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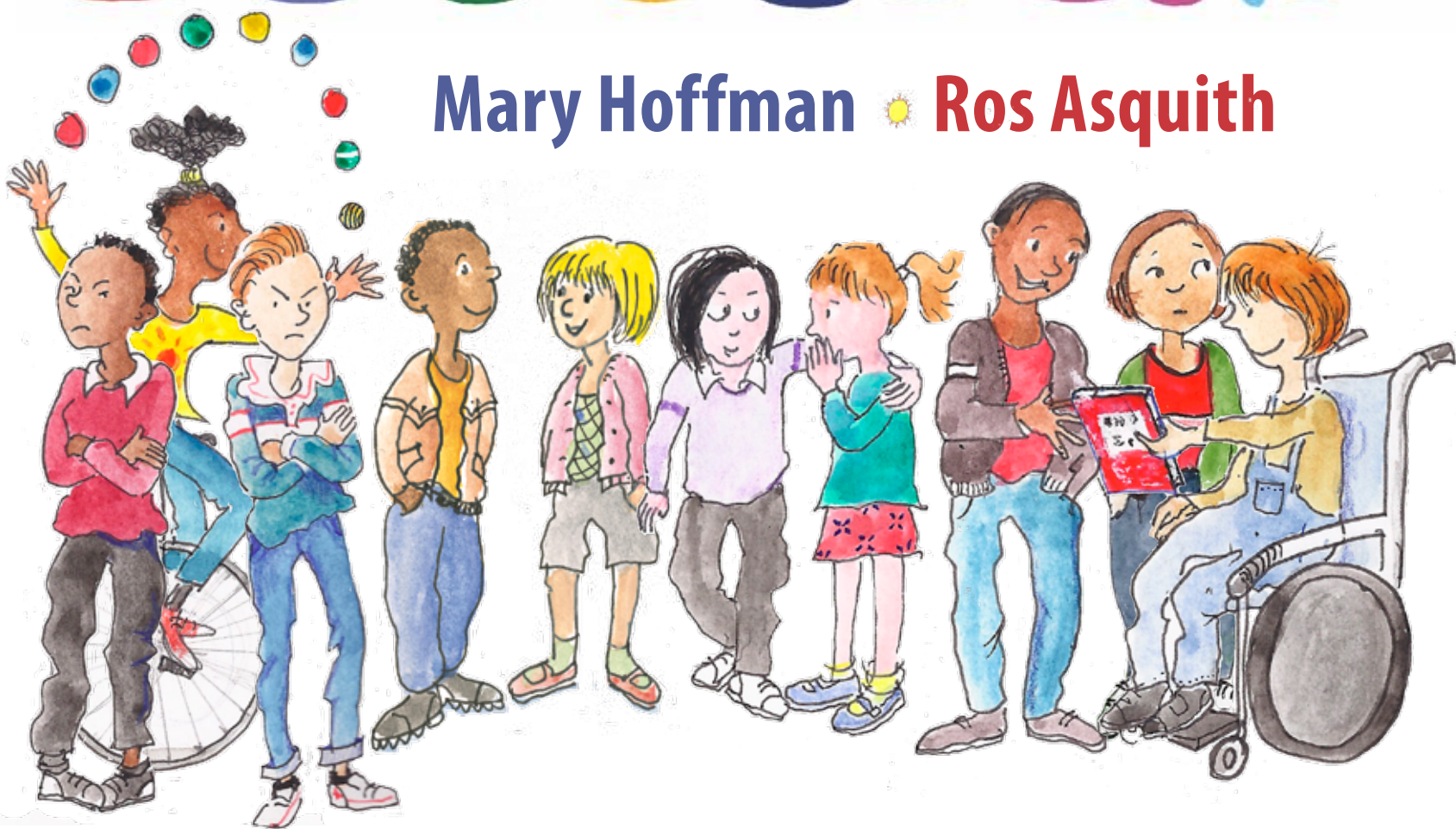


# Book of



# Friends

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For my little cousins Joseph, Cora, Stanley, Isla,  
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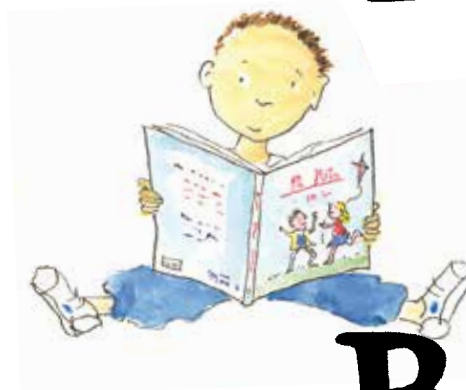
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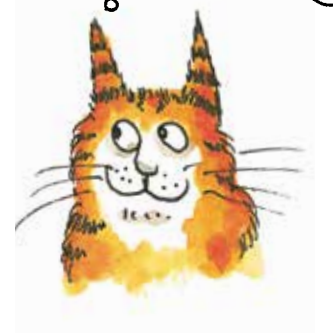
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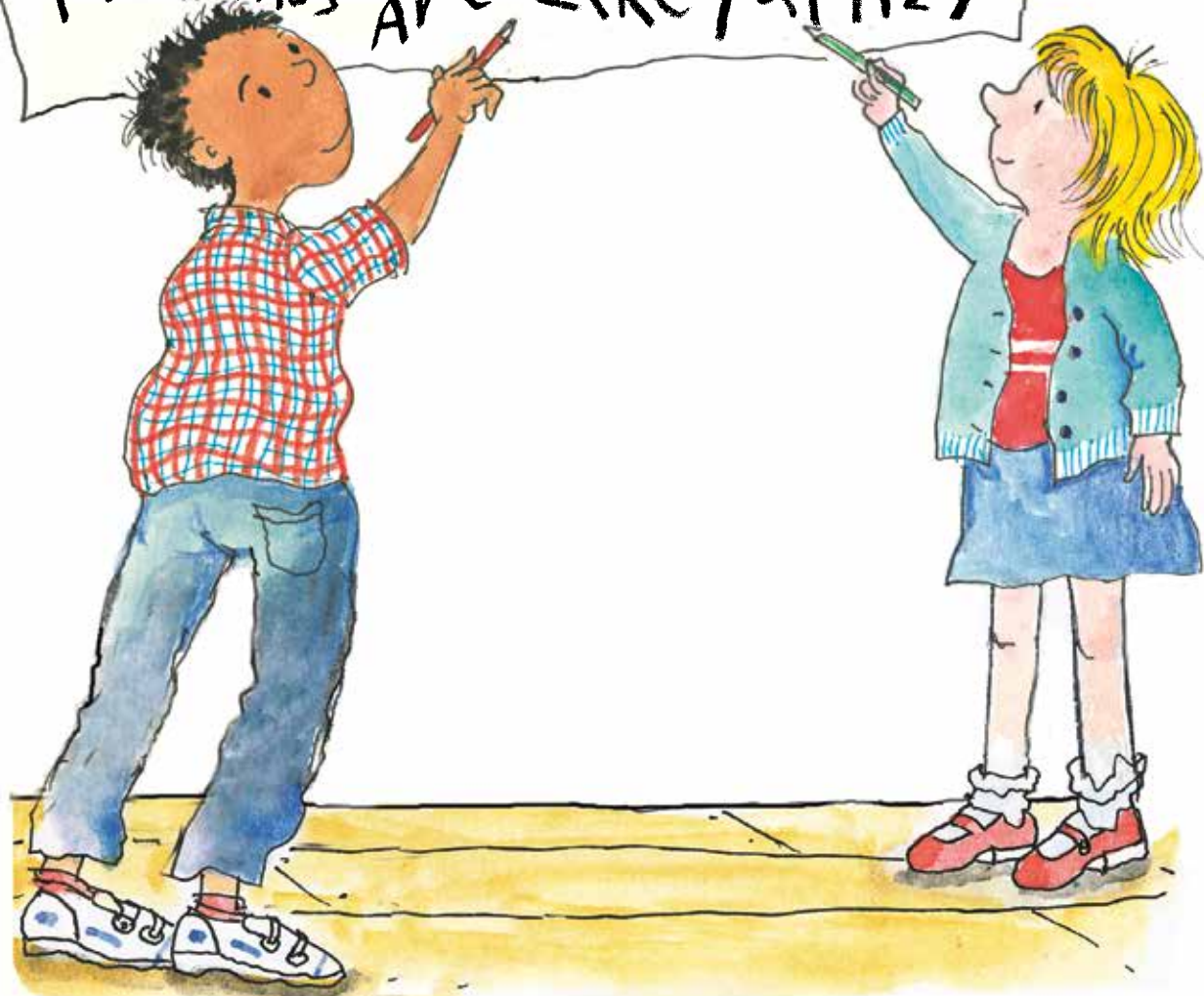
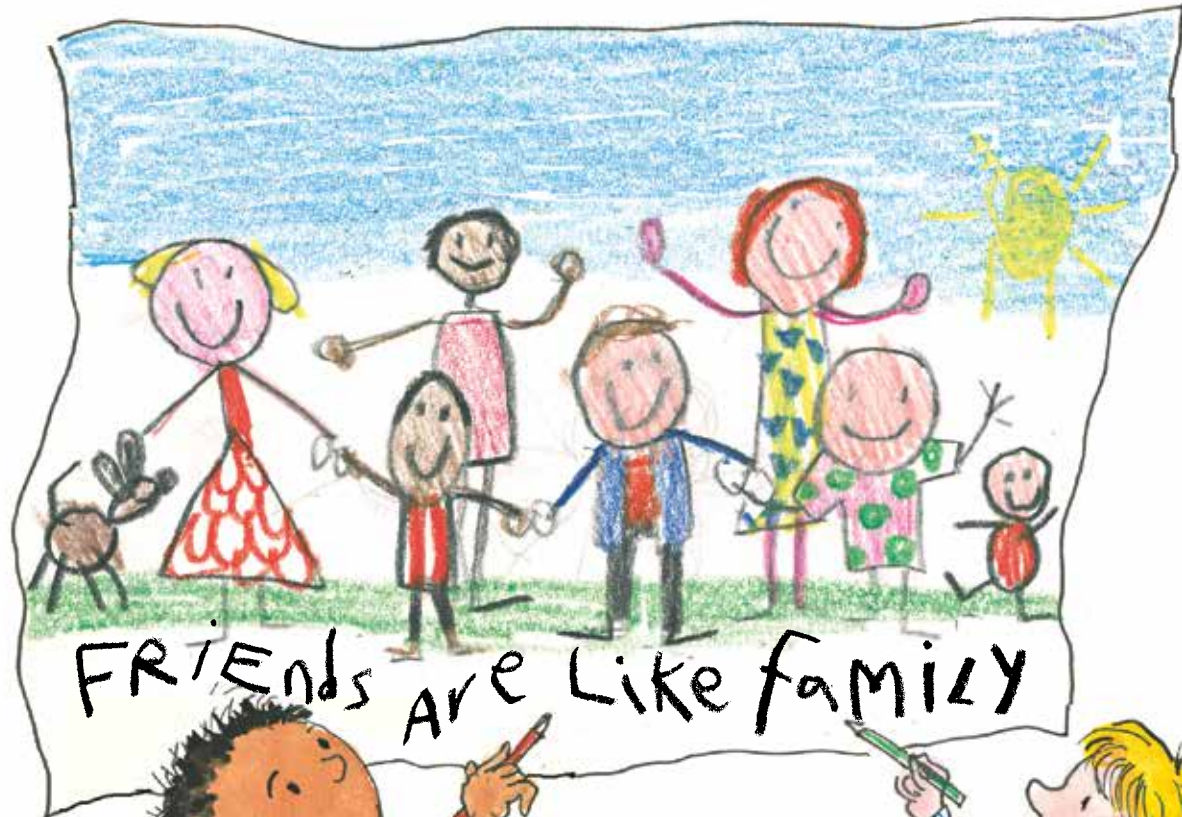
Can you find ME  
every time you  
turn a page?



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# What is a Friend?

What do you think a friend is?



Someone who likes the same things



Someone who lives next door.



Someone who asks you to their party.



Someone you like and who likes you



Someone who wants to play with you

Can Food be a friend?



We've got the same book!

# MAKING friends

Hi there!

You're funny.

I like your hair.

Will you be on my team?

Will you be my friend?

Hello!

Some people find it easier to make friends than others do.

This is Horatio Ponsoby-Bartholomew. He likes drawing frogs, too.

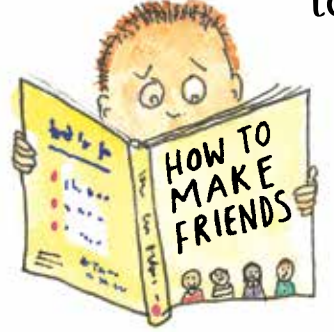
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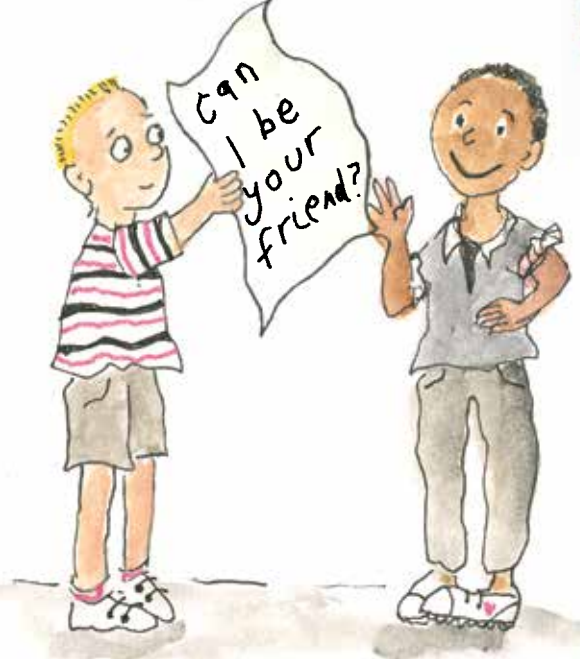
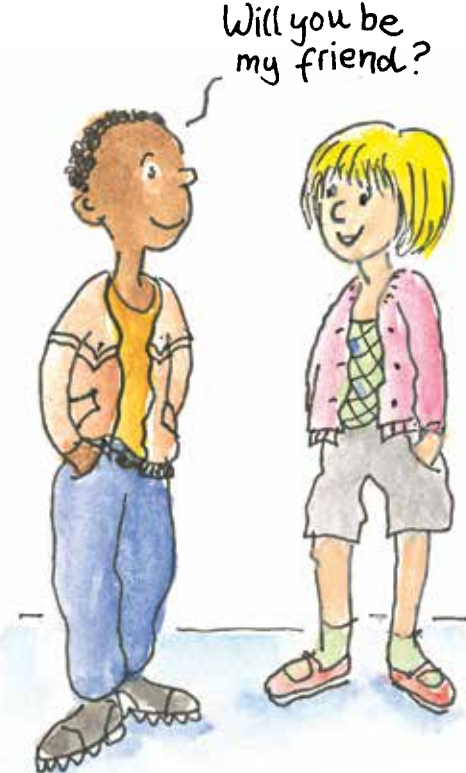
I like you!

You're clever.

Do you remember how you made all your friends? It might have been at school or playgroup or at a party.



You have to be a bit brave sometimes to ask to be someone's friend.



Do you like me?

Let's be friends.

Let's PLAY!

I don't believe he wants to be my friend.



We can feel a bit lonely if we think we don't have any friends. But it's OK to be on your own sometimes.

We've got the same name!

What's your favourite colour?

Do you like cats?

What's your name?

Do you like dogs?

Please be my friend.

How old are you?

Please come to my party.

# BEST friends

Do you have one person who is your best friend?

How do you know if someone is your best friend?

Maybe it's the person you most like to do things with...



We were best friends at nursery.

Our mums were best friends.



the one who is best at cheering you up...



and the one you feel comfortable with, just being together.



If we have babies, will THEY be best friends?

Who knows?

And we're STILL best friends!

You don't have to pretend...

Cos I'm your best friend.



My best friend feeds me.





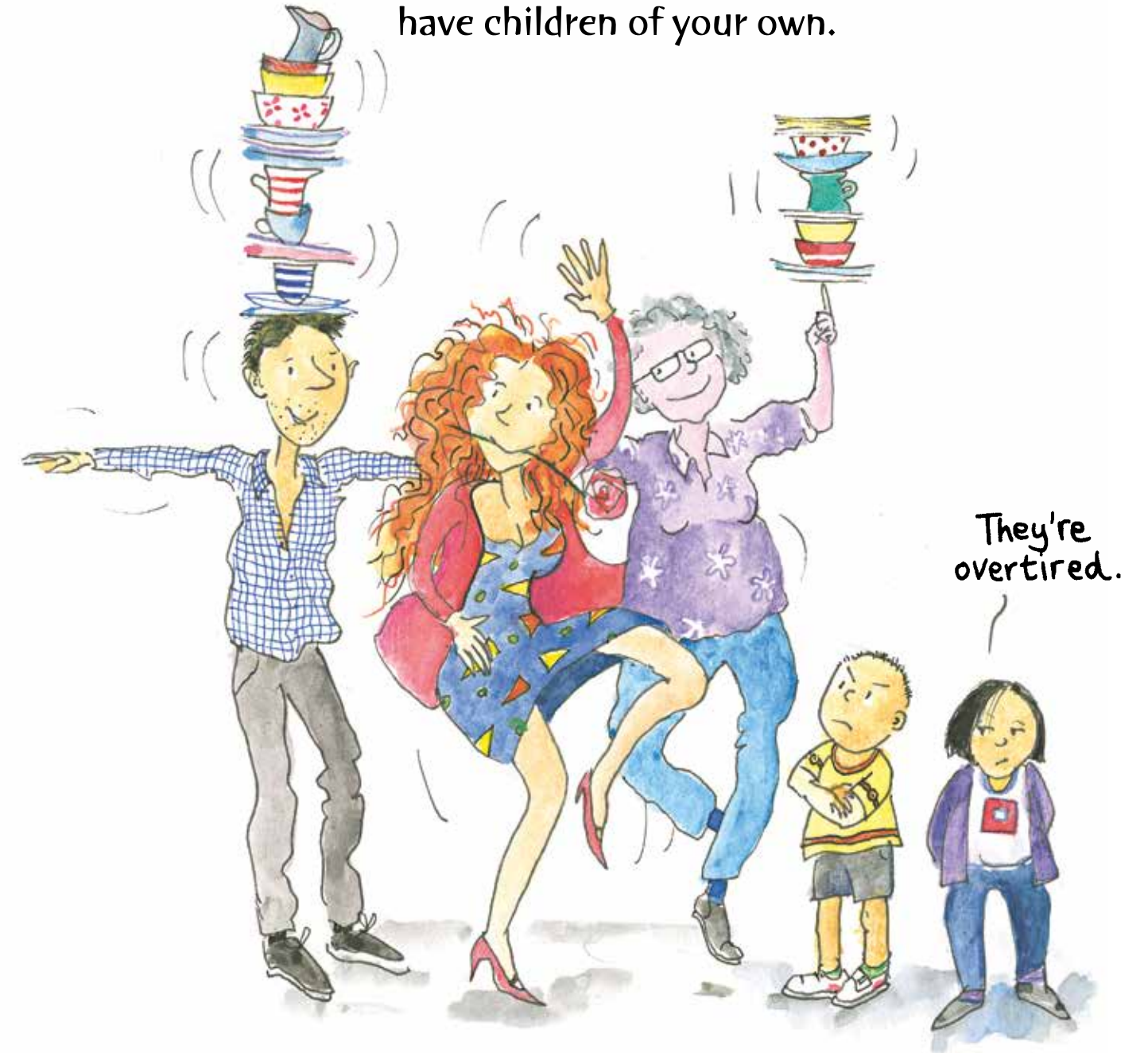
# A GROUP of FRIENDS

What if you don't have just one special friend? You might prefer to have more.

I'd like a group of friends, please.



Friendship groups can last a lifetime, till you are all grown up and maybe have children of your own.



They're overtired.

That group looks more fun than my group.



It can be a lot of fun doing things with a group of friends, playing games and talking about things you all enjoy.

You sometimes see groups of grown-ups having fun together and being silly, just the same way they did when they were kids.