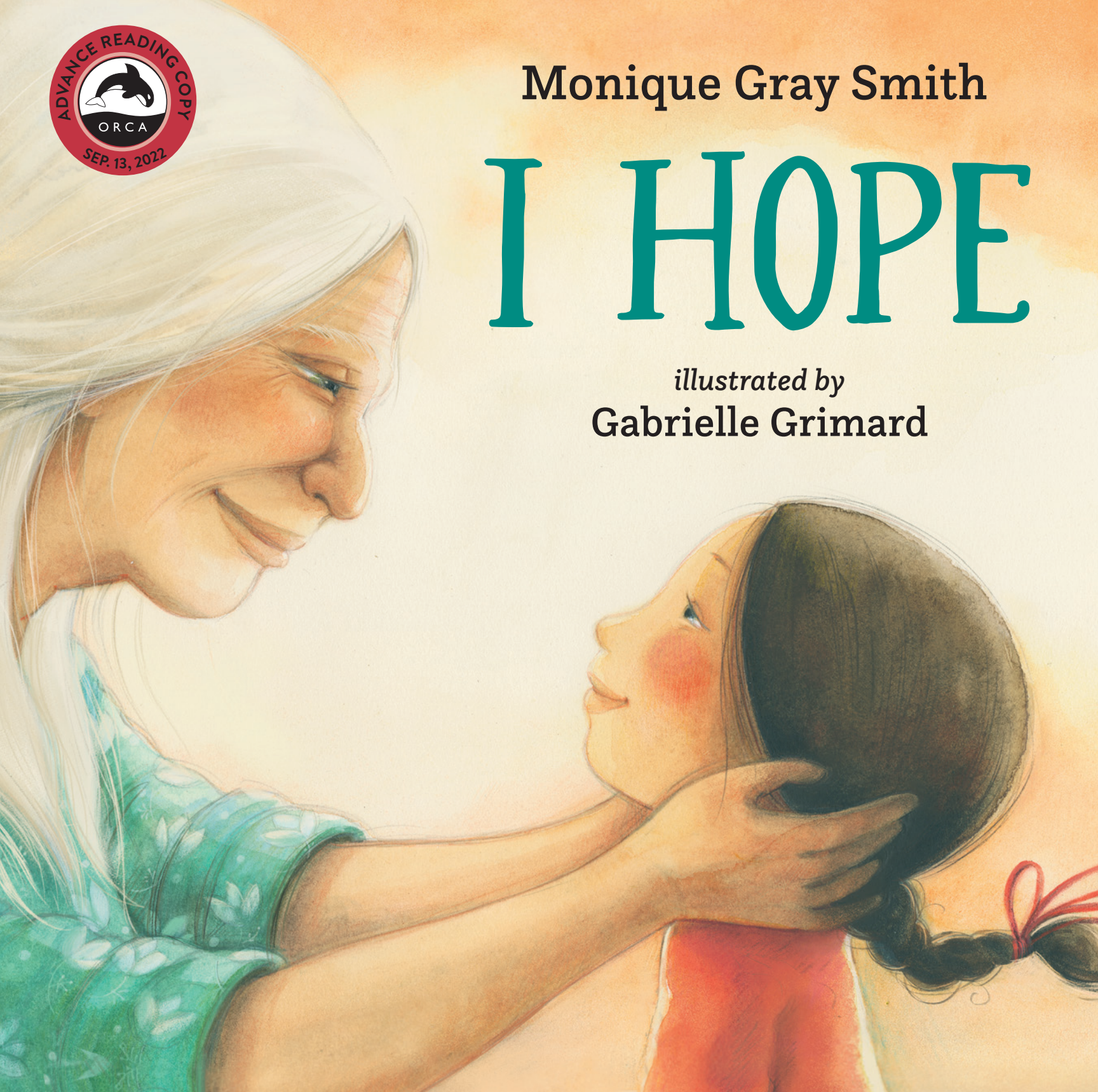




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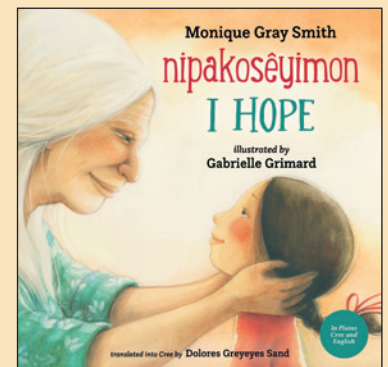
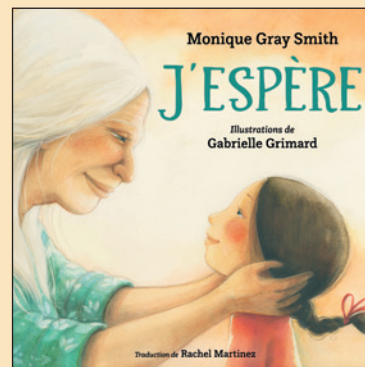
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- Simple, straightforward text outlines essential hopes that adults have for the young ones they love and asks young readers what hopes they have for themselves.
- Monique Gray Smith is an award-winning, bestselling author and advocate for the mental health and well-being of all children.
- Carefully constructed text addresses aspirations, from a safe place to sleep to a life full of love.
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I hope that you and those you love know joy





I hope that you are kind





I hope you have belly laughs





I hope you love to learn







I hope that when sad tears leave your  
eyes someone is there to catch them



I hope you are helpful





I hope you know beautiful happiness





I hope you play outside





I hope you are a caretaker of Mother Earth





I hope that, when you need a hug,  
there are loving arms to hold you





I hope that you and those you love  
have healthy food, clean water and a  
safe place to sleep





I hope you are courageous





I hope you remember to smile  
that beautiful smile of yours





I hope you are respectful







I hope you always remember that  
you are special and you matter

I have lots of hopes, for you and for me,  
but I wonder...What are your hopes?



For my sister, Teresa. Thank you for always being a beacon of hope.  
—M.G.S.

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