

To all the scatterbrains.

Thank you to Mac, Susanna, Gianluca, Nina, and Bunny,
who was lost in the Singapore airport but somehow made it back.

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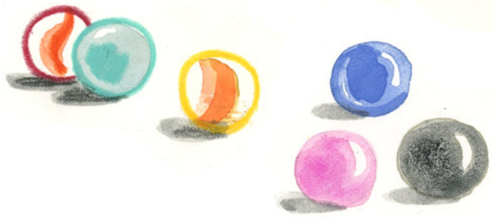
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Pablo was always losing things.



Like that time he left his new backpack at the bus stop.



Or the time he came home barefoot.



The worst time was when he forgot his favorite teddy, Mr. Crunch, on an airplane which then left for Singapore. Mom had to call the airport and wait for a kind steward to bring it back.

Over the summer, he lost:



the gold soccer ball with
the Real Madrid logo,



his baseball cap,



his Hulk Hogan
action figure,



his marble collection,



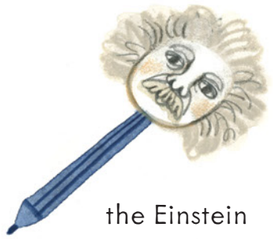
his special sweater with the dogs,



his favorite
dinosaur,

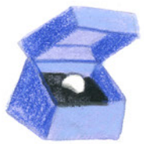


4 toothbrushes at
4 different sleepovers,



the Einstein
bobblehead pen,

his first
baby tooth,





his special water bottle,



his baseball cap,
again,



his swimming shorts in the sea,



and Mr. Crunch,
three times at the park.





"SCATTERBRAIN!"
Mom would say.