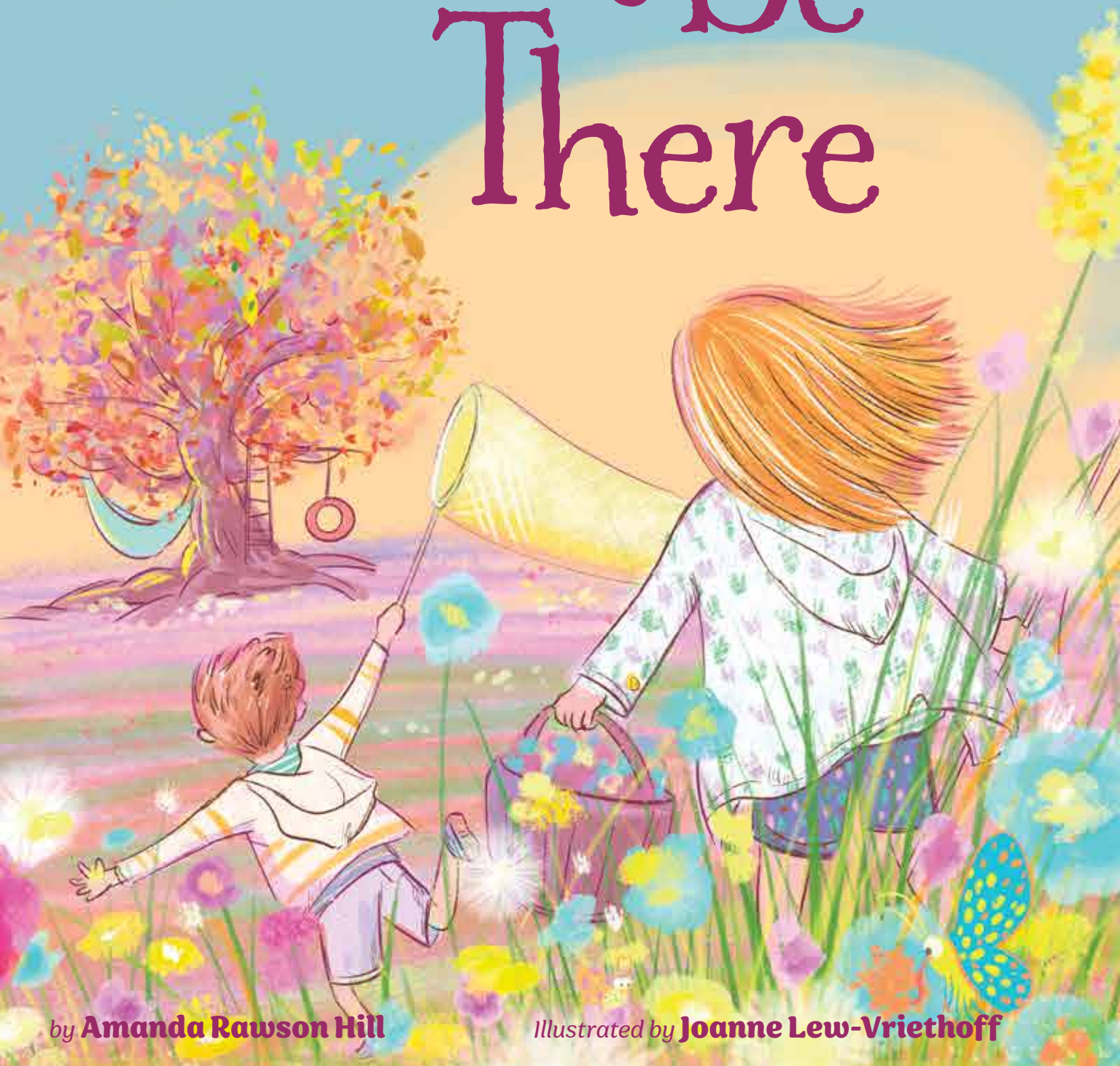


You'll Be There



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In memory of Lisa, Liam, Leah, and my dear
childhood friend, Lacey. I think of you often.—ARH

Max and Mattiece, my love will
always find you—JL-V

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Memories are like spring flowers,
they always come back.



A child in a red hat and polka-dot coat is rolling a small snowball along a snowy path. The path is surrounded by snow-covered evergreen trees.

In January, when the snow is falling and fingers
are freezing inside wet mittens, I'll huff and puff
while pushing a snow ball along the ground,
from small to big, then bigger, and...

A child in a red hat and polka-dot coat is rolling a large snowball along a snowy path. The path is surrounded by snow-covered evergreen trees.

...you'll be there.

"Let's give him a silly
hat," I'll whisper.

Then I'll put on Mom's
gardening hat, like
you always did.



In February, when love is in the air and red
paper hearts fill up the box on my desk,
I'll remember that one is missing and...

you'll be there.

Roses are red,
violets are blue
I wish I could give
this valentine to you.

