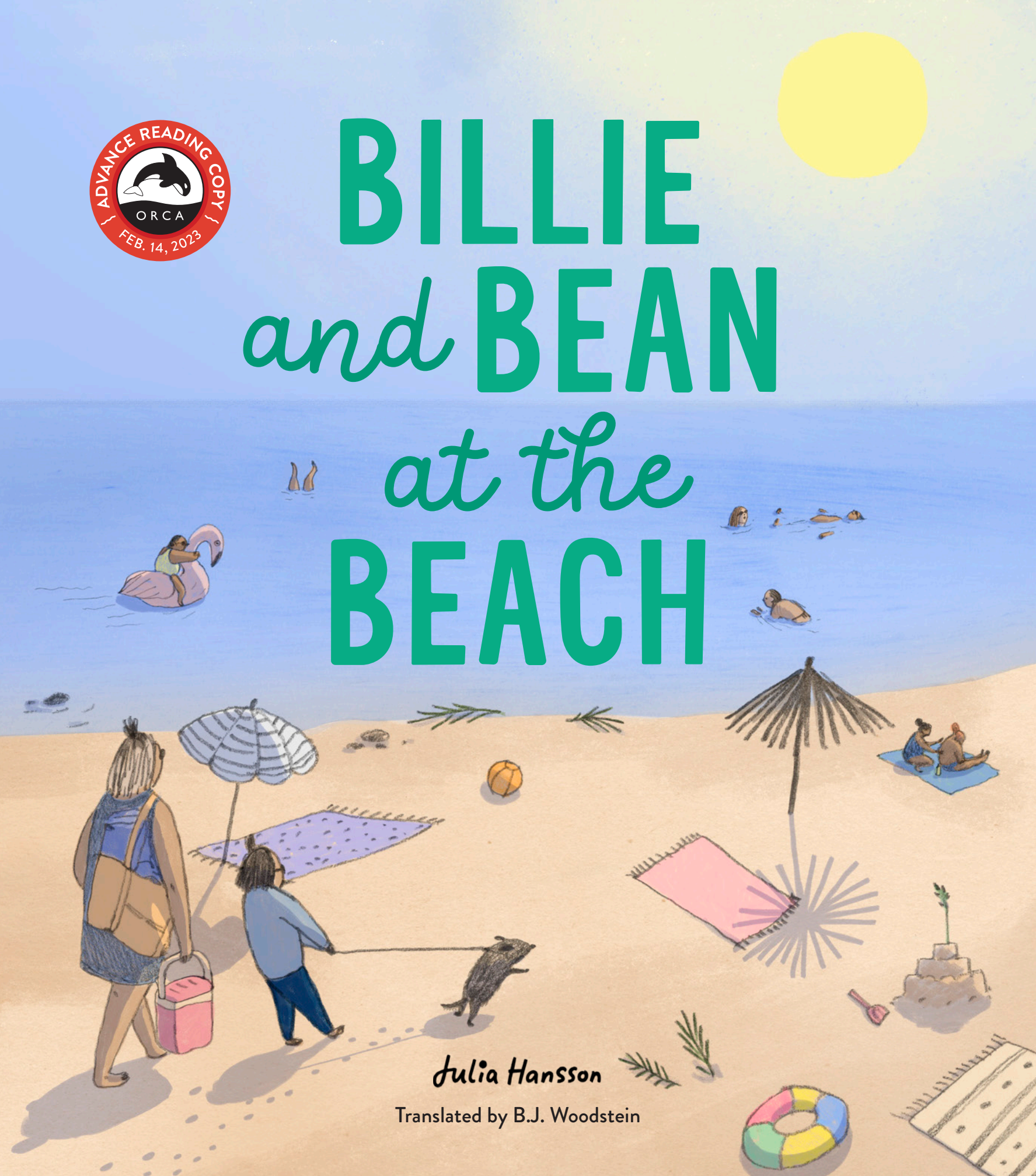




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- Celebrates independence, trying new things and bravery, even if that takes some time.
- Billie is given the space to try something new on her own time, with encouragement and support from her family.
- Billie demonstrates resilience and a growth mindset to a setback and tries something again even though the first time doesn't go well.
- Bright illustrations play with light and shadow to capture the textures and details of the beach.

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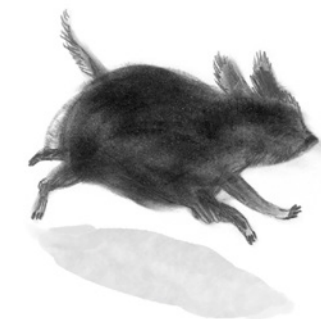
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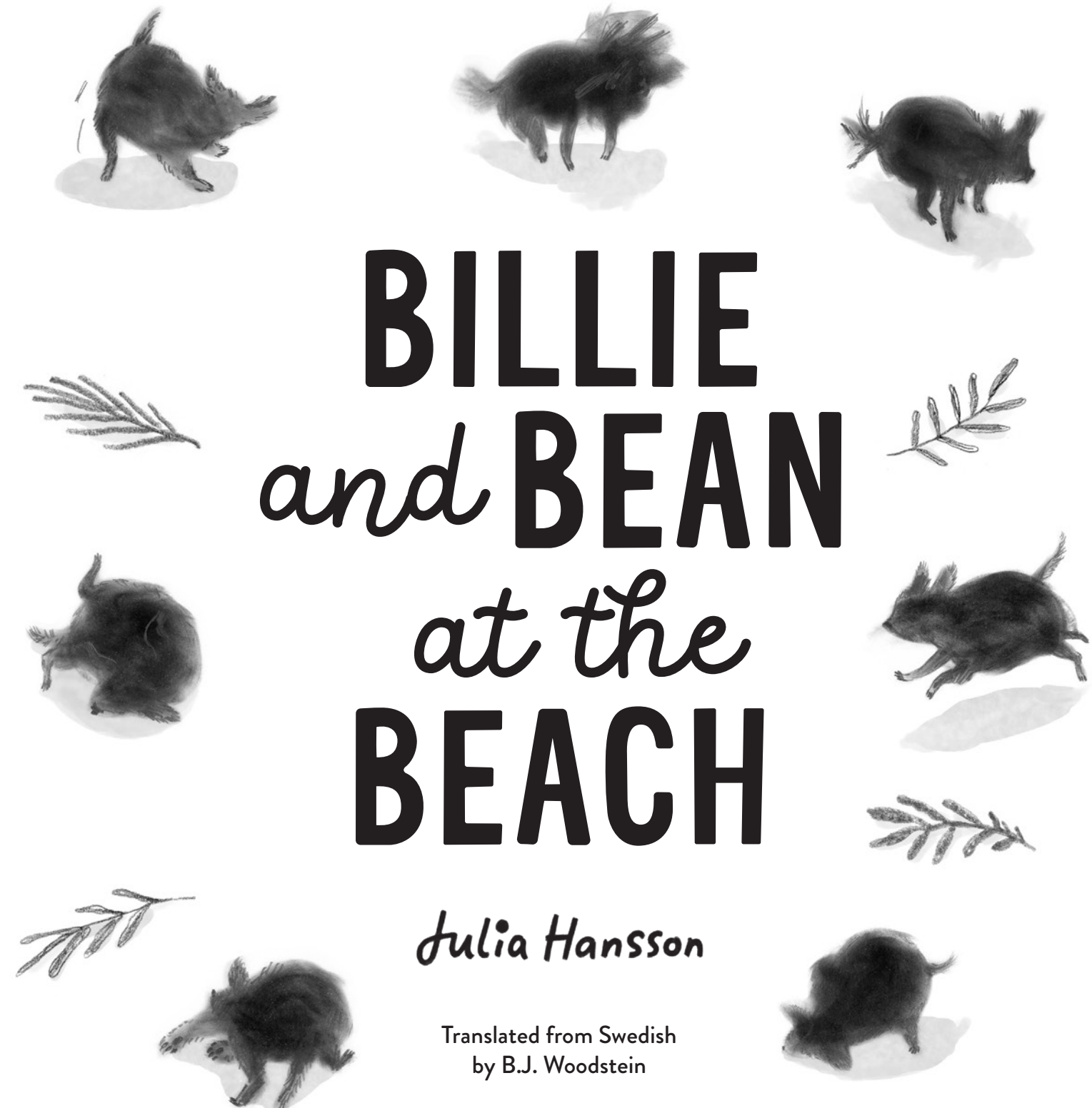


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Billie, Mom and Bean are  
spending the day at the beach.





Billie doesn't want to be here. The other children are shouting and splashing. But Billie wants to rest quietly in the shade.



Bean loves the beach! She runs around and around  
and around, rolling in the sand, chewing on  
seaweed and scratching herself on the rocks.







Now Bean is really dirty and really tired.  
Mom thinks Billie should go for a swim too.



The water is cold.



But Bean had been brave.



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REALLY  
HURTS!!

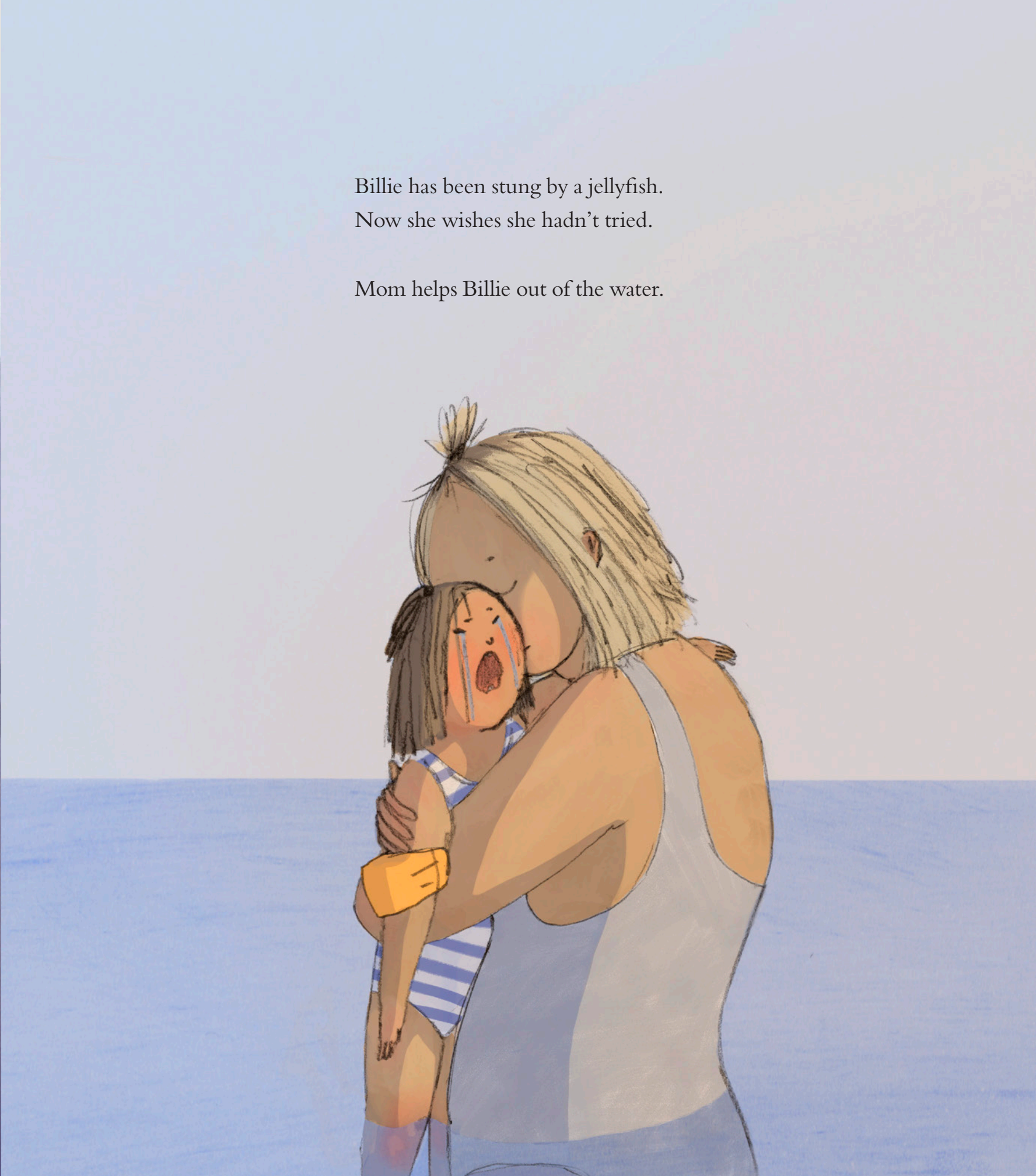






Billie has been stung by a jellyfish.  
Now she wishes she hadn't tried.

Mom helps Billie out of the water.







Billie gets band-aids for the red marks,  
even though they aren't bleeding.







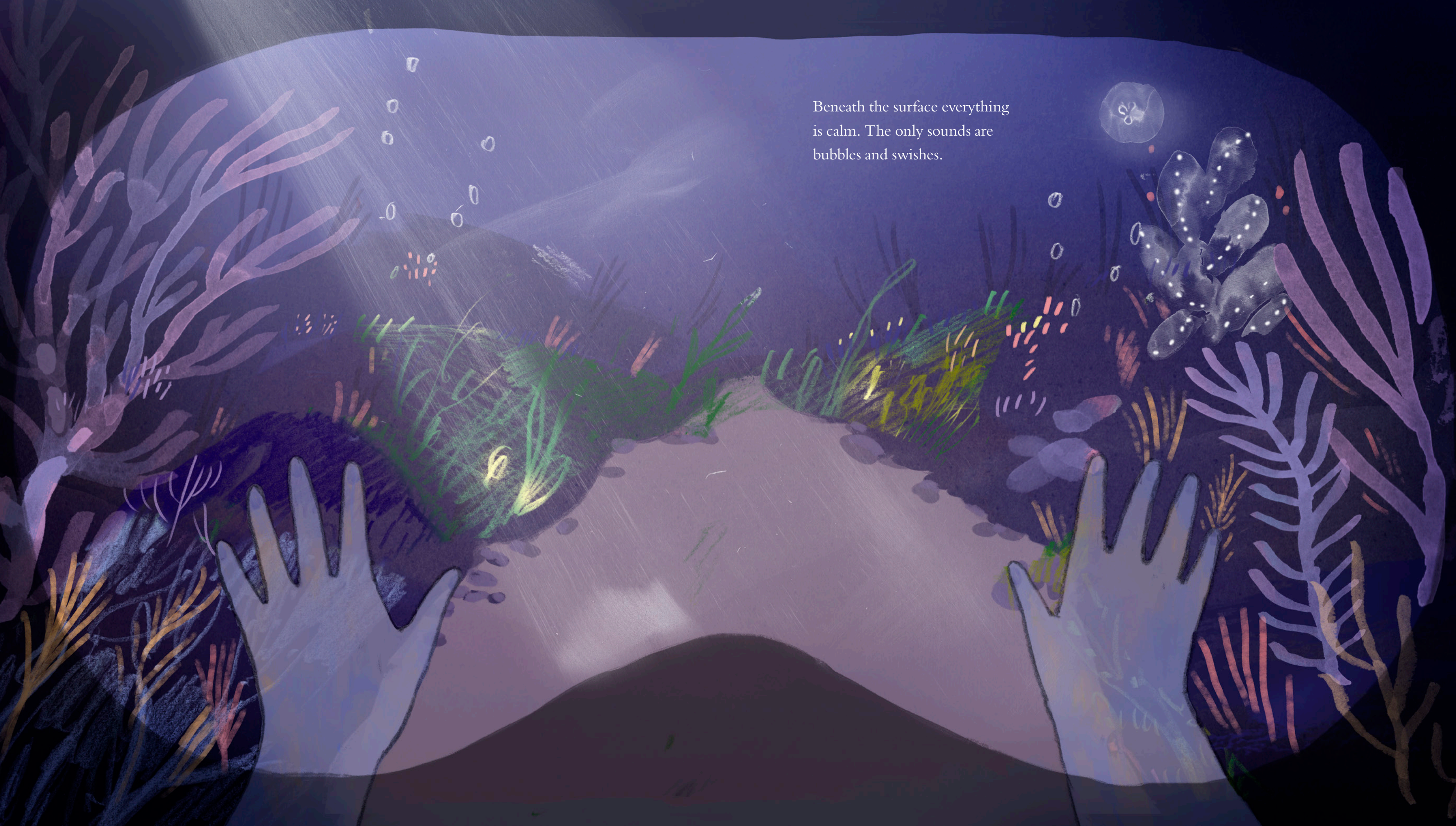
Bean has found a snorkel mask for Billie.  
Mom thinks it could be more fun to swim  
with that on. Billie thinks about the jellyfish.




But she decides to try once more.



Beneath the surface everything  
is calm. The only sounds are  
bubbles and swishes.





A vibrant underwater scene with a deep purple background. In the upper left, a jellyfish with a white bell and four white spots floats. Below it, a large, flowing jellyfish with a white bell and long, thin tentacles drifts. The scene is filled with various types of coral and seaweed in shades of purple, blue, and yellow. Small, colorful fish, including a blue one and a red one, are scattered throughout. At the bottom, there are several seashells and small crabs.

Billie finds an underwater garden full of  
shells and stones and all sorts of creatures—  
little fish, prawns and crabs.

A dark, almost black underwater scene. In the center, a bright, multi-colored light source (yellow, orange, and blue) glimmers. Scattered around this light are several pairs of glowing yellow eyes, looking in different directions. The background is filled with dark, silhouetted shapes that resemble seaweed or coral, creating a mysterious and slightly eerie atmosphere.

Down at the bottom, something glitters.



Bean thinks Billie was gone a very long time.





It's already time to go home.





Her leg still hurts a little, but Billie doesn't mind anymore. She is holding a secret in her hand.







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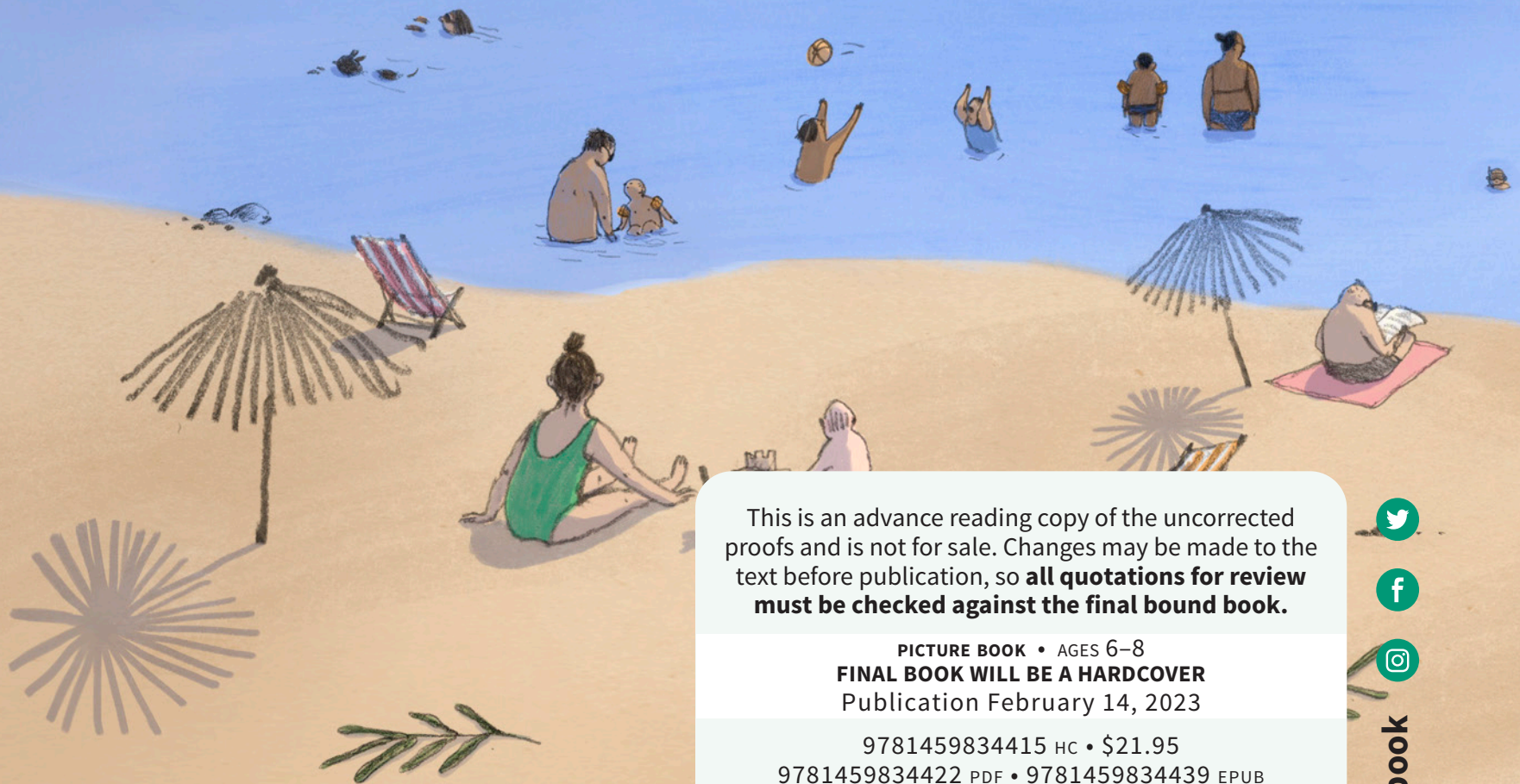
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Celebrating the supportive relationship between a child and her dog, this story shows how we can all be brave and achieve things in our own time.



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