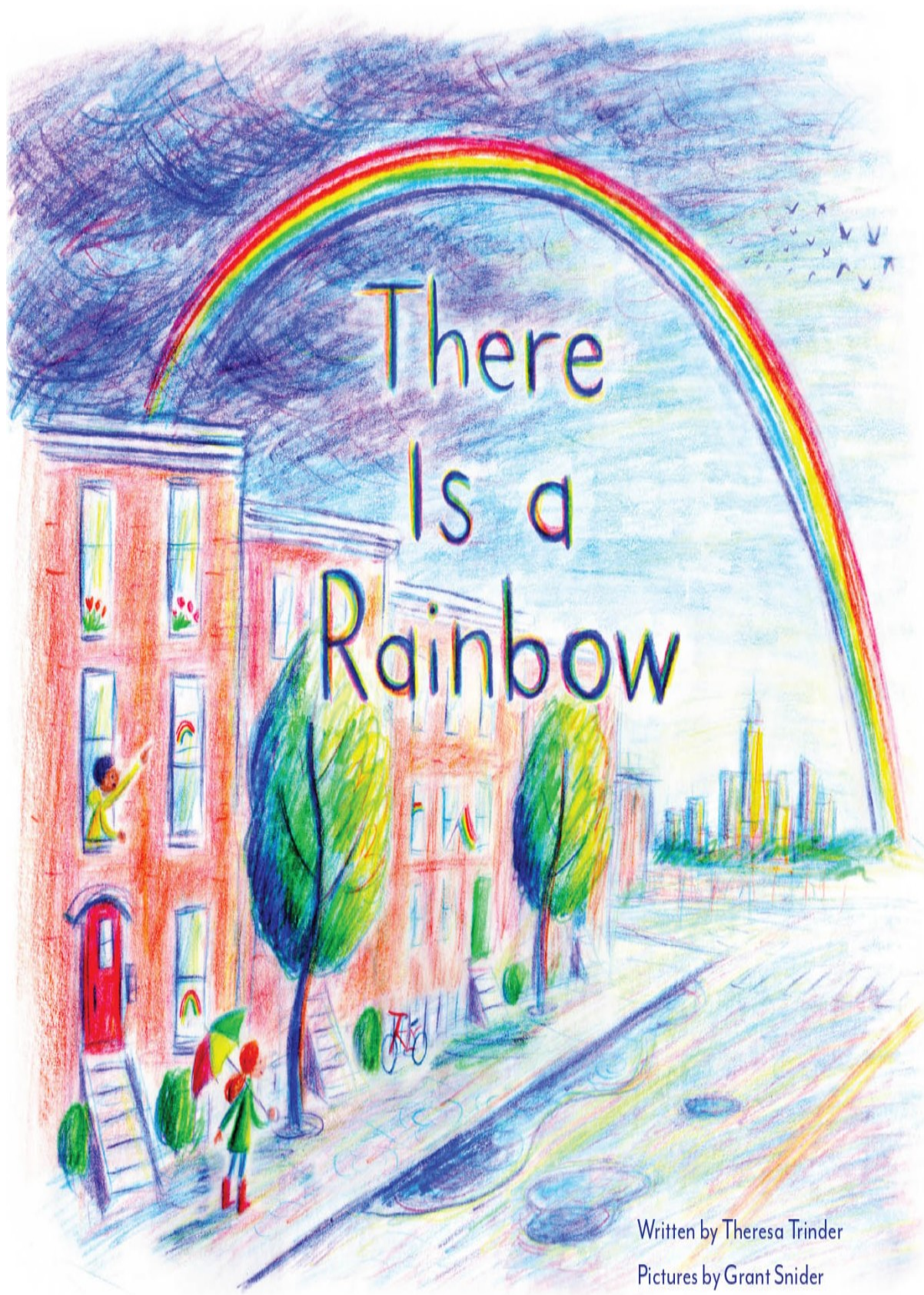


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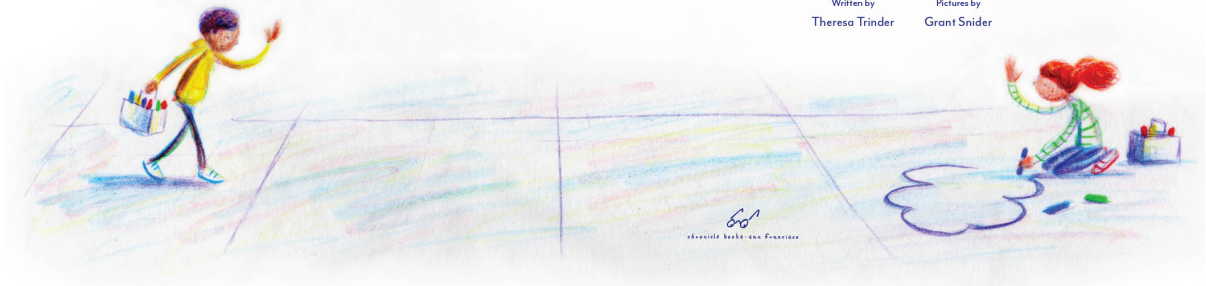




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For Charlie and August, of course, and everyone who  
helped light the way

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To Kayla, for everything

—GS



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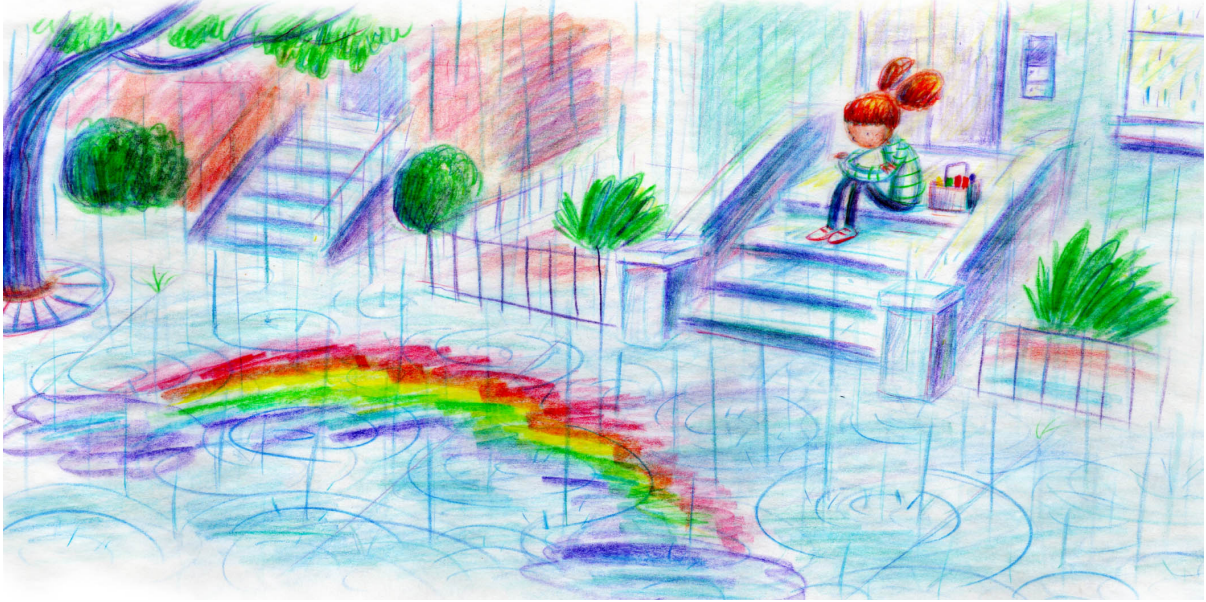


A story has a beginning and an end.





There is a here. There is a there.



And there is something in between.





On the other side of the screen



there is a school.





On the other side of a window



there is a neighbor.



On the other side of the street





there is help.

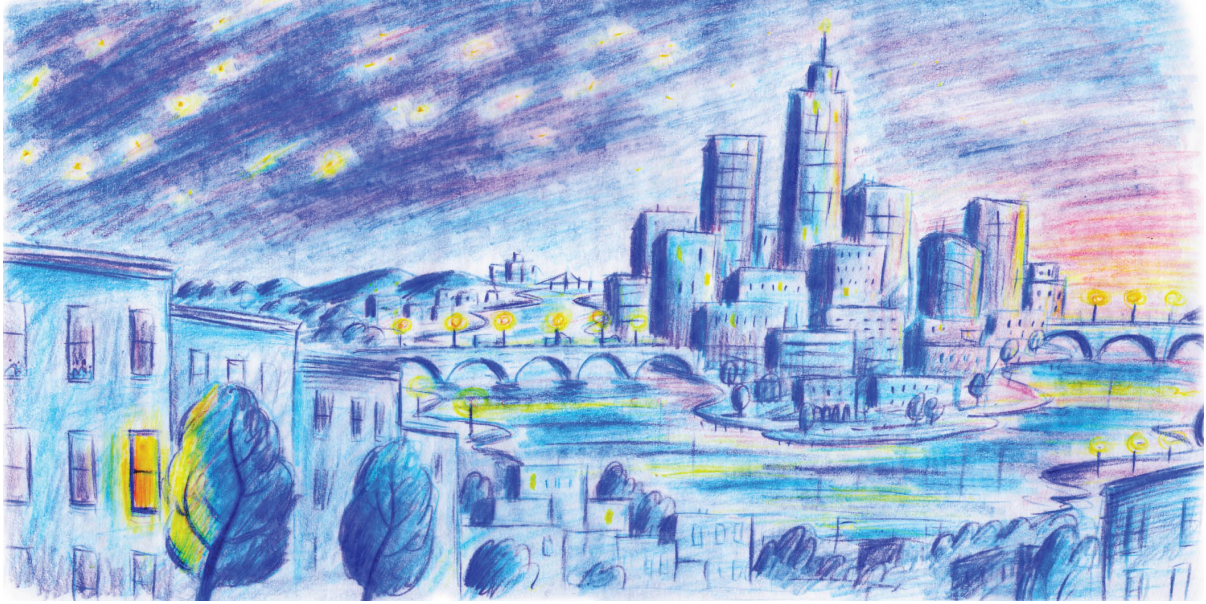


On the other side of town



there is a voice.





On the other side of a river



there is light.



On the other side of a mountain





there is a path.

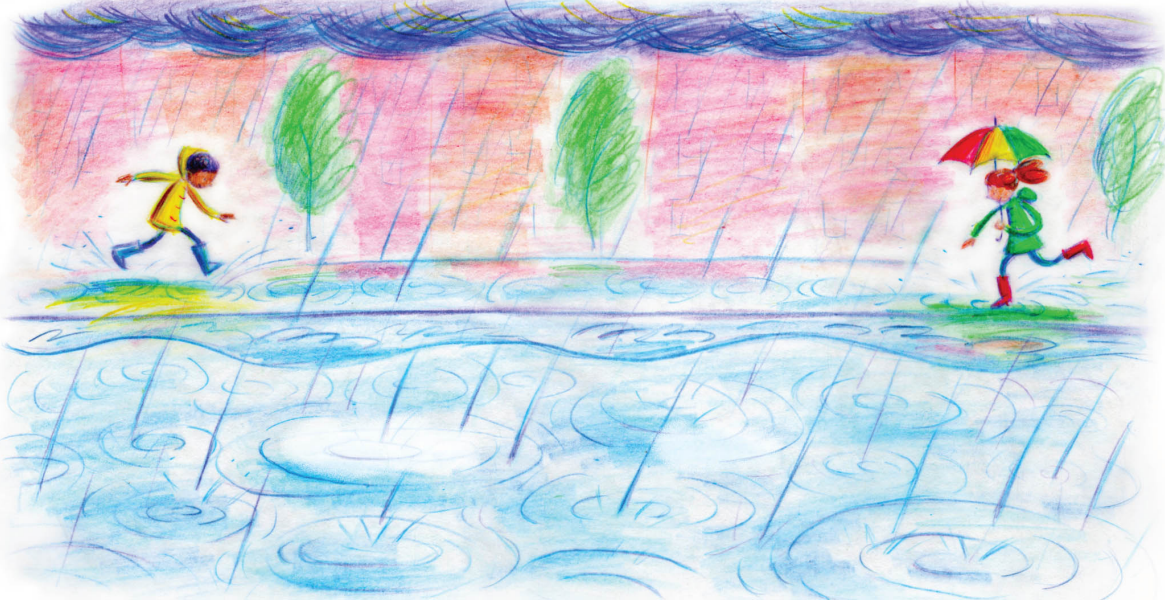


On the other side of sadness

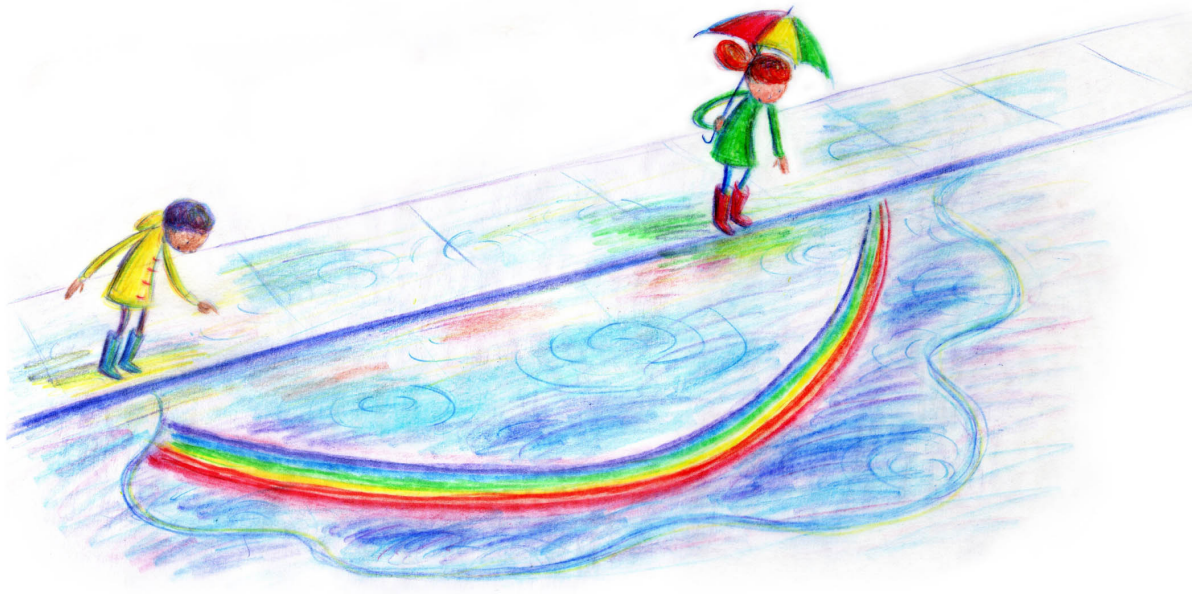


there are hugs.





On the other side of a storm



there is a rainbow.



On the other side of today





there is tomorrow.



# Author's Note

In the spring of 2020, I wrote this book while staying home with my family to help stop the spread of COVID-19. There was loss. There was fear. But there were children. And all over the world, they painted rainbows in their windows and drew messages on the ground to remind the world that we are in this together.

My boys wanted to bring a rainbow to their grandmother, but they were struggling with social distancing. So I put on the mask and gloves and delivered their rainbow myself. I held my mom's hand a moment, then called from the car: "See you on the other side."

I thought: We *will* see each other on the other side. Yes, there are sad goodbyes. But there will be joyous reunions. And even though we can't reach out and touch one another right now, we can see one another—truly see one another—if we try.

It comforts me to think of families reading this book a year—or many years—from now and to hope they're looking back on this time from a place that is safer, happier, more generous, and more just.

I wonder if the rainbows will still hang in the windows.





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