

For Matthew,  
Sue and Orange Beak Studio –  
thank you for believing in this idea.

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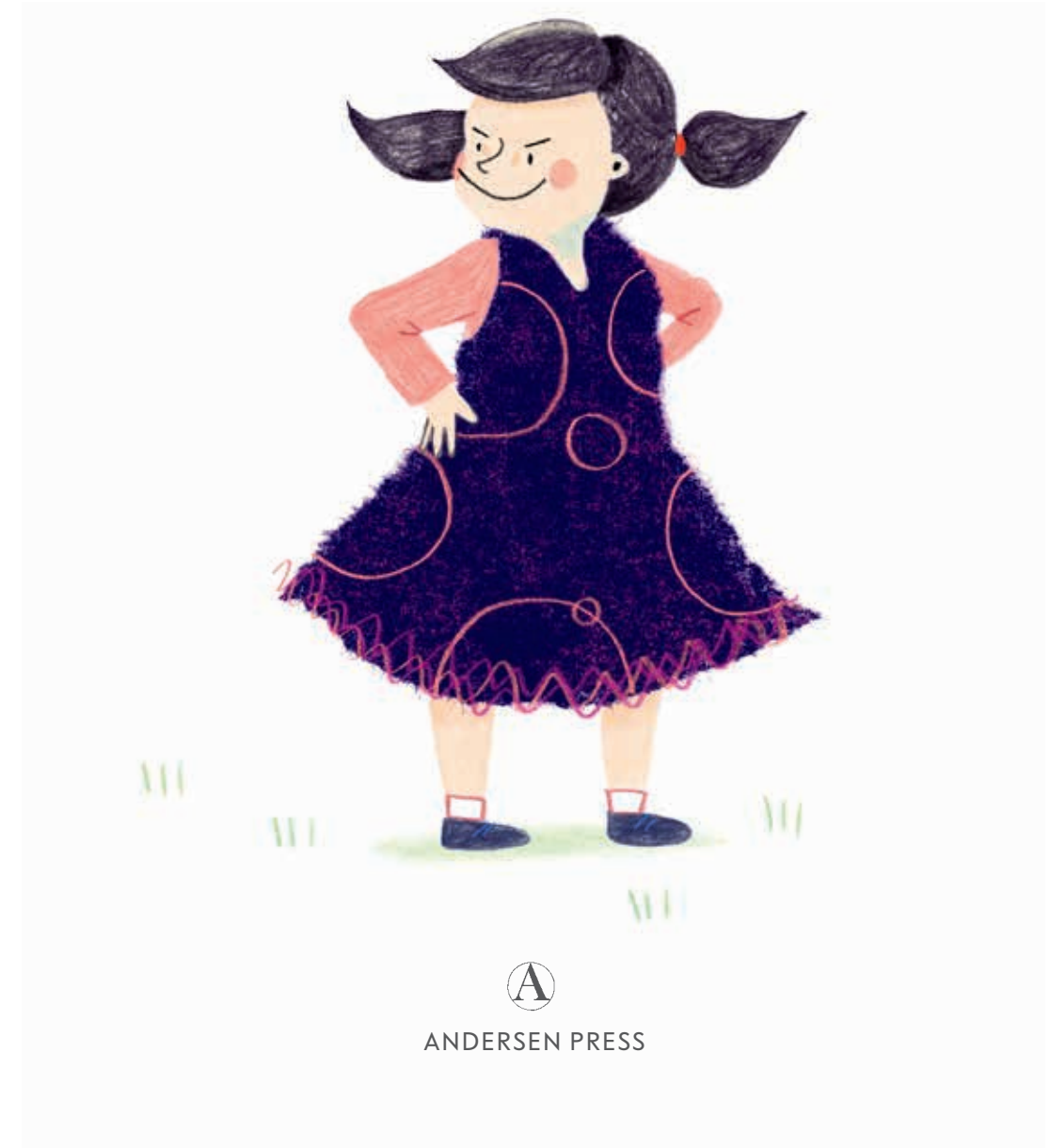
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# ALBERTA

A CAUTIONARY TALE



  
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Alberta did all sorts of **dreadful** things.  
For a start, she never listened, so on the day  
Mum said, “Don’t go into the woods,  
the woods are **wild** and **dangerous**,”

Alberta immediately took a good look.  
She could see a Very Interesting Person who  
looked far too small to be **wild** and **dangerous**.

Alberta had already been dreadful **13** times that day.

She'd added salt to **6** sugar bowls,



upset **5** people by singing really, really loudly,



and chewed up **2** books,  
but she **never** got into trouble.



**Why not?** That's outrageous!  
Well, Alberta knew a really **silly dance**



and she could **smile** sweetly



... and sometimes she **cried** and **cried** until she got her own way.



So it's no surprise Alberta  
planned to do lots of  
**dreadful** things when she  
scrambled over that fence . . .



“Hello! I’m Alberta,” she said, “who are **you?**”

“I’m Red Riding Wolf,” said the Very  
Interesting Person. “I’m picking  
flowers while Granny's  
birthday **cake** is cooling.”

Alberta licked her lips.

“I’ll help you pick flowers,” she said.

