A pig wearing a blue cap and a white shirt with a dark vest is sitting on a green grassy hill, holding a string attached to a diamond-shaped kite. The kite is orange and red with a black cross. The kite string has a decorative tail with red bows. Three birds are flying in the sky. In the background, there is a large red barn and a silo, and a bright sun setting behind a line of trees, creating a warm, golden glow in the sky.

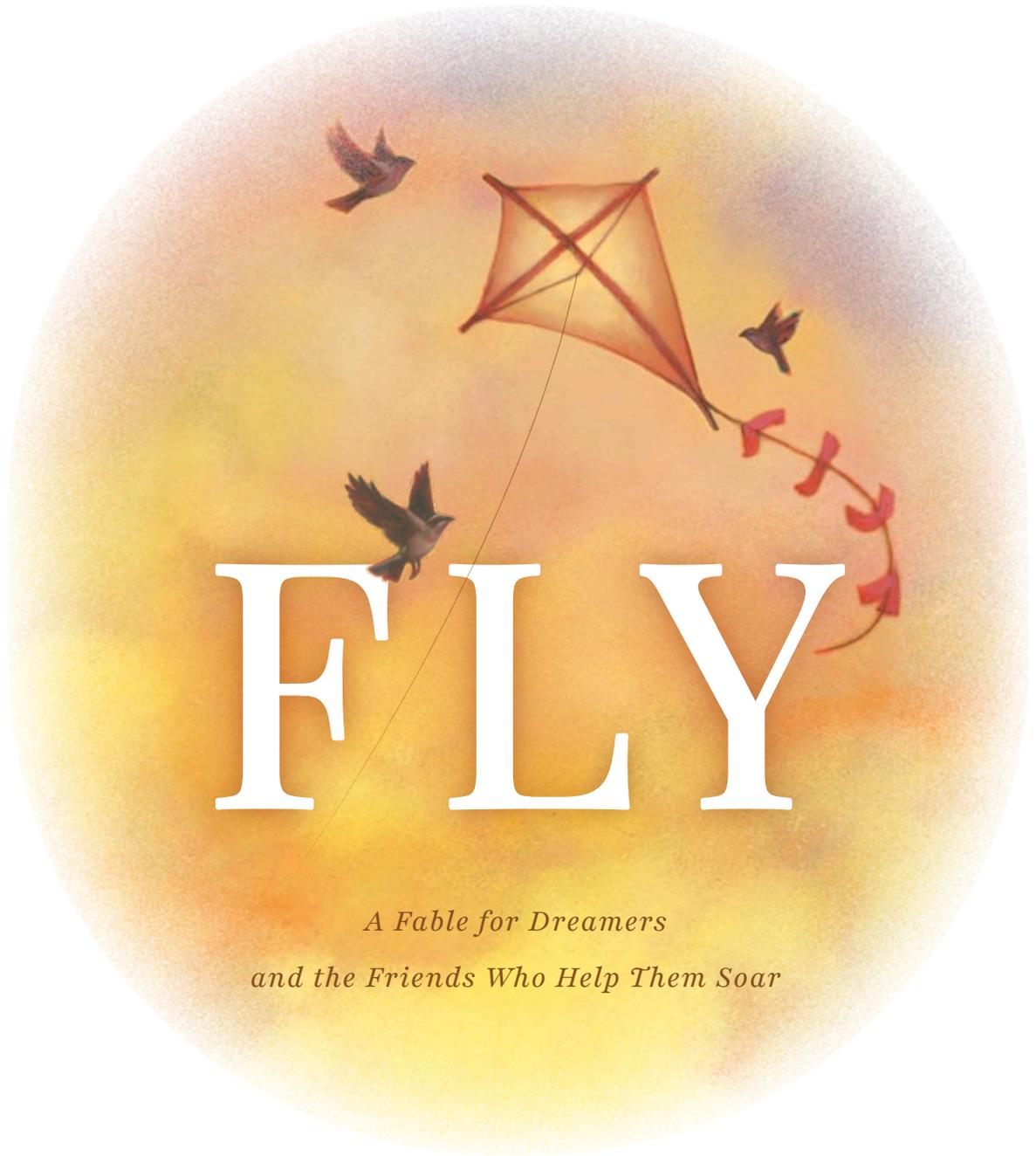
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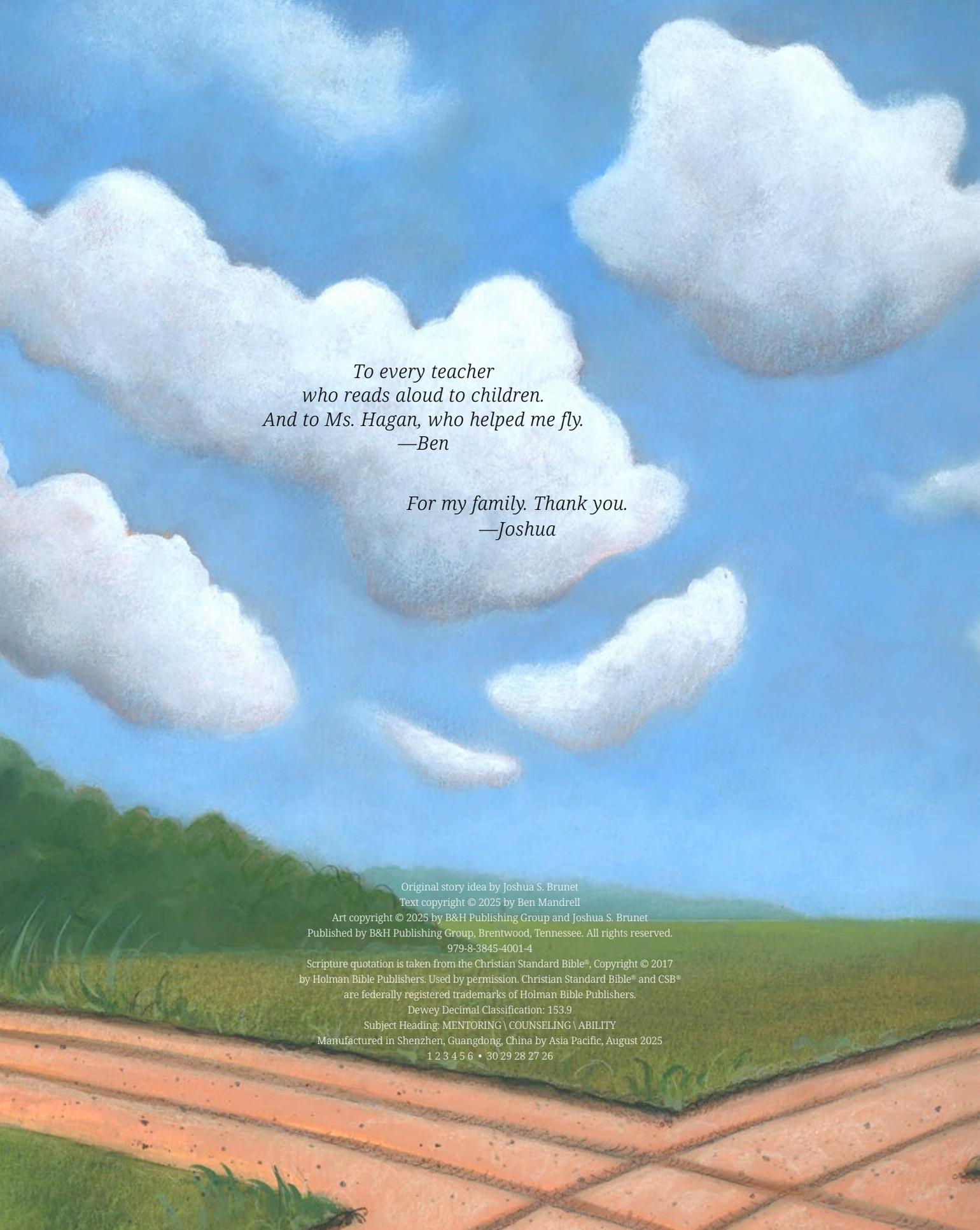


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*To every teacher  
who reads aloud to children.  
And to Ms. Hagan, who helped me fly.  
—Ben*

*For my family. Thank you.  
—Joshua*

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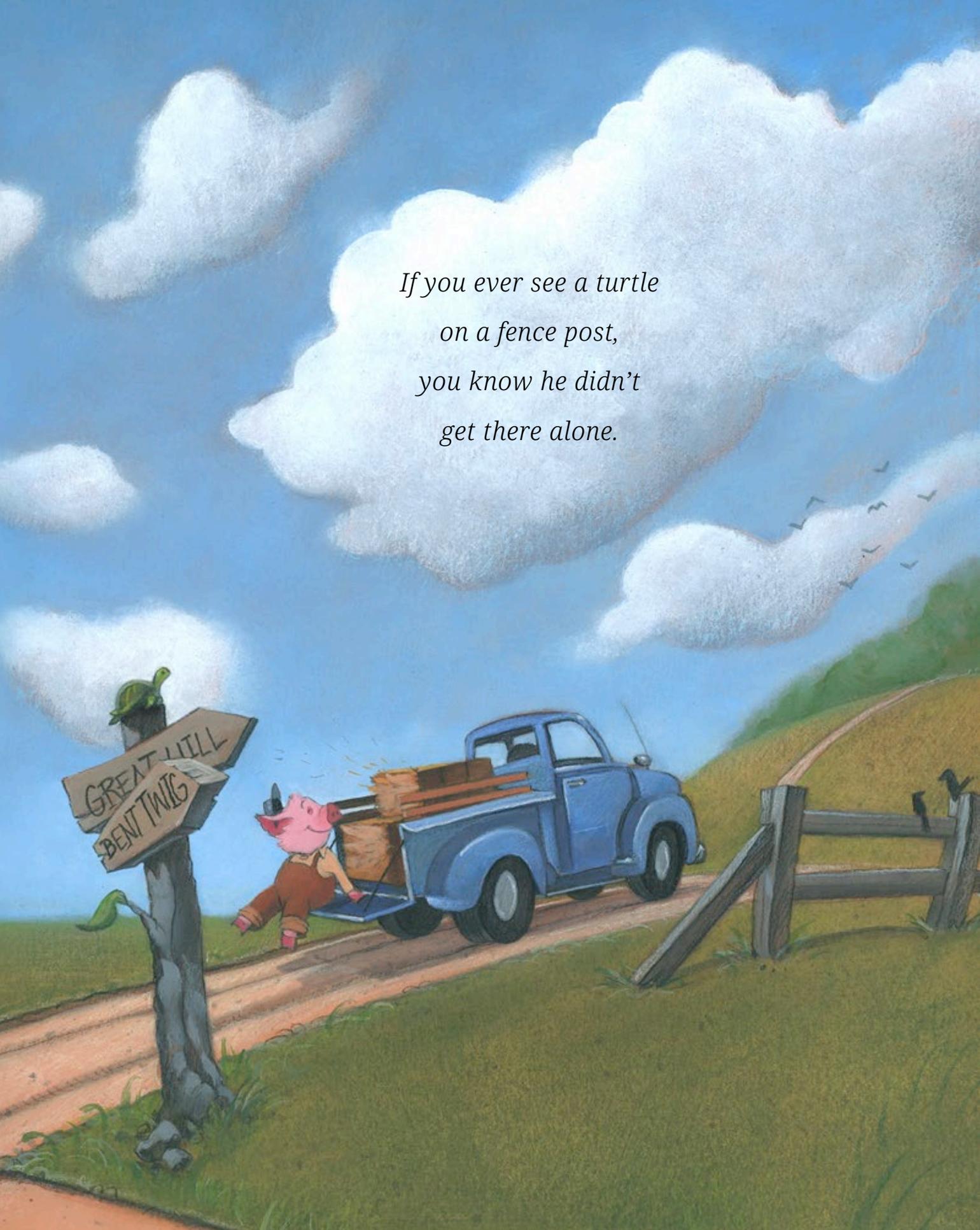
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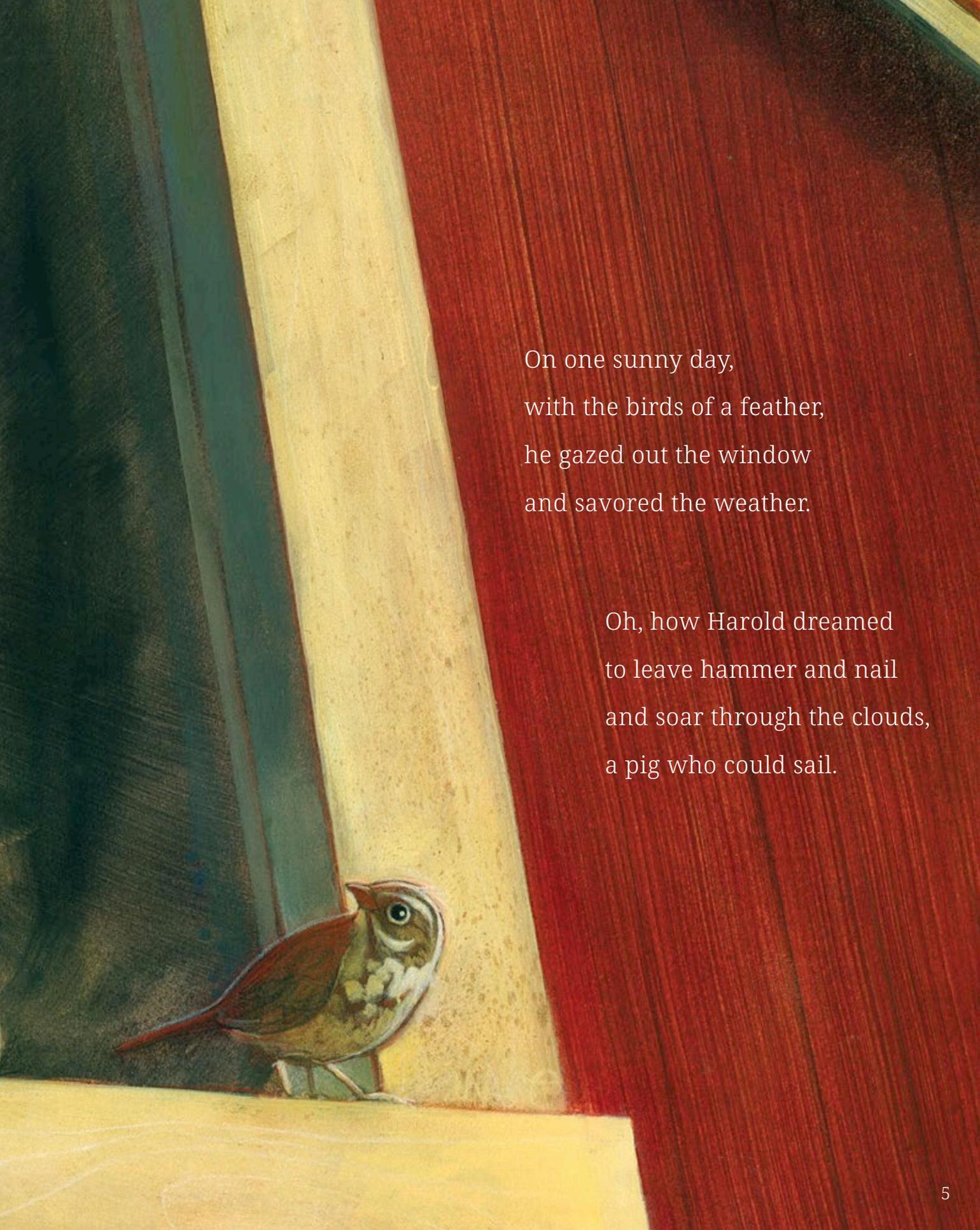
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*If you ever see a turtle  
on a fence post,  
you know he didn't  
get there alone.*



**I**n a land not so far,  
past Great Hill and Bent Twig,  
lived a plump, happy fellow  
named Harold T. Pig.



A painting of a small brown and white bird perched on a wooden beam, looking out a window. The background is a dark, textured wall with a vertical wooden beam and a red wooden surface.

On one sunny day,  
with the birds of a feather,  
he gazed out the window  
and savored the weather.

Oh, how Harold dreamed  
to leave hammer and nail  
and soar through the clouds,  
a pig who could sail.

As fast as it came,  
his fantasy shattered.  
Pigs cannot fly!  
Time to deal with  
real matters.



So back to the shop  
Harold focused his might . . .



. . . but his mind could not  
leave the idea of a flight.







*Friendship can  
fuel the biggest  
of dreams.*

**F**ull of dreams and gumption, Harold T. Pig knows he was made for more than his workshop. But when his wild ideas turn to the sky, he'll need some surprising help for his dreams to take flight.

Harold's story cheers on the dreamer in us all, but it's also a reminder that our own stories have a supporting cast that deserves our applause and gratitude. Readers of all ages will be inspired to remember the friends who saw their God-given gifts, who helped them spread their wings and steadied their flights.

Perfect for gifting, this book can be shared as a . . .

- Thank-you to honor teachers, coaches, and mentors.
- Gift to recognize behind-the-scenes volunteers and colleagues.
- Way to celebrate graduations and triumphs.
- Story to encourage children's dreams and their gratitude for the heroes who lift those dreams higher.

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