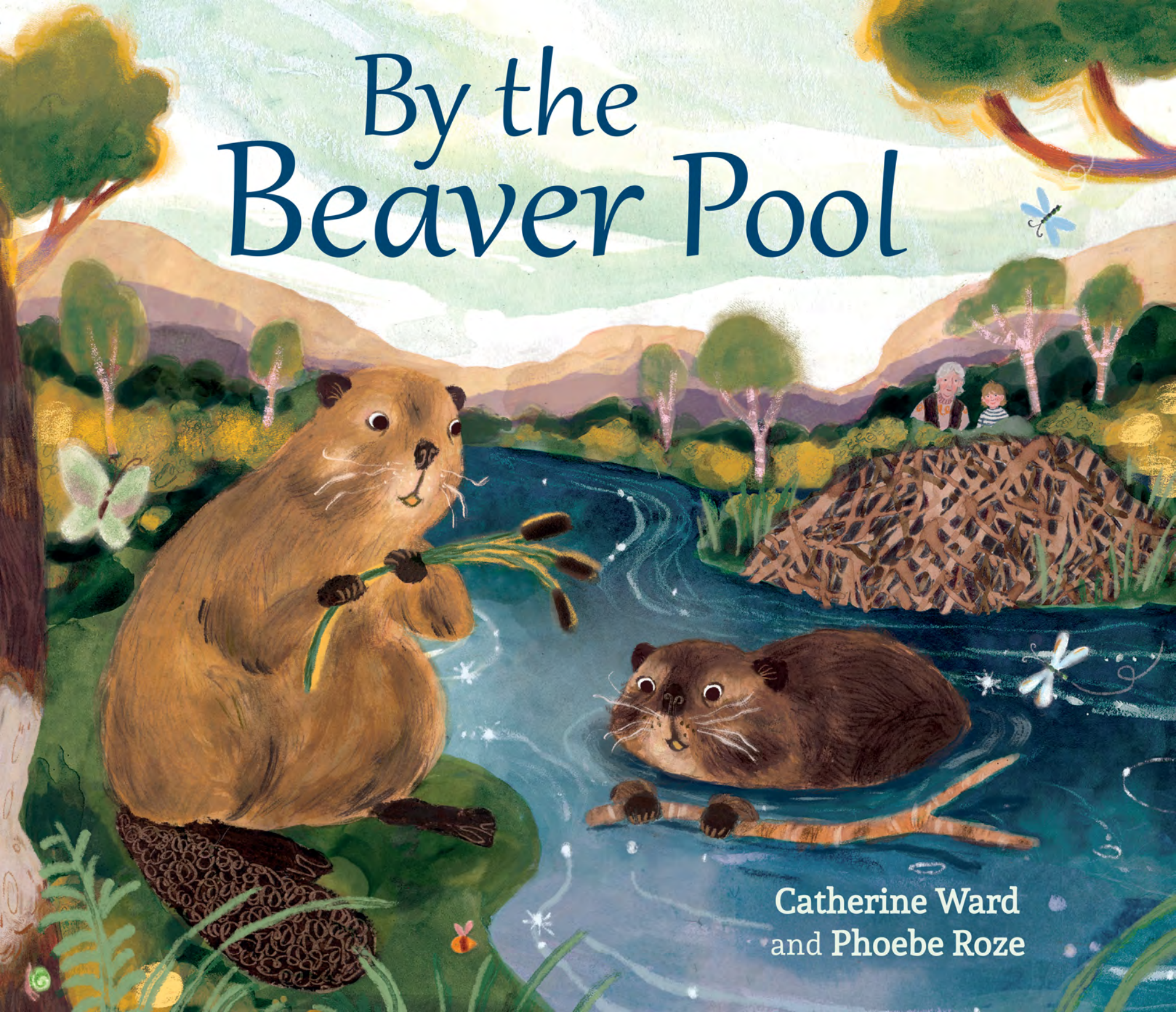
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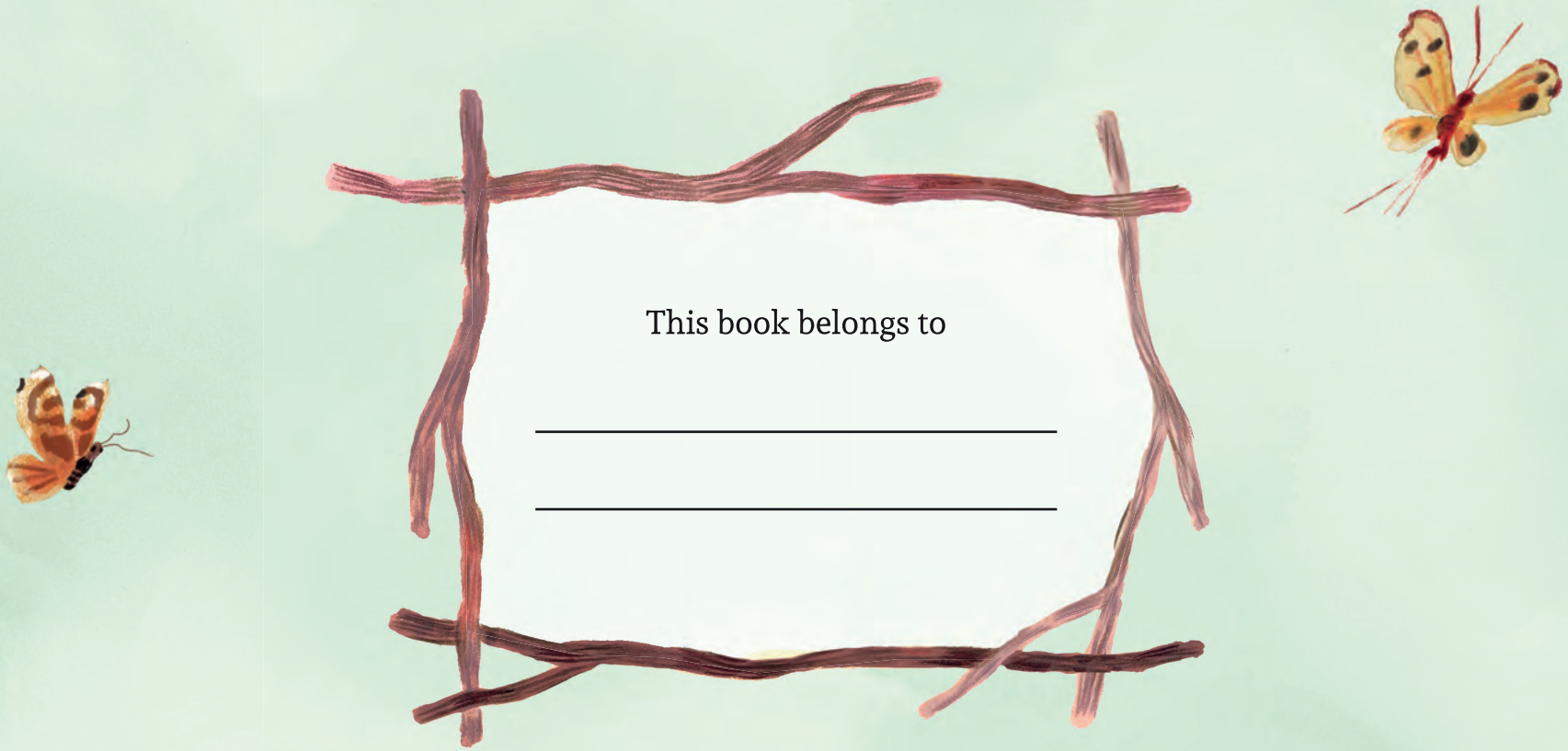

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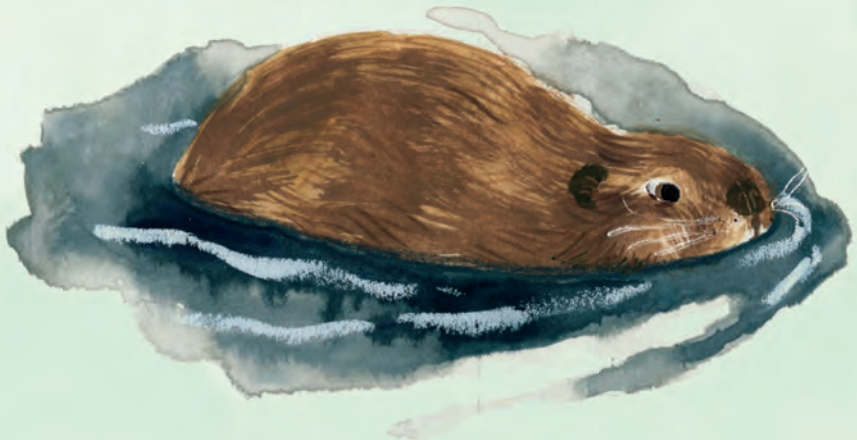

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The day we moved house, my heart felt as heavy as my suitcase.

"Grandma's farm will soon feel like home," Mum said, giving me a squeeze.

But all I could think about were our old house and the friends I'd left behind.

Grandma gave me the biggest hug. “Moving can be hard sometimes, Beck,” she said. “But you’re not the only ones. Would you like to meet our new neighbours?”

I followed Grandma along the edge of the stream.

"Where do our new neighbours live?" I asked. "I can't see any houses round here."

Grandma's eyes sparkled. "It's not a house we're looking for. Does anything look unusual to you?"

"There are lots of branches in the water," I replied.

"That's right!" Grandma said, smiling. "And if we wait a while, we'll see what's bringing them."

"It's going to get dark soon," I said.

"Then it's almost time..." replied Grandma.

Each day, as the sun peeked out from behind the clouds,
I unpacked more of my favourite things.

Each evening, as the sky grew sleepy, we went to watch
the beavers. The dam grew and grew...

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