



To Mum, Glen and Christabel,  
thank you for all your support. – E.A.D.

To those who helped my cat, Clementine,  
to get better. – M.A.

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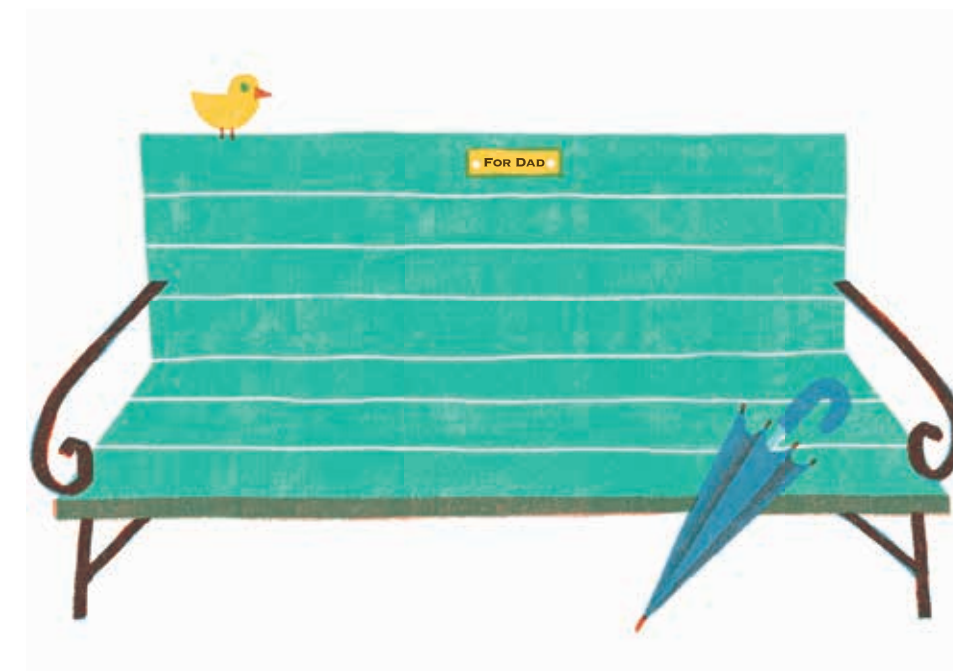
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# THE BLUE UMBRELLA



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I saw a family shivering.  
"Let's cover them too!"  
"I don't think there's space," Mum said.  
"It's worth a try!"



"Come and squeeze under here!" Mum called.  
"We won't fit!"  
But Mum and I shuffled over anyway.



Somehow, they DID fit under my umbrella.  
It wasn't a squash at all.  
"It's bigger than I thought," the boy said, looking up.  
I looked up, too . . .



The umbrella was bigger!  
It had grown. Taller and wider.

The rain pelted down around us.  
But under the umbrella was warm and dry.  
"There's room for more!" I called around.



So we shuffled over.  
For the kids by the goalpost.  
For the families huddling  
under dripping trees.



And I held the umbrella  
over their heads.



Everyone looked up,  
open-mouthed.

The umbrella had grown again.  
Taller and wider.

