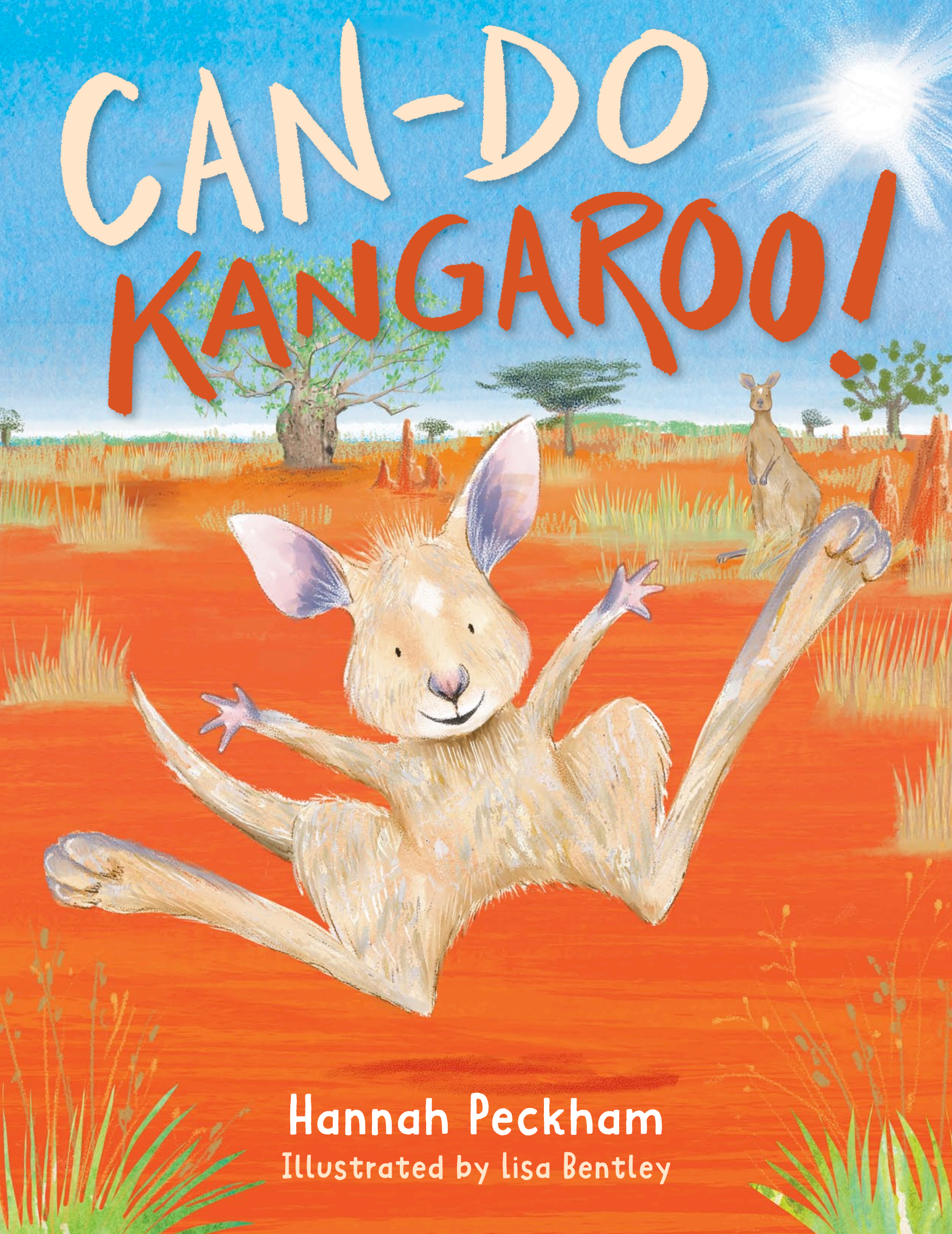
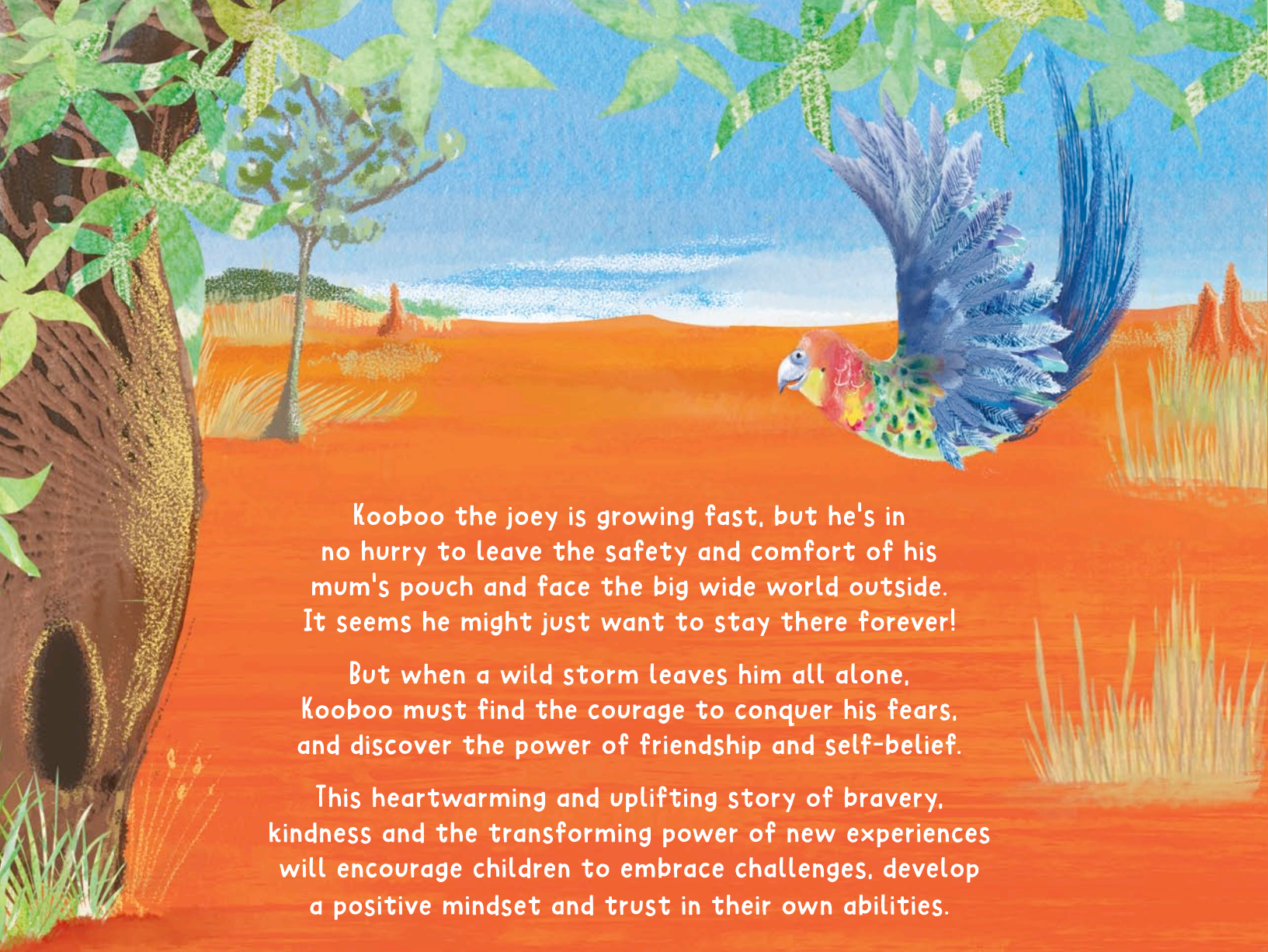

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Kooboo the joey is growing fast, but he's in no hurry to leave the safety and comfort of his mum's pouch and face the big wide world outside. It seems he might just want to stay there forever!

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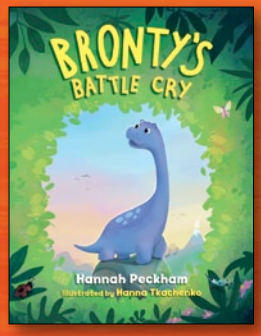
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For Dan. When I think I can't, you always believe I can.

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On a sun-soaked savanna, where the herds flock to graze,
horizons sprawl out beyond a shimmering haze.
In this wide, wondrous grassland, the roos **roam** and **bound**,
looking out for each other and all that's around.

Known far and wide as the Court of Can-Do,
with **strength** in their numbers and great **wisdom** too.
Facing each challenge without hesitation,
they'd passed down this mindset through each generation.

One day, the herd welcomed
a new little roo.
Tiny at first, Kooboo soon
grew and **grew.**
And then to the world
he looked big and strong,
but he **worried** a lot
about getting things wrong.

Deep in mum's pouch,
so **cosy** and **snug,**
he lay wrapped in the
safest of warm, furry hugs.
A jumble of limbs,
all entwined together,
it seemed he was happy
to stay there **forever.**



Mum tried to convince him
on many occasions,
but this would take more
than gentle persuasions.

"Come out and play!
There's **so much** to see!"

"Nope, it's **too scary!**
It's just not for me!"

"At least pop your head out,
or you'll never know
what it's like to explore,
and see your world **grow!**"



Kooboo would **not** budge,
try as Mum might,
until things all changed,
on one fateful night.

Thunder, it rumbled,
a deafening sound.
The rain hammered down
and flooded the ground.

As Mum fled with the herd,
Kooboo jiggled about.



But with the **bouncing**



and **bumping**,



he fell **out** of her pouch!