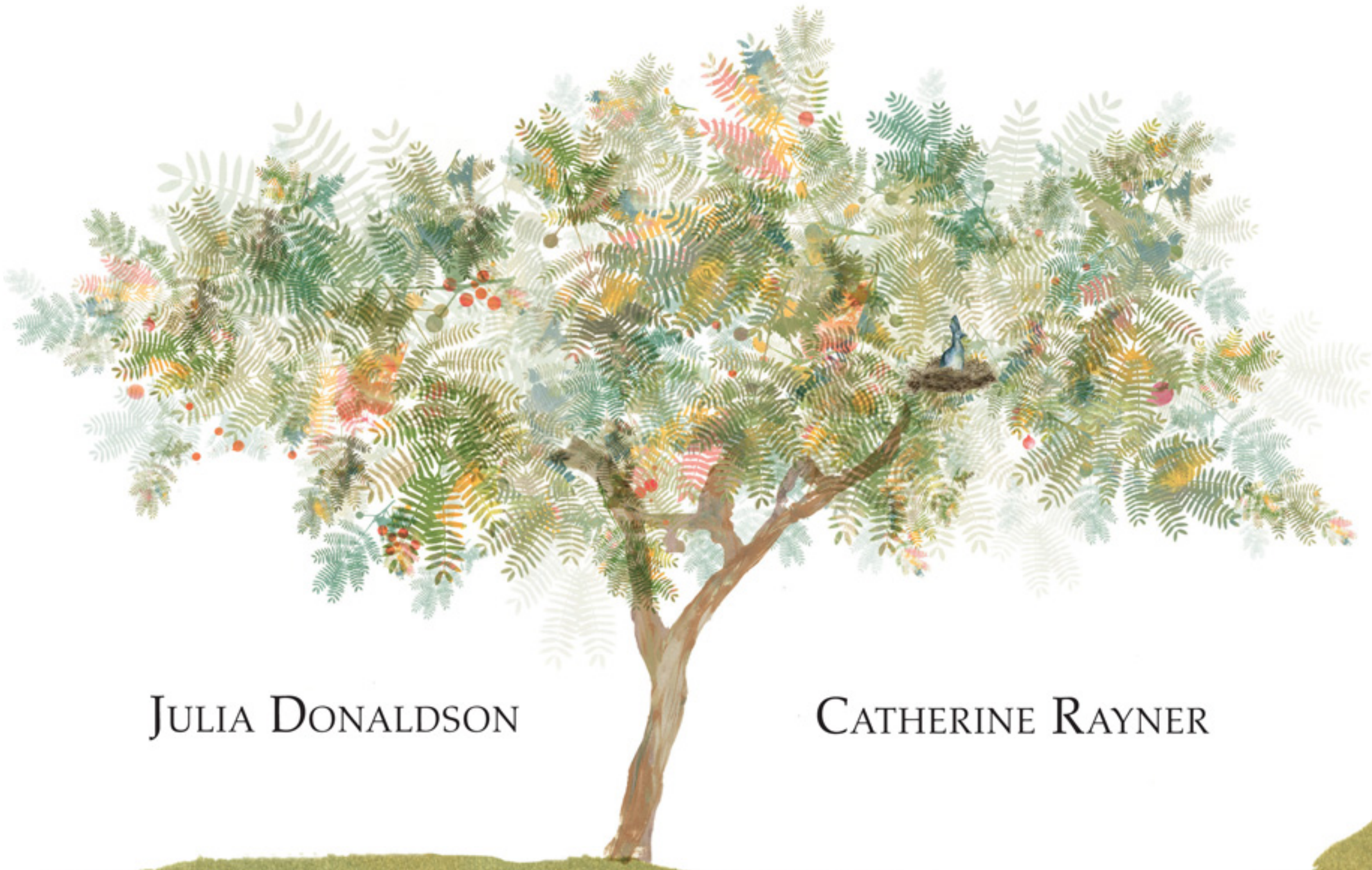
The GO-AWAY BIRD



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The Go-Away bird sat up in her nest,
With her fine grey wings and her fine grey crest.

A little green bird flew into the tree.
"I'm the Chit-Chat bird. Will you chat with me?
We can talk of the weather, and other things
Like the colour of eggs, and the aches in our wings."
But the Go-Away bird just shook her head
And what do you think she said?





"Go away! Go away! Go away!
I don't want to talk today.
You're much too chatty; you're oh so scatty.
Just the sound of you drives me batty,
So listen to what I say:



Go away!
Go away!
Go away!"



A little red bird flew into the tree.
"I'm the Peck-Peck bird. Will you eat with me?
There are juicy berries on every twig.
We can peck, peck, peck till we both grow big."

But the Go-Away bird just shook her head
And what do you think she said?