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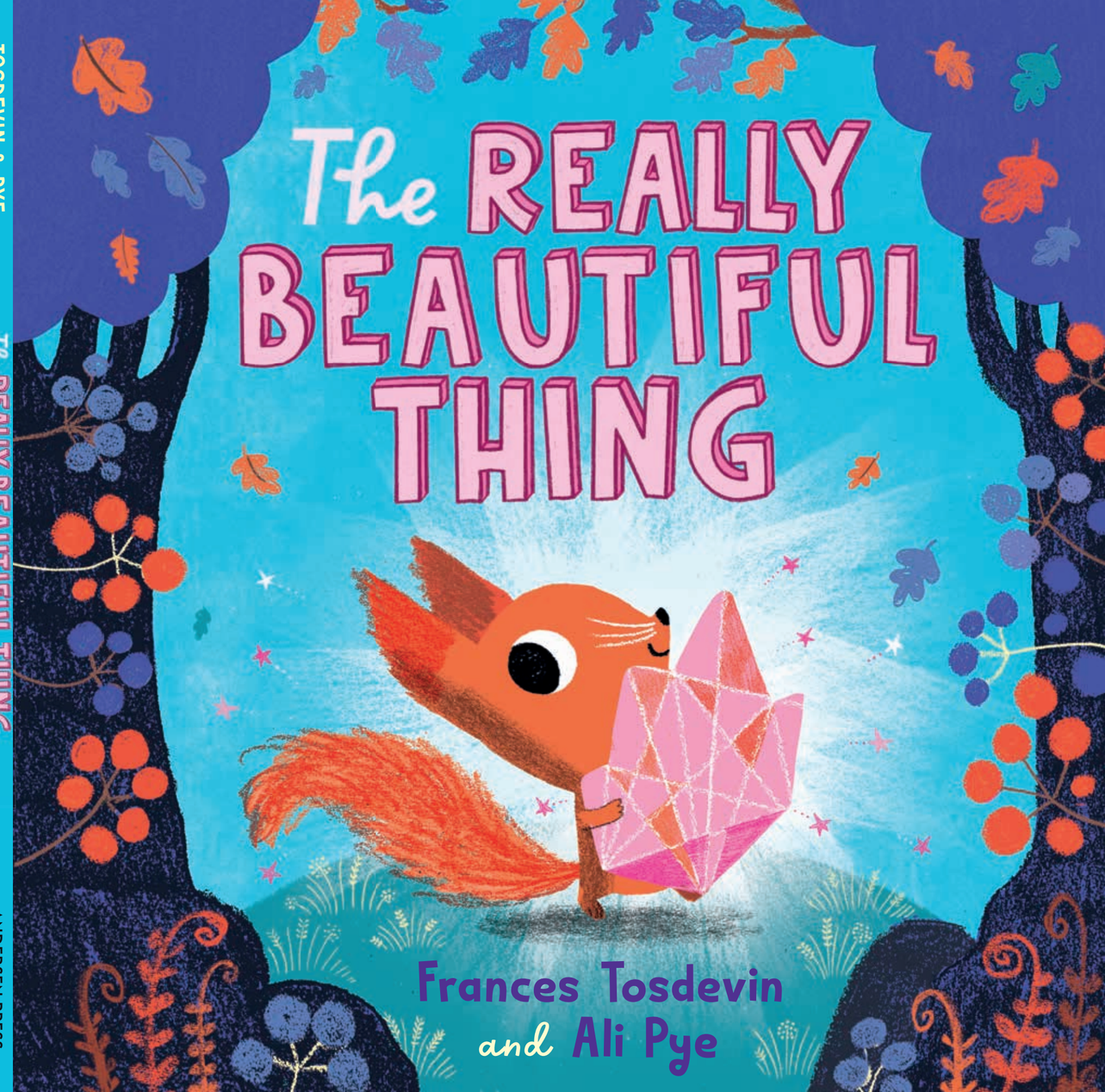

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For Michael – my cheerleader, tech guru and drinks pourer. Thank you, your support is a Really Beautiful Thing! – *F.T.*

For Claire Finch – *A.P.*

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Squirrel loved sharing his home with friends.

He had a soft, squishy sofa,

a big, bouncy bed,

and a fridge full of food.

But Squirrel had his eye on something that made his heart go thumpety bump . . .

It was a **really beautiful thing . . .**
It sparkled like a spangly star.
It hovered like a hot air balloon.
And it smelled like strawberry ice cream.
"Ooh!" said Squirrel. "I'm not sure what it **is**, or even what it **does**, but it's **AMAZING** . . . and **I WANT IT!**"
Mr Wolf's Emporium

Squirrel counted his coins carefully.
"Sorry," said the shop manager.
"**The Really Beautiful Thing** costs much more."
And he whispered the price in Squirrel's ear.

"I can't afford *that*!" gasped Squirrel.
"Never mind, Squirrel," said Owl.
"You'll always have your friends!"
But Squirrel wasn't listening.