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An artistic illustration of two young girls in a vibrant, colorful field. The girl on the right has long, straight black hair and is wearing a red dress with colorful polka dots. The girl on the left has shorter black hair and is wearing a white dress. They are both looking towards the right. The field is filled with various flowers, including large yellow sunflowers and smaller purple and red blossoms. In the background, there are rolling hills in shades of blue and green, with a small stream visible in the bottom left corner. The overall style is soft and painterly.

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# TREASURE

# WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

**WHEN TWO SIBLINGS** go on a treasure hunt, they aren't sure exactly what kind of treasure they are looking for. What they do know is that treasures are shiny, mysterious and precious—and that all the best treasures are hard to find!

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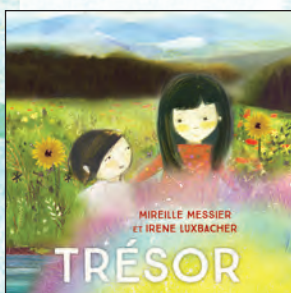
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Let's go find a treasure.

Okay!



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How will we know when we've found a treasure?

**Well, a treasure is shiny and mysterious and precious.  
And the *best* treasures are always hidden.**



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Is this a treasure?

No. It's not shiny enough.

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Is this a treasure?



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**No. Not mysterious enough.**





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How about this?

**No. Not precious enough.**

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Humph! Finding a treasure is hard...

**Finding a treasure is fun!**

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Are you sure there is a treasure?

**Not a bit!**



Will you share the treasure with me if we find it?

**As long as you help me carry it.**

Okay. I have pockets. But what if the treasure is too heavy?

**I have pockets too.**



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The treasure is hidden too well!

We might be getting close.



The treasure is hidden too far away! I give up.



Just a little bit farther.





**I knew it!**  
**I've found a treasure!**

Is it shiny?

**Yes!**

Is it mysterious?

**Oh yes!**

Is it precious?

**Yes!**

Will it fit in my pocket?

**No way!**

Let me see!

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Wow! That's our treasure?

**Yes! Some treasures are too big for pockets.**





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Goodbye, treasure.