  
after all.





Read along with Cindy

Print eBook Audiobook



[www.newcindypalin.com](http://www.newcindypalin.com)



Cindy's writing, both in prose and song, has been recognized nationally in The Word Guild, Word Awards. Her inspiration comes from her everyday life and her grandchildren's epiphanies. "Stay connected, share positive messages, talk about faith and challenges and celebrate silliness", are some of Cindy's themes. "Every Once in a Magical Dittle" is a book about opposites, birth order, personalities, and LOVE.

Visit Cindy at [www.newcindyalin.com](http://www.newcindyalin.com)

Danielle Lemay is an illustrator, mixed media artist, painter and writer. She studied visual art at Red Deer College and works as an independent artist in rural Alberta. In 2022 Danielle and Cindy worked together on "When Gran got Sick", which was Danielle's debut in children's book illustration. Since then Daneille's portfolio and client base has expanded. Cindy and Danielle are up to it again with "Every Once in a Magical Dittle."

Visit Danielle at [www.instagram.com/dan.eye.elle/](http://www.instagram.com/dan.eye.elle/)

