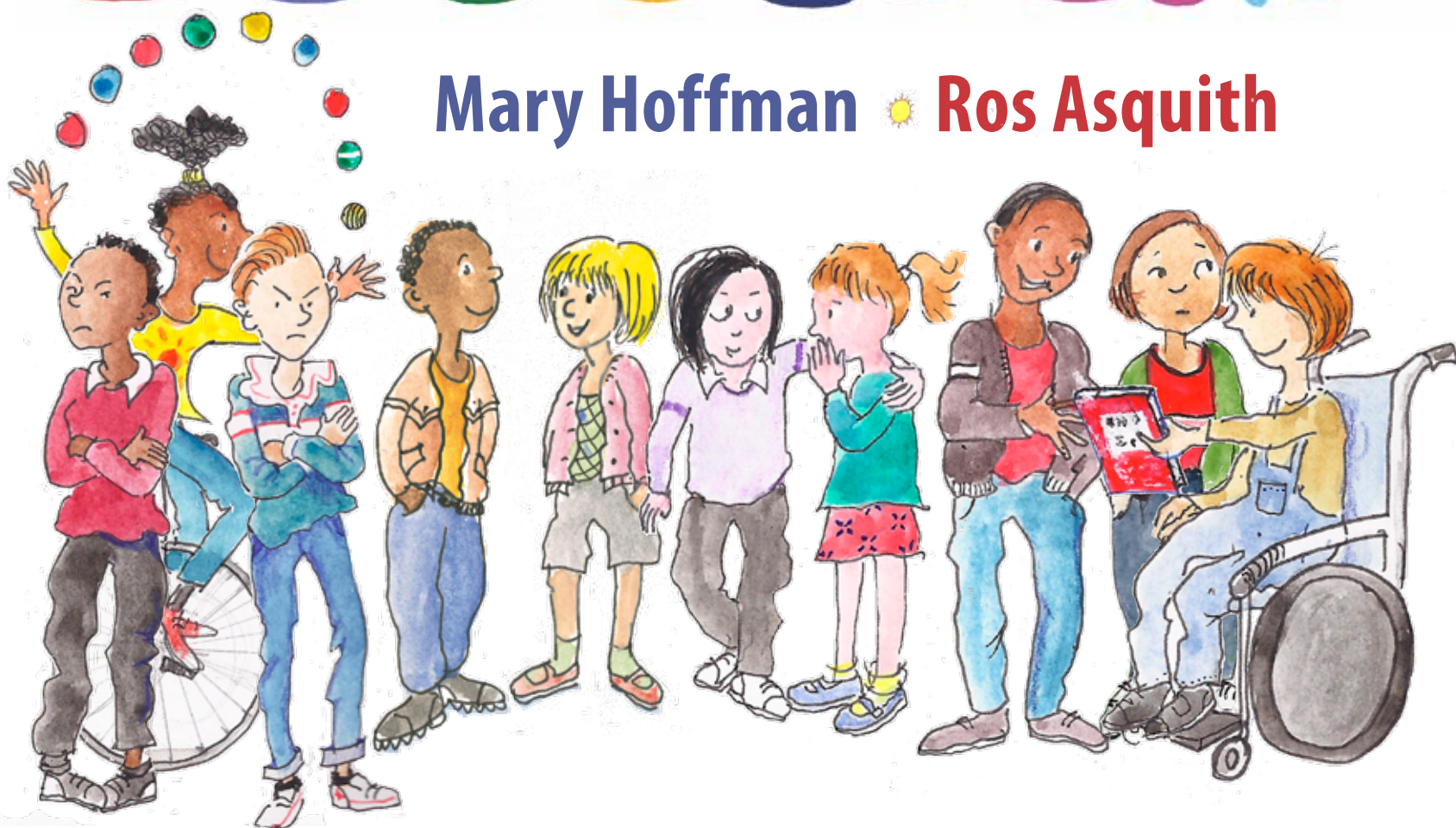




The Great Big Book of Friends



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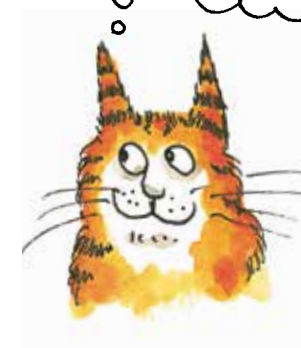
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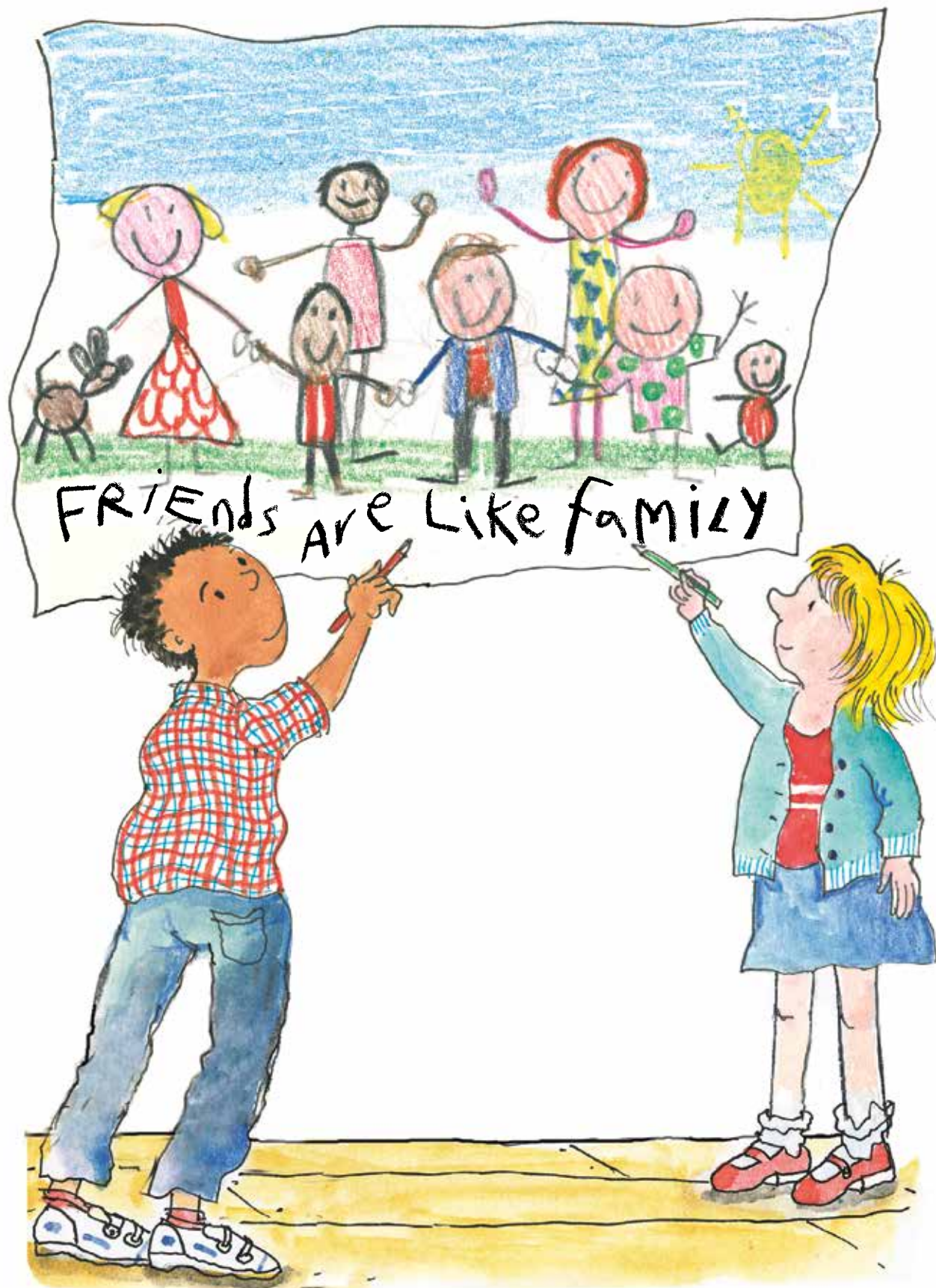
Can you find ME
every time you
turn a page?



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What is a Friend?

What do you think a friend is?



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.



How do you do that?

I like you!

You're clever.

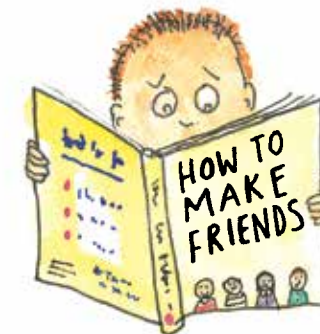
Do you remember how you made all your friends? It might have been at school or playgroup or at a party.

We've got the same name!

What's your favourite colour?

Do you like cats?

What's your name?

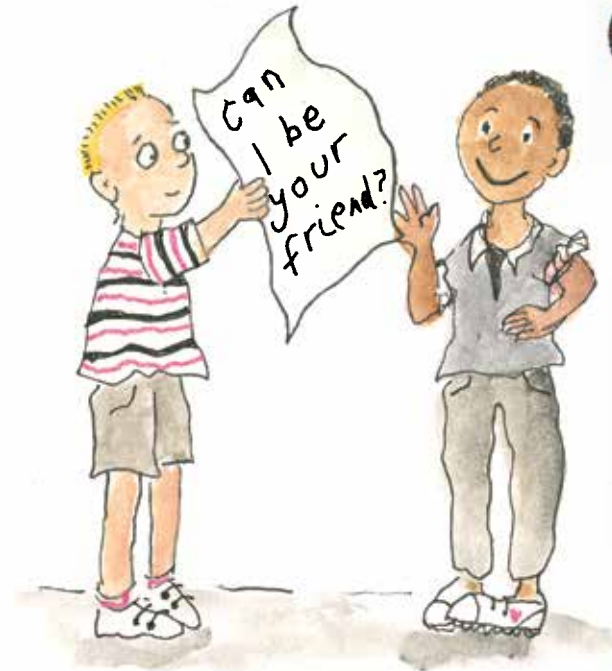


You have to be a bit brave sometimes to ask to be someone's friend.

Will you be my friend?



Can I be your 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.

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. . .



Our mums
were best
friends.



We were
best friends
at nursery.



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



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



And we're
STILL best
friends!



If we have
babies, will
THEY be
best friends?

Who
knows?

You don't have
to pretend...
Cos I'm your
best friend.



My best friend
feeds me.



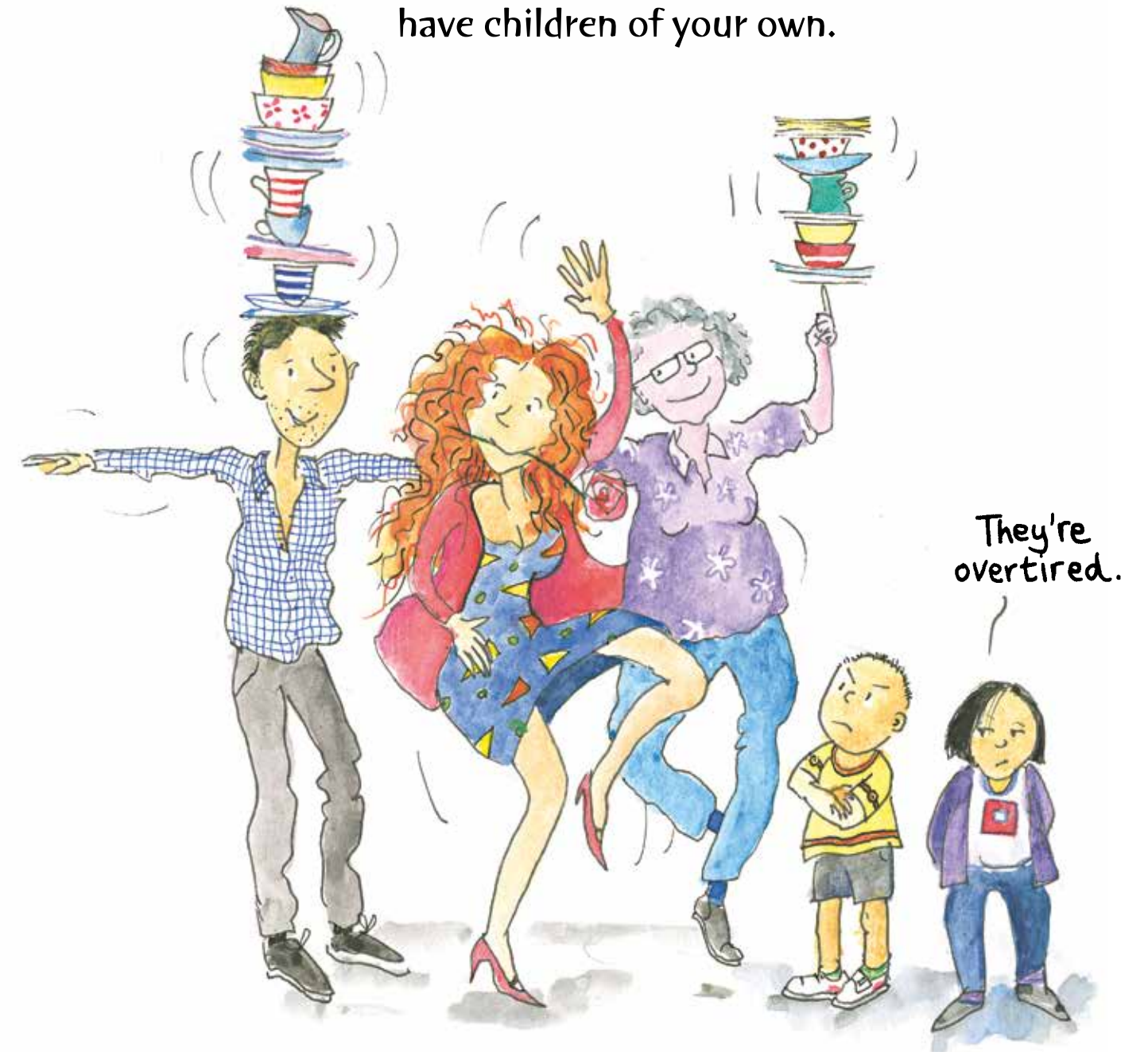


What if you don't have just one special friend?
You might prefer to have more.

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.



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.