

An illustration of a woman and a baby walking through a forest path. The woman is wearing a blue jacket and a black backpack, and the baby is wearing a blue hat and a yellow shirt. They are walking on a path that is surrounded by large, colorful autumn leaves in shades of green, yellow, and orange. The title 'Forest Baby' is written in a large, red, cursive font over the illustration.

# Forest Baby

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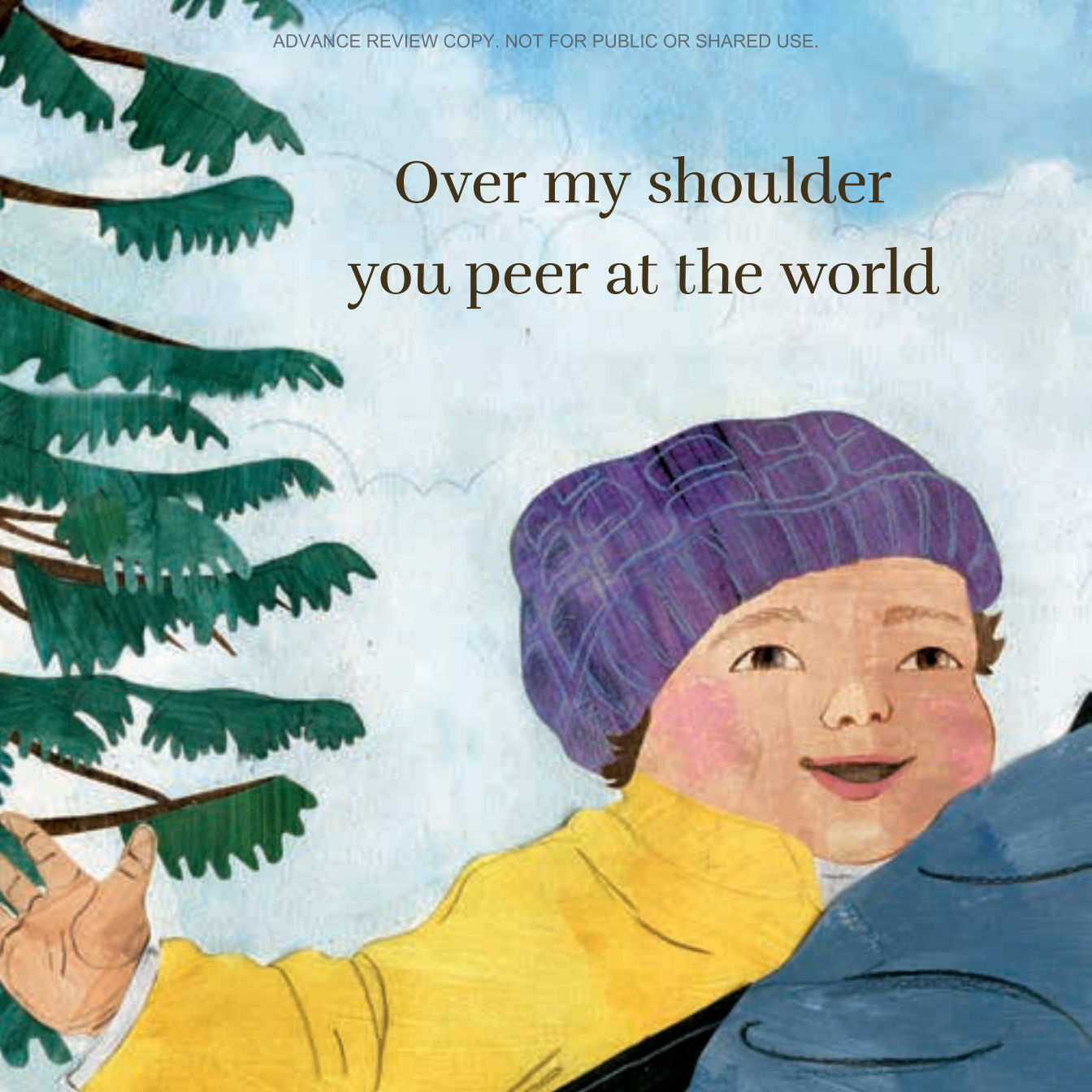
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Over my shoulder  
you peer at the world



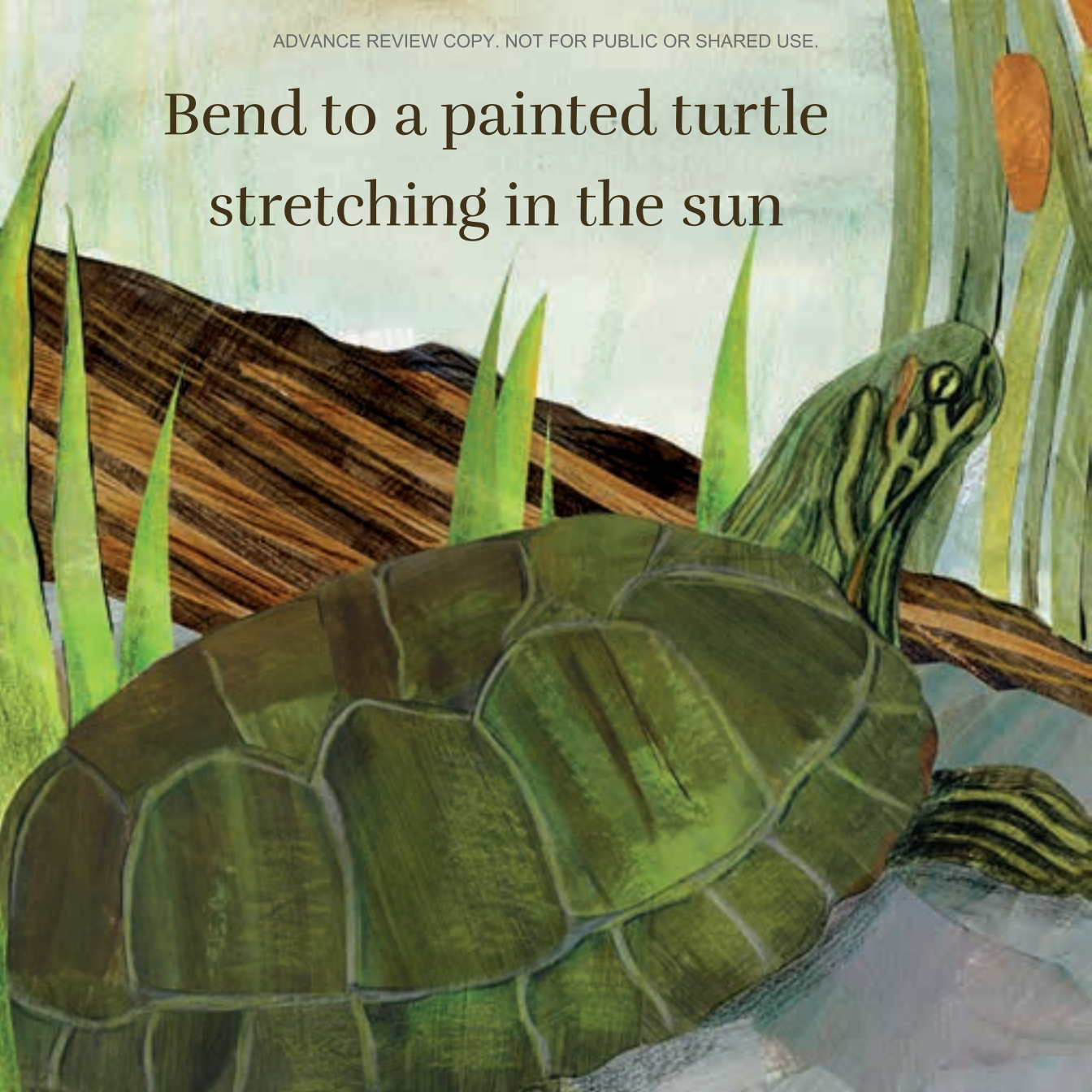




The background is a soft-focus illustration of autumn foliage. It features several maple leaves in shades of yellow, light green, and pale pink, some with dark brown veins. A single, elongated, winged seed (samarra) is visible on the left side, curving downwards. The overall composition is gentle and artistic, typical of a children's book cover.

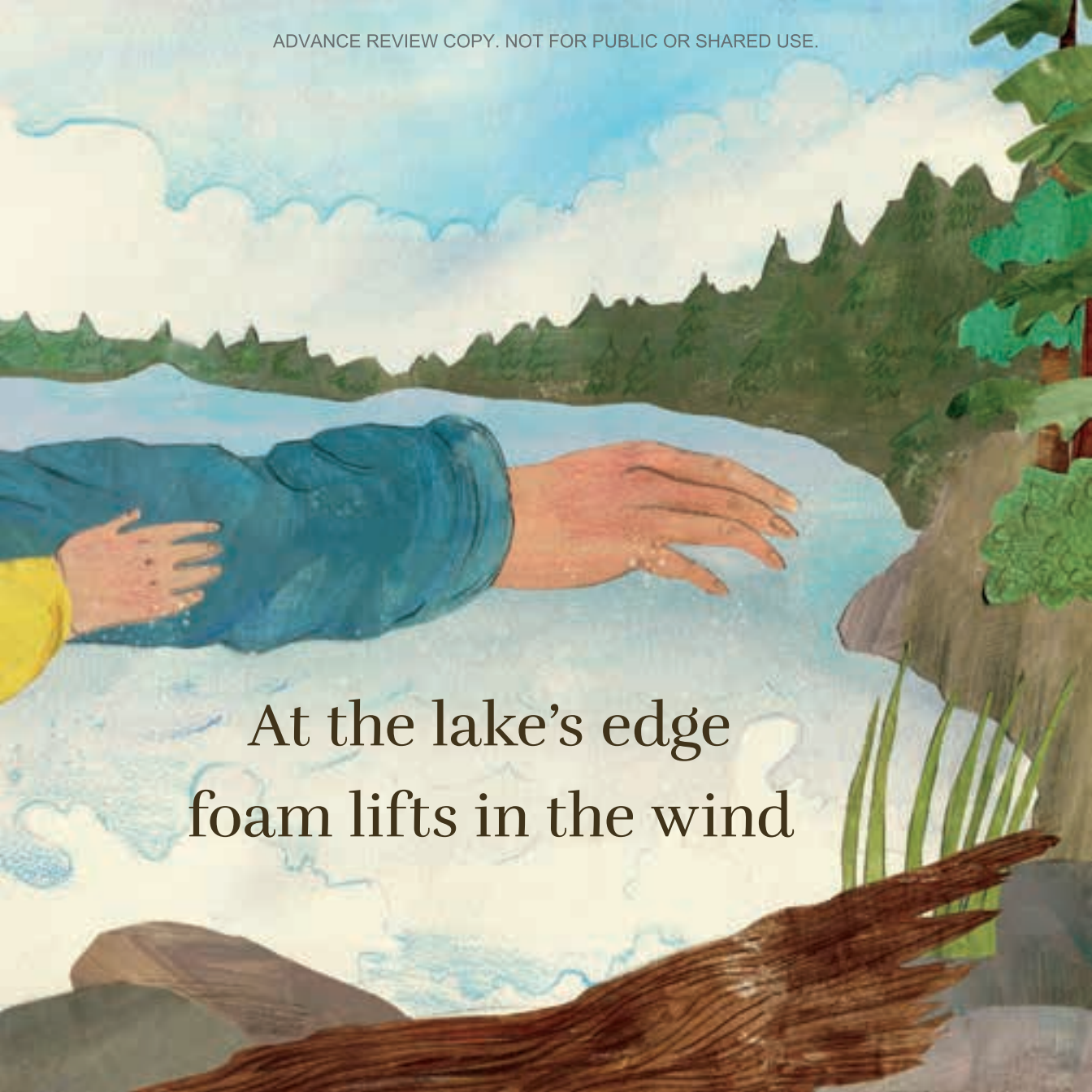
# Reach to leafy maples with winged seeds

# Bend to a painted turtle stretching in the sun



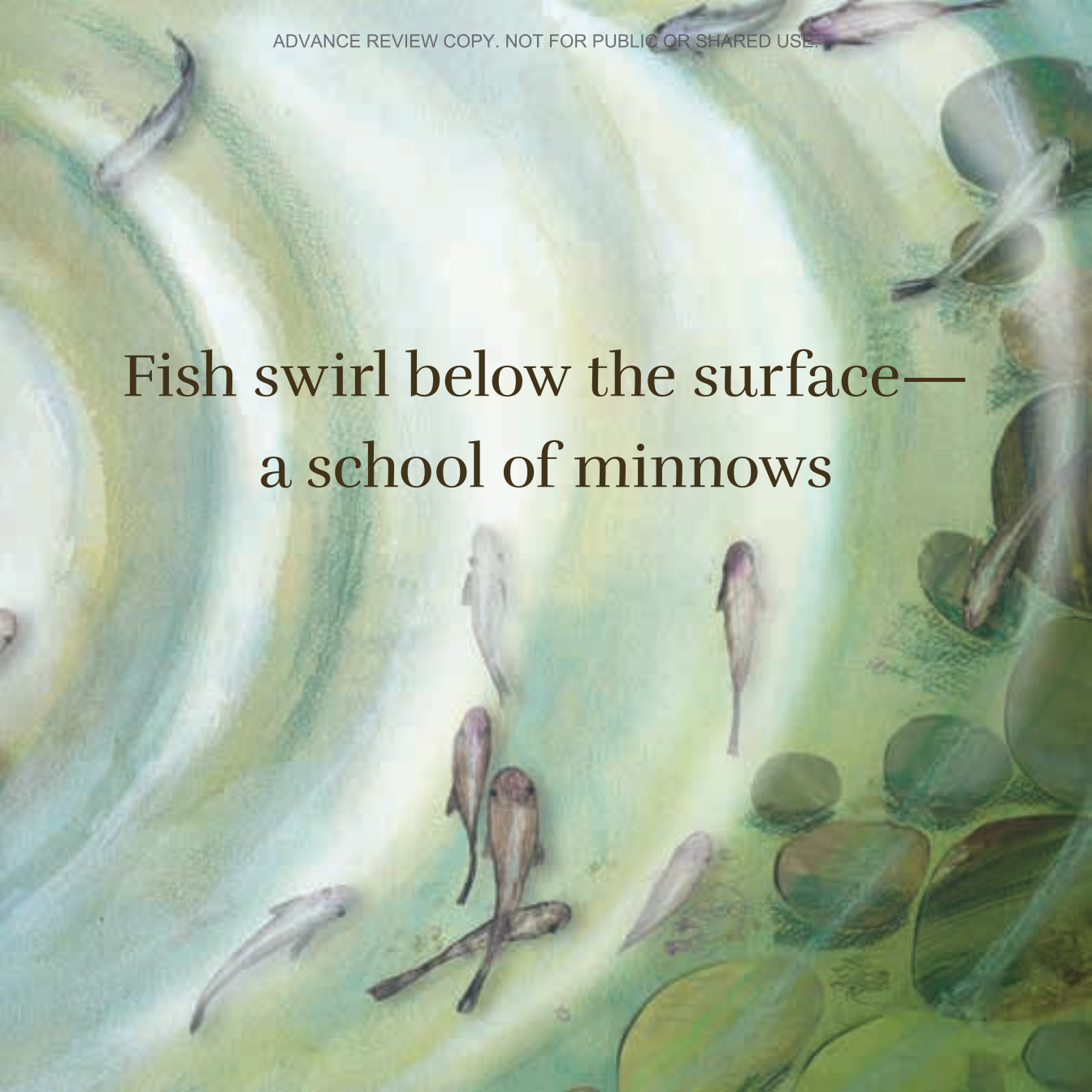





An illustration of a child's hands reaching out towards a lake. The child is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and a yellow sleeve is visible on the left hand. The lake is light blue with white foam. In the background, there are green mountains and a blue sky with white clouds. On the right, there are green trees and a brown log in the foreground.

At the lake's edge  
foam lifts in the wind






# Fish swirl below the surface— a school of minnows



The sun warms  
your face and fingertips



The background is a soft, painterly illustration of autumn foliage and pinecones. In the top left, a green fern frond extends downwards. To its right, a large, brown, curled leaf lies flat. In the bottom left, there are two dark brown pinecones and a yellow leaf. To the right of the pinecones, a large, vibrant red leaf is prominent. Further right, there are several yellow and orange leaves, some of which are curled or broken. The ground is a mix of light beige and brown tones, suggesting a soft, earthy surface. The overall style is soft and artistic, with visible brushstrokes and a gentle color palette.

Boots on soft earth  
strike a steady beat





A dragonfly rises,  
jewel of blue and green





The lilies are stars  
we lay our blanket near





# Above us butterflies shimmy and dip



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Leading us to  
our next adventure





For Kari, Rowan and Michael.

—LE

For my son, Eric.

—SR

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