

To Mom and Dad—for Tahoe summers, nature hikes, and wildflower bouquets. For finding immeasurable joy in life's small moments.

—Karen

To all wildlife.

—Marc

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Come home, *Big Paws*.

Berry picker
Honey trickster
Shadows deepen in the glen.
Lumber back inside your den.



Come home, *Velvet Nose*.

Antlered swimmer
Pond-weed skimmer
Daylight's fleeting—wade ashore.
Bed down in the great outdoors.



Come home, *Tiny Hooves*.



Wide-eyed runner
Spotted sunner
Evening's sounding. Scurry! Rush.
Safely nap in wooded brush.