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*For Megan and Kerry, with thanks to Ben and Tom.*  
J.R.

*For Tim Morris, Isaiab, Thea and Silas who all love the snow*  
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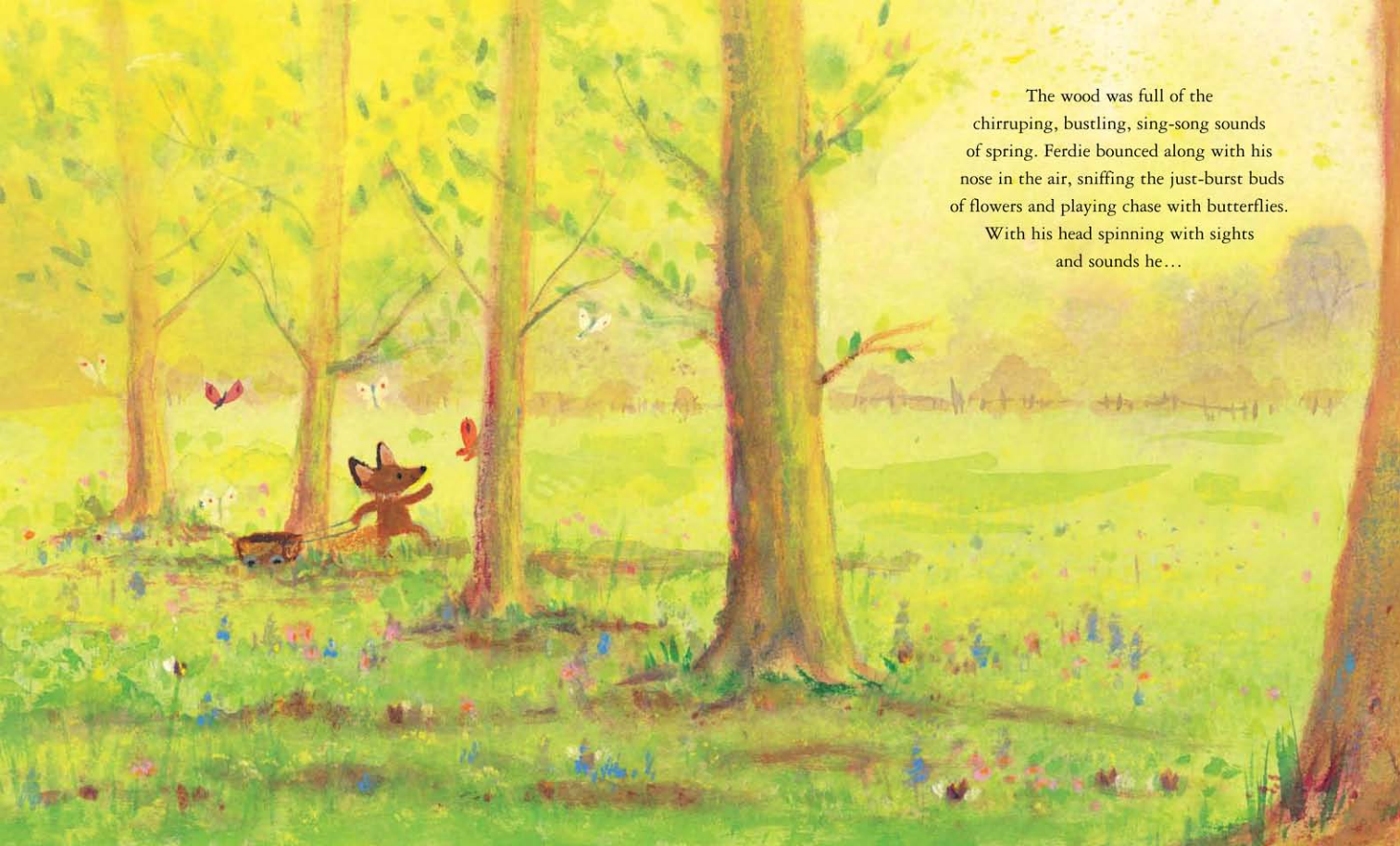
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The wood was full of the  
chirruping, bustling, sing-song sounds  
of spring. Ferdie bounced along with his  
nose in the air, sniffing the just-burst buds  
of flowers and playing chase with butterflies.  
With his head spinning with sights  
and sounds he...

... tumbled happily down the hill into  
the sunny orchard. But when he picked himself  
up from the ground he couldn't believe his eyes.



Instead of the bright, rich green of spring, the ground was covered in drifts of white, and when a soft breeze danced through the branches it carried snowy flakes.

"Snow so late in spring," thought Ferdie. "It's much too cold for the buds and butterflies. There's no time to lose."

