For Matilda,
who enchants us with her smile.



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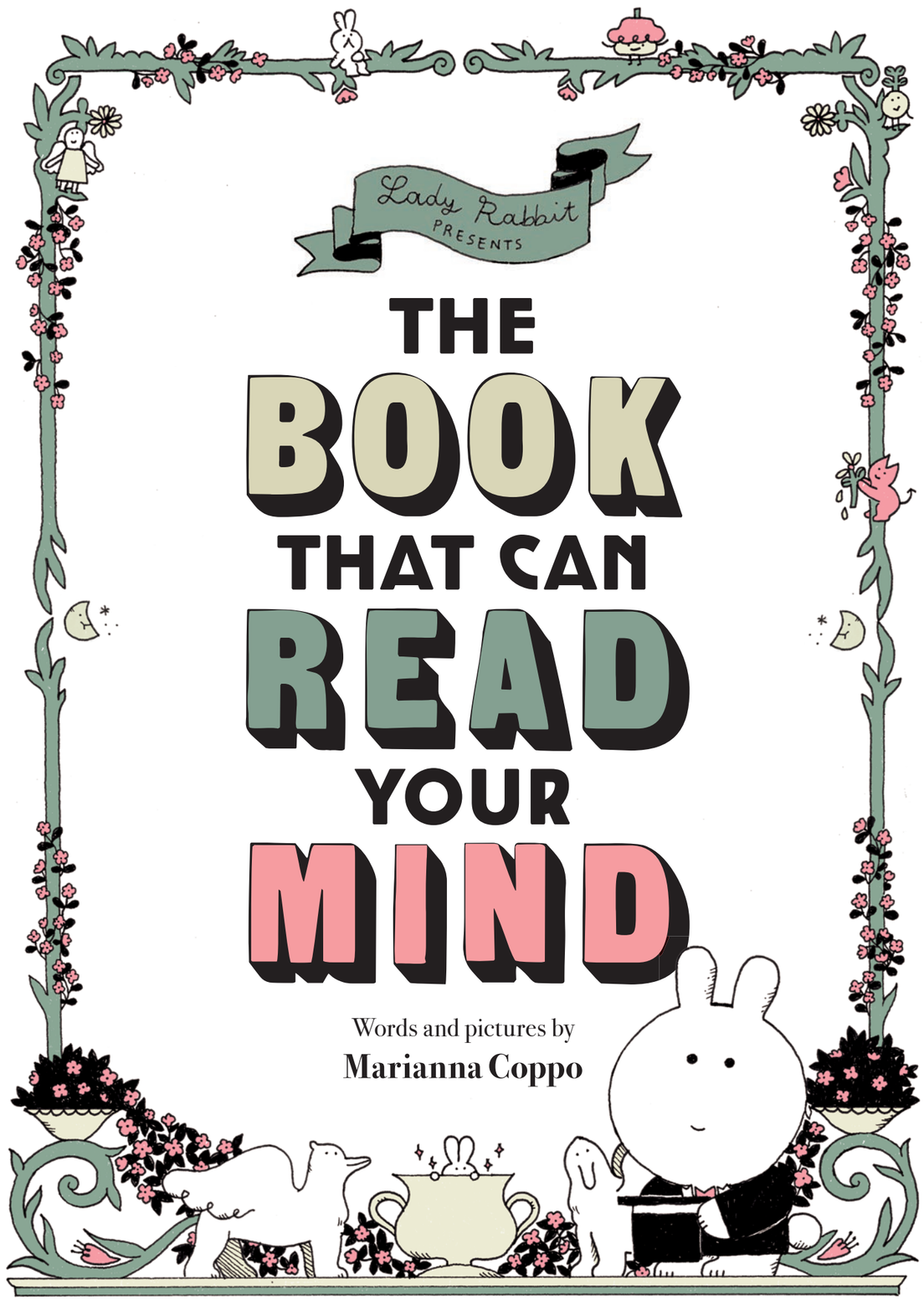
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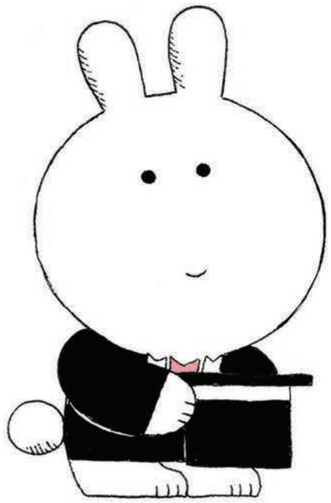


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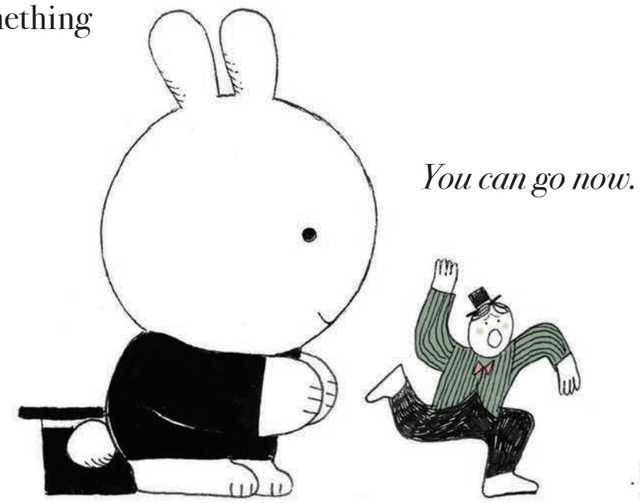
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This book is NOT a normal book.
This book is, in fact, magical.
Let me show you.

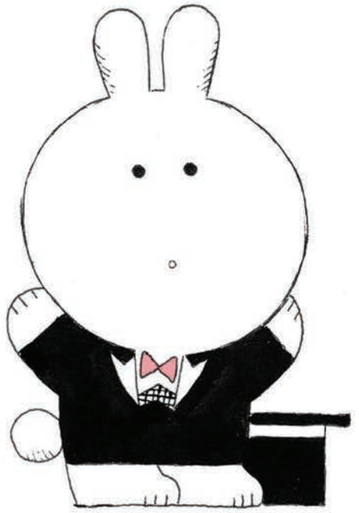


I could pull
the same old guy
out of my hat.
But it wouldn't
be enough
to convince you,
would it?



I don't blame you.
What does it take
to make something
appear out
of nowhere
in a book?

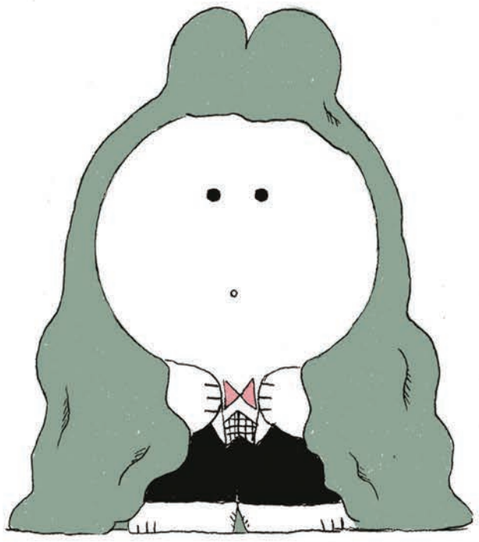




Any book can do *that*!

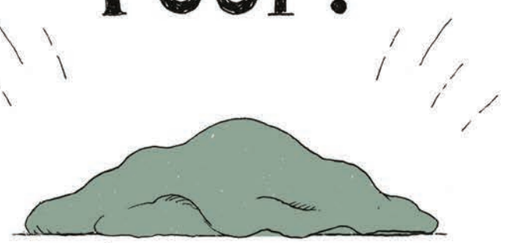
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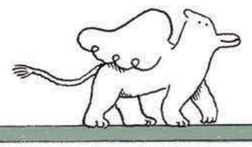
I could . . .



disappear!

POOF!

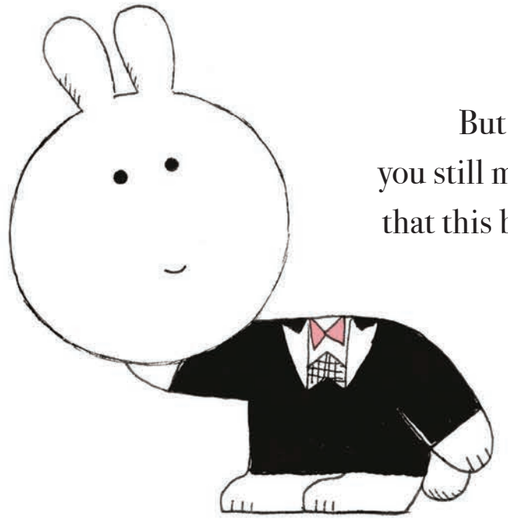




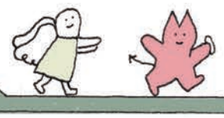
I could fly away



or even lose my head!



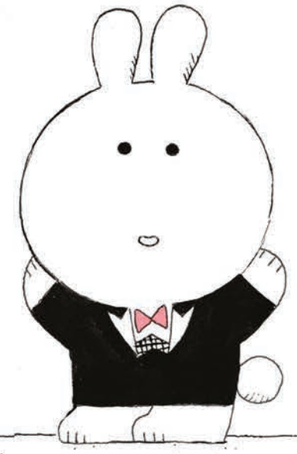
But I suppose
you still might not believe
that this book is magical.



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Let's try something different.

What if I told you
that I could read your mind?



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