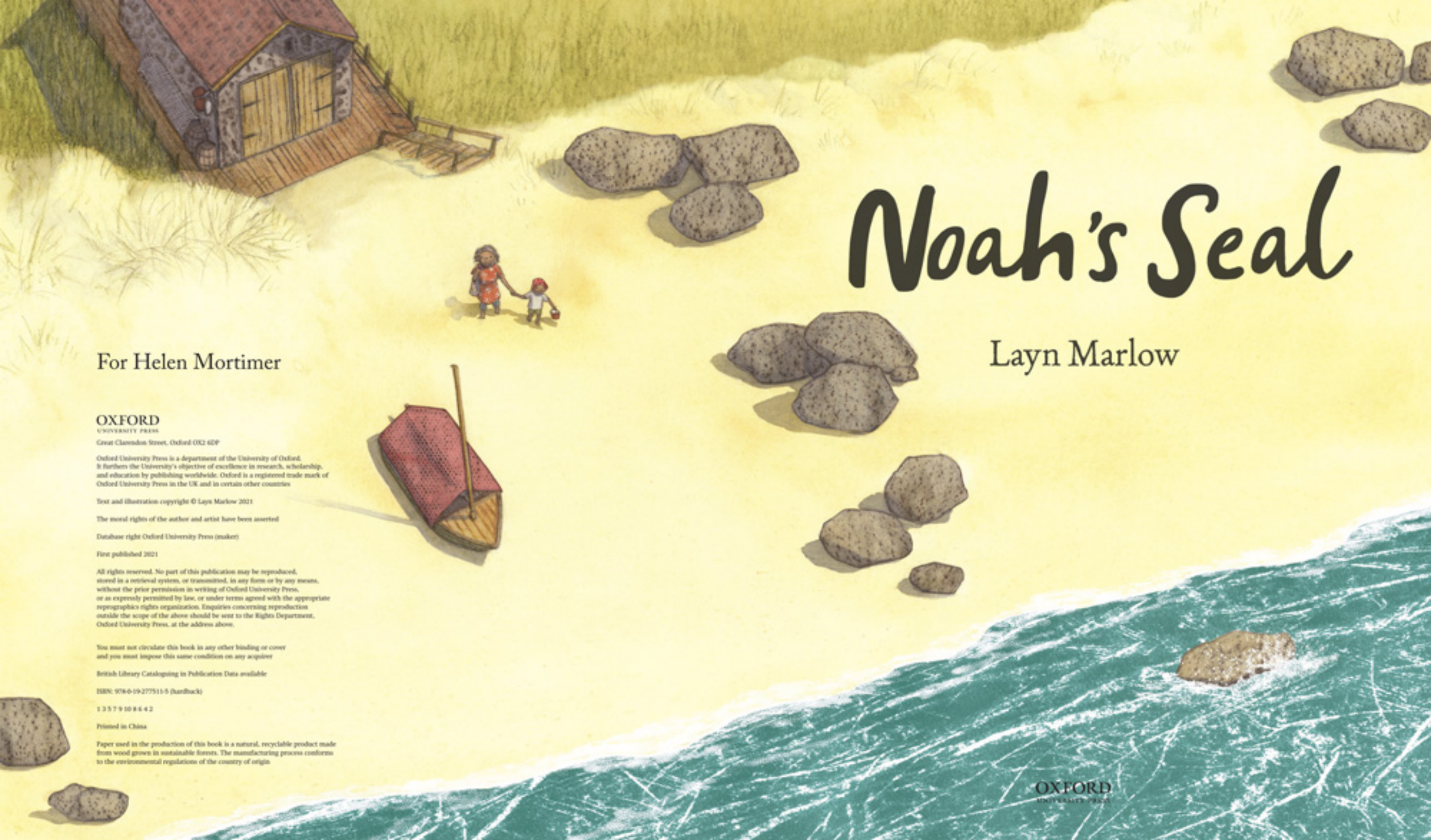


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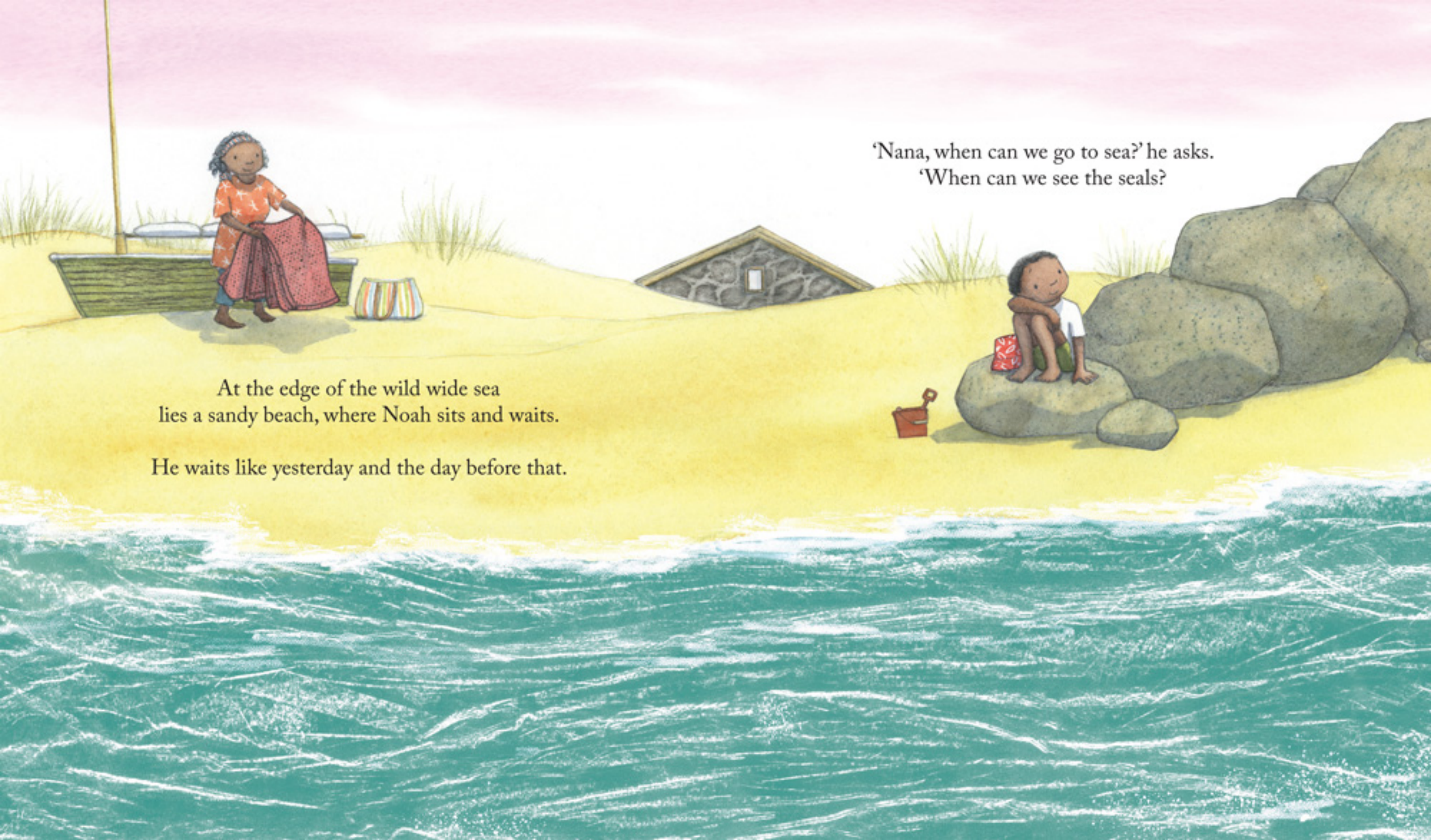
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At the edge of the wild wide sea
lies a sandy beach, where Noah sits and waits.

He waits like yesterday and the day before that.

'Nana, when can we go to sea?' he asks.
'When can we see the seals?

'One day soon,' says Nana, as always,
'I still need to fix the boat,
before we set sail.

Why don't you play in the sand
again while you wait?'

Noah looks out to sea again,
hoping to see a seal,
but Nana says they don't like
to come ashore here.

