



Welcome, Dark

Charis St. Pierre

Illustrated by
Rachel Wada

Welcome, dark Cool and gray. Come and tuck The world away.

IN THIS POETIC BOARD BOOK, young readers are invited to explore the sounds of nighttime and find comfort in them instead of fear.

As a young child falls asleep, the night comes alive. Animals hide and leaves blow, seeds are spread and crops are watered, and the world wakes anew in the morning.

Charis St. Pierre grew up in British Columbia surrounded by blackberries and cedar trees. She is a parent of young children and a graduate student focused on environmental issues in children's literature. Charis is fascinated by how picture books depict the natural world, and the sorts of relationships they invite children to form with the environments around them. She lives in Edmonton with her family.

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A stunningly illustrated board book that introduces young readers to the importance of night as a time for animals to thrive, rains to fall, winds to blow and the world to rest.

FORMAT

6 x 6"

20 pages

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- This is a bedtime book that focuses on how wild and active nighttime can be.
- This story celebrates some of the scariest parts of night for young children: darkness and the sounds of wind and rain. It lets caregivers emphasize the importance of these natural elements in helping our world live and grow.
- By exchanging the common “good night” bedtime formula for “welcome,” children are invited to embrace everything that is exciting and mysterious about the world at night.
- The illustrator won the Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver Canadian Picture Book Award in 2019 and the Freeman Book Award for Children’s Literature in East and Southeast Asia.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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REVIEWS/ENDORSEMENTS

"A beautifully and sweetly written story...Parents and children alike will reach for this comforting bedtime story that is set to become a classic."

—*CM: Canadian Review of Materials*, 13 June 2022

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- Print and online advertising campaigns
- Promotion at national and regional school, library and trade conferences
- Extensive ARC distribution, including Edelweiss
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Welcome, dark
Cool and gray.
Come and tuck
The world away.



Hide the squirrels
Still the cars

Close the flowers
Wake the stars.





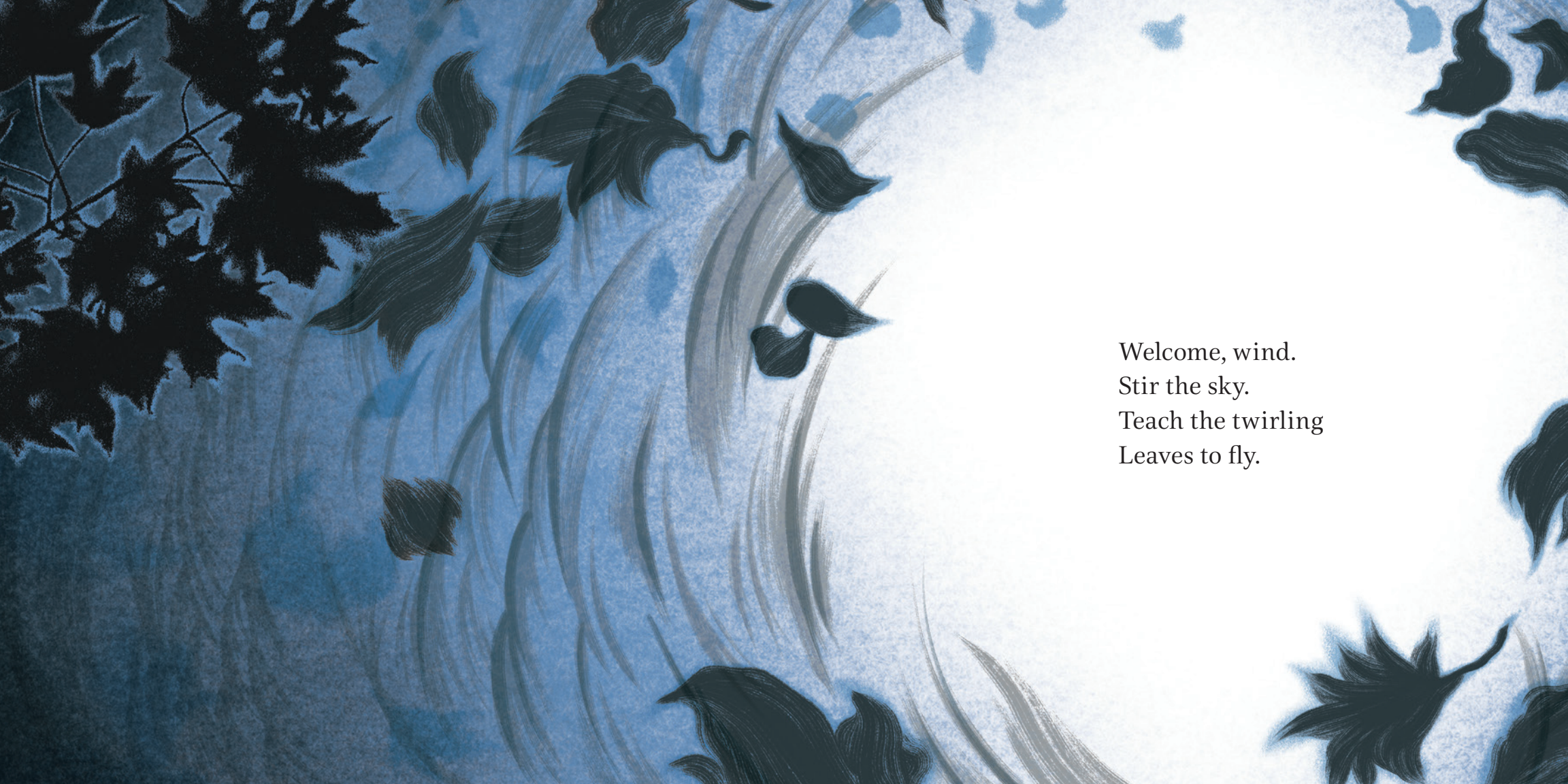
Welcome, rain.
There's work to do.
Come and wash
The world anew.



Pour puddles
Rinse the trees

Water crops
Fill the seas.





Welcome, wind.
Stir the sky.
Teach the twirling
Leaves to fly.



Scatter seeds
Ring chimes

Spread the clouds
Shake the pines.





Welcome, night
Wild and deep.
Hum your music
While I sleep.