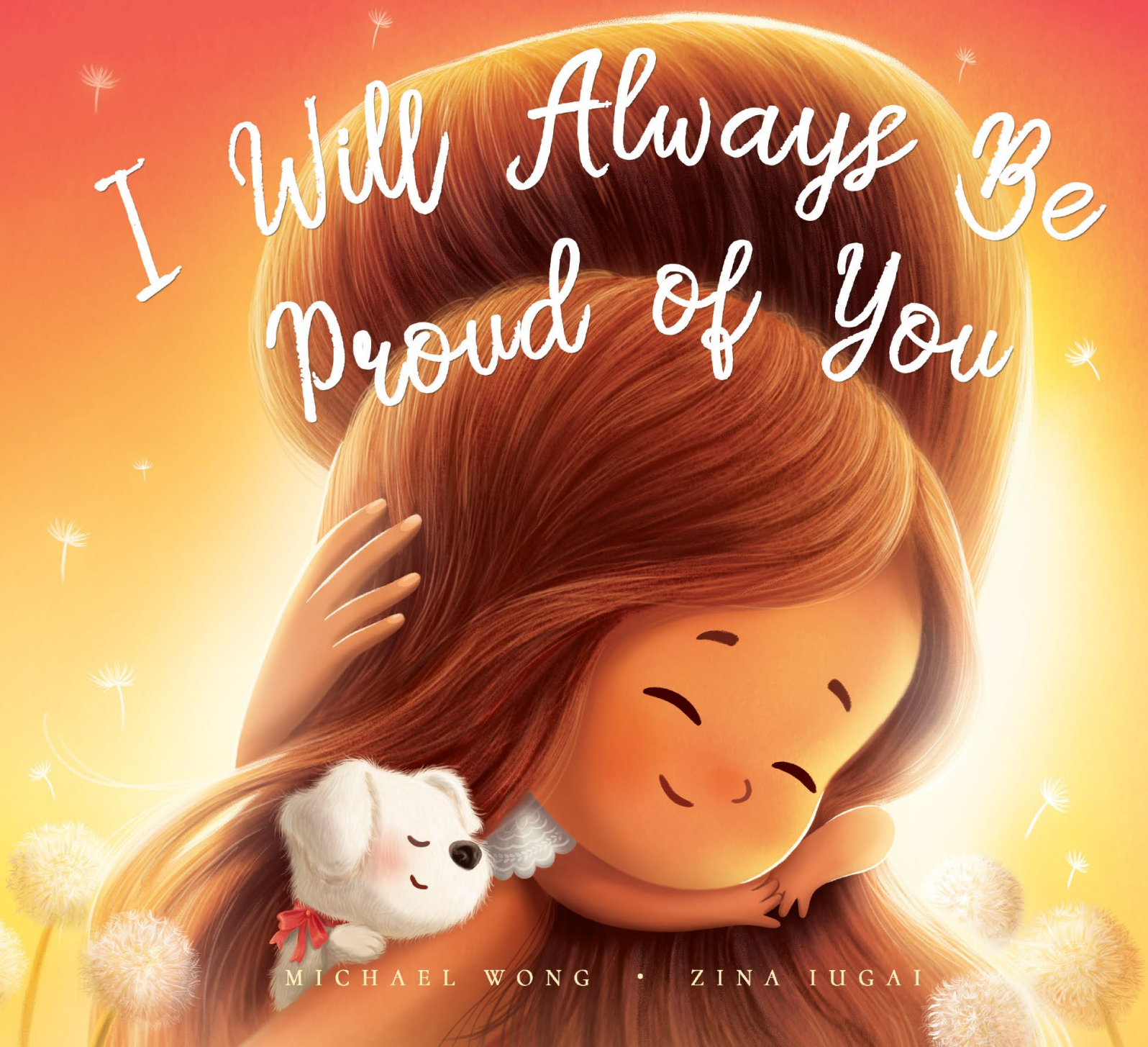


From the award-winning author of *I Wish You Happiness*

I Will Always Be Proud of You



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Dedicated to my two boys. I will always be proud of you. – Your dad

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I Will Always Be
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M I C H A E L W O N G • Z I N A I U G A I



I look at you, my little one,
and feel a sense of pride.
The love that grows inside my heart
is one I cannot hide.

One day, I know you'll spread your wings,
and then you will fly free.

Today I watch you, wondering
what you'll grow up to be.



Will you enrich our souls with
wondrous music or wise words?



Will you protect our animals—
our mammals and our birds?



Perhaps you'll captivate the world
with stunning works of art,



Or cook the most delightful meals
that help to warm the heart.



Will you rush into danger so
that you can save the day,



Or nurse the sick to health again
so that they all may play?



It may be that you'll someday care
for those in need of aid,





Or coach all kinds of athletes so
they'll reach their highest grade.

Perhaps you will empower kids
to be all they can be,



Or maybe you'll find ways to save
the creatures of the sea.



Will you one day discover how
to cure the common cold?



Or maybe you'll show kindness that
is valued more than gold.



It might be that you'll turn our waste
to something that has worth,



Or pioneer clean energy
to make a healthy Earth.



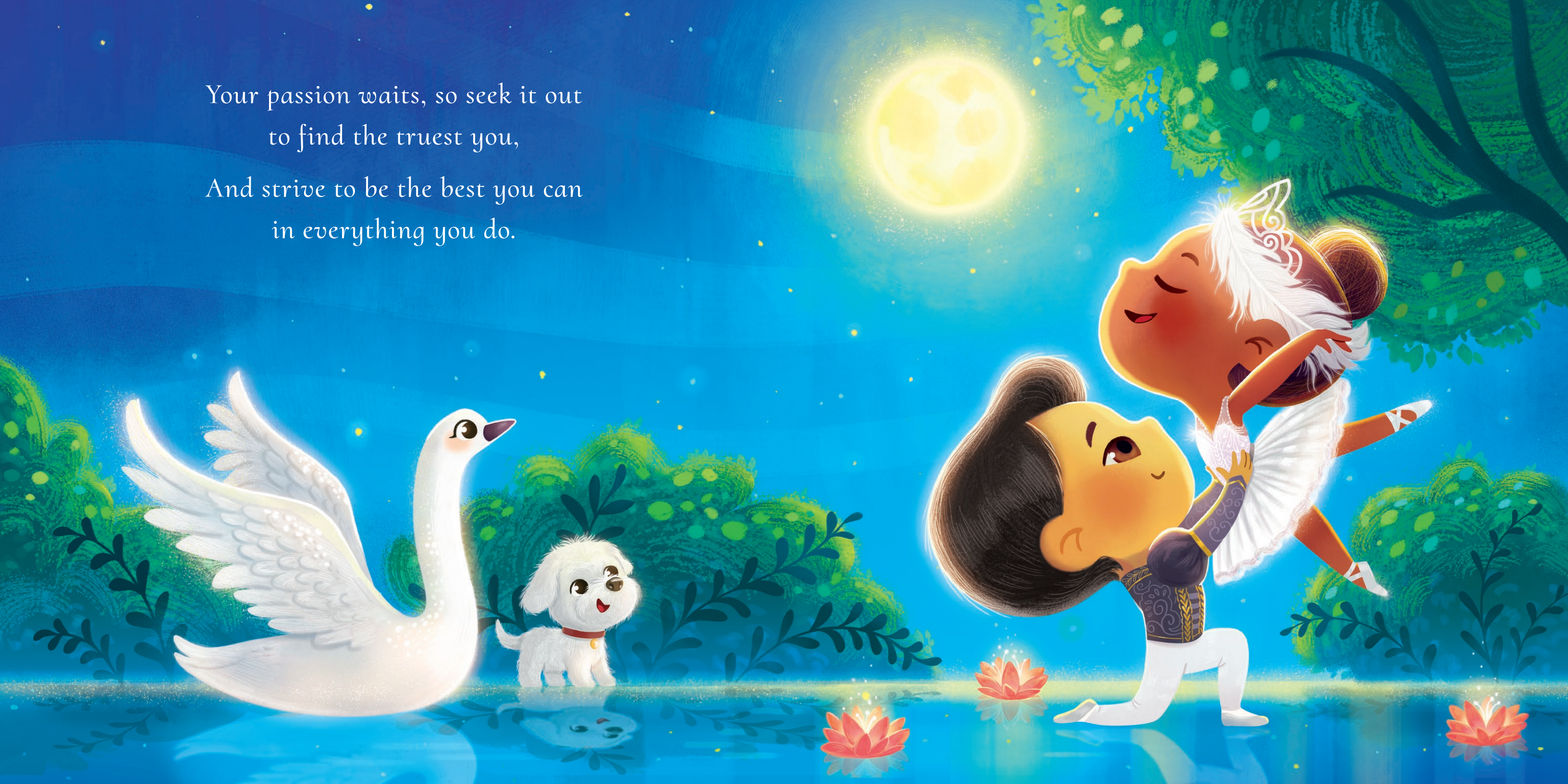
Will you turn your thoughts skyward to
what's waiting in the stars?





Or will you build a wonderful
new world for us on Mars?

Your passion waits, so seek it out
to find the truest you,
And strive to be the best you can
in everything you do.





When clouds of doubt turn sunshine to
a dark and hazy gray,

Stay strong and know tomorrow
always brings a brighter day.

I have no doubt you'll reach your dreams
and get there without fear.
Just know that if you ever need me,
I will be right here.



I wish you happiness, no matter
what you choose to do.

I love you and . . .

*I always will be
very proud of you!*



Can You Spot the Famous People?

No matter what obstacles you face, believe in yourself and all that you are—just like these famous people did. Can you spot all five in the book?



Can you spot a young Annie Jump Cannon?

Annie Jump Cannon was born in 1863. She was a pioneer in the field of astronomy. Cannon classified about 350,000 stars by their spectral characteristics (temperature, color, size, brightness, and composition).



Can you spot a young Bessie Coleman?

Bessie Coleman was born in 1892. In 1921, she became the first African-American woman and Native American to earn a pilot's license. She was known as "Brave Bessie" for doing dangerous stunts at air shows.



Can you spot a young Friedrich Fröbel?

Friedrich Fröbel was born in 1782. At the time, children under the age of seven did not attend school. Fröbel's belief that young children should be educated changed that. In 1837, he opened the first "kindergarten."



Can you spot a young Ludwig van Beethoven?

Ludwig van Beethoven was born in 1770. He is one of the greatest composers of all time. Amazingly enough, Beethoven wrote some of his greatest works after going deaf. His music is still popular today.



Can you spot a young Vincent van Gogh?

Vincent van Gogh was born in 1853. He is a famous painter, known best for *Starry Night* and *Sunflowers*. Van Gogh did not start painting until he was 27. He painted about 900 paintings in ten years.

Can You Spot the Dogs?

There are 22 dogs in the book. Can you spot them all?



Bernese Mountain Dog



Bichon Frise



Border Collie



Brussels Griffon



Bulldog



Cairn Terrier



Cane Corso



Chesapeake Bay Retriever



Chihuahua



Chow Chow



Cocker Spaniel



Collie



Coton de Tulear



Dachshund



Labrador Retriever



Miniature Schnauzer



Old English Sheepdog



Rottweiler



Russell Terrier



Samoyed



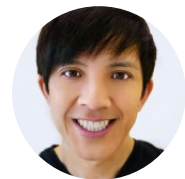
Scottish Terrier



Shih Tzu

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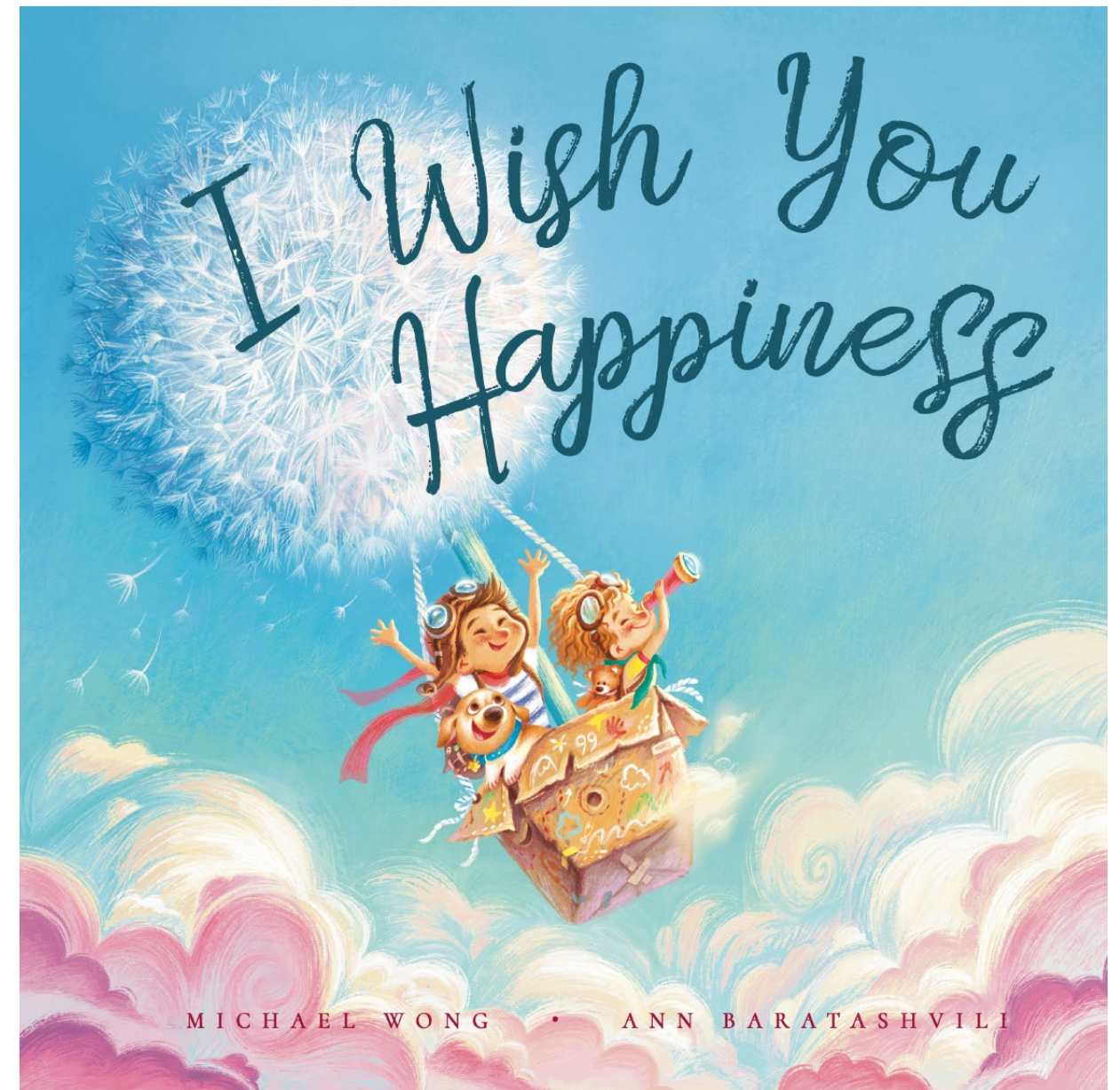
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