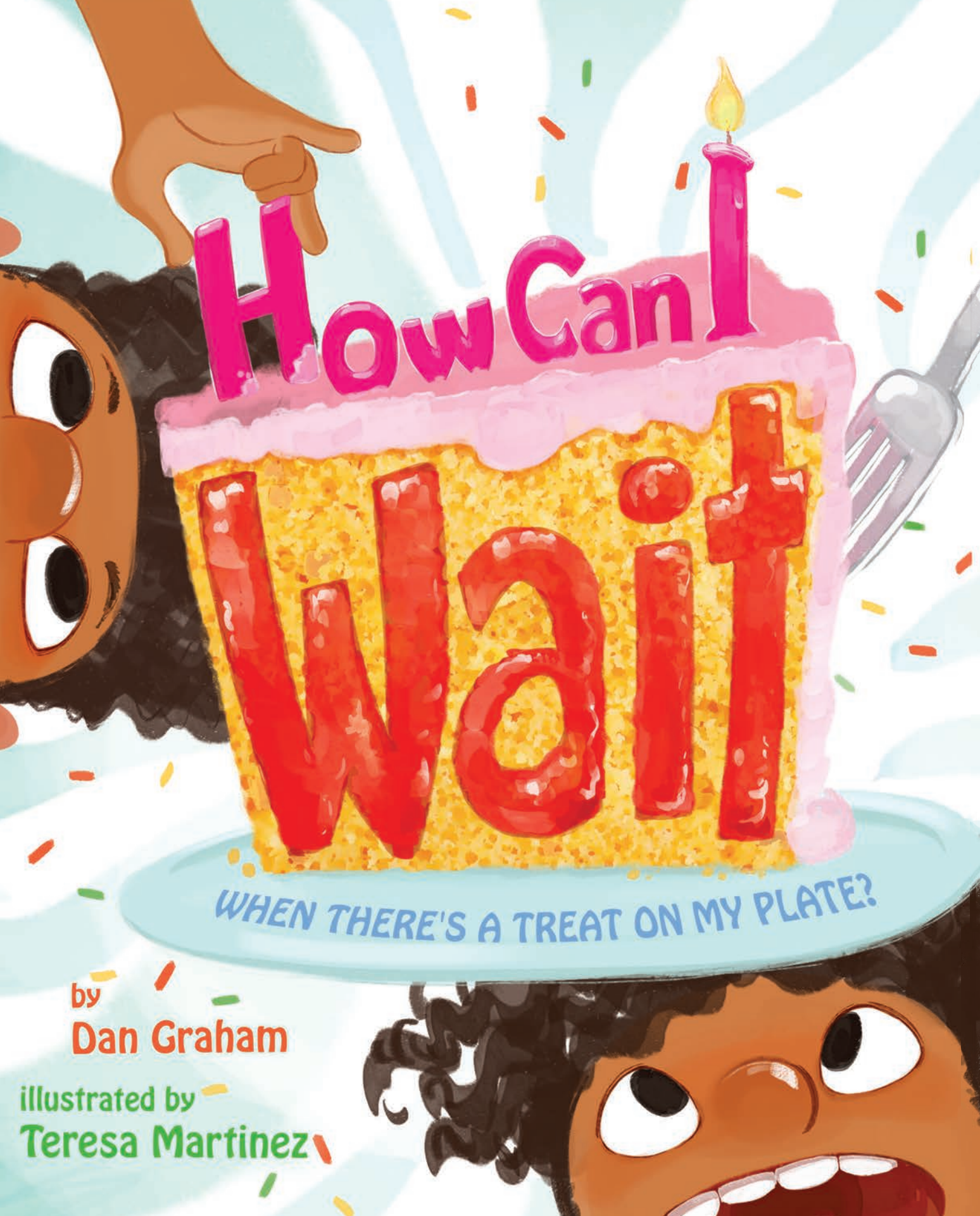




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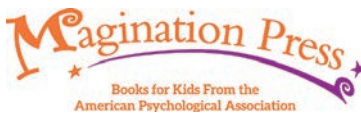
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To my family, especially Gray, who was worth the wait—DG

To Edgar D—TM



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No twins could be more similar,
no match quite so complete,

no sibling pair has more they share
than brothers Dell and Pete.

They draw, run, bike, and laugh alike.
They both love playing ball.

But one warm day they found a way
they weren't the same at all.

That summer day, they zoomed away,
around the park and back.

Then stride-for-stride, they burst inside
and begged Mom for a snack.





They ate a mix of veggie sticks,
then wanted something sweet.

So Dell asked for a marshmallow.
"Woohoo! Me too!" said Pete.

“WAIT, STOP!” Mom’s voice surprised the boys.
Their treats plopped on their plates.

“Your tee-ball game’s this afternoon...
the ice cream truck awaits!”



**"You'll eat sweets only once today.
The choice is up to you—**

**a marshmallow before we go,
or ice cream with the crew."**



Although both boys liked ice cream best,
they found it tough to wait.

And now, a treat each boy could eat
was right there on his plate.

