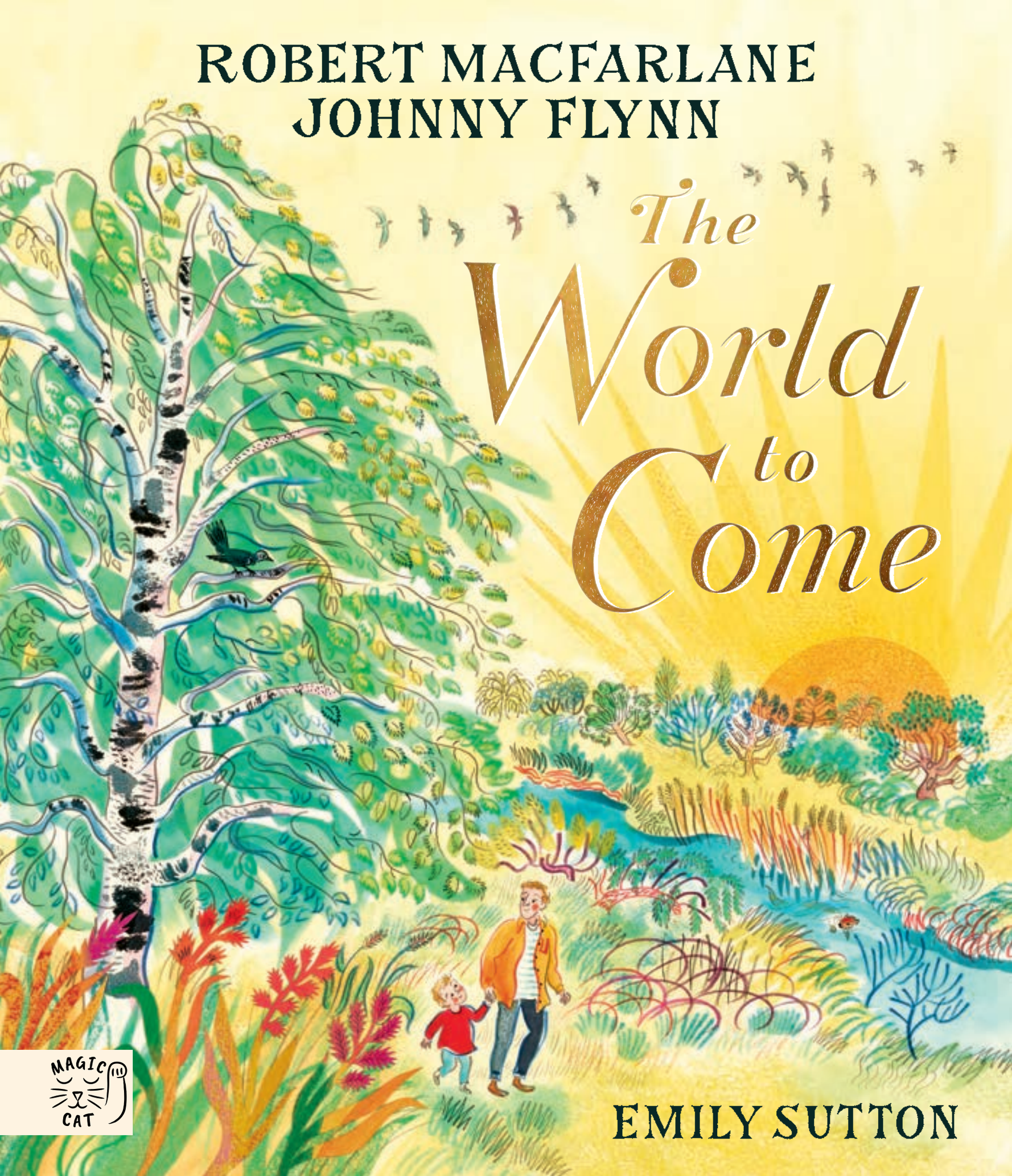
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On my way through the wood
wound a thread through the dream



Nightfall, footfall

Trembling,

looking for cracks

in the seam

Tree

tall,

river call

Tumbling branches brushing the beach,

Across the river

just out of reach



We are sat in the wish and the wave of our willow



Wondering, wondering

Ran away from this swish and the shade of our pillows



Conjuring, conjuring

To Lorca, Ida and Gabriel
—J.F.

To Lily, Tom and Will
—R.M.

To Penny, Sadie and Mouse
—E.S.



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