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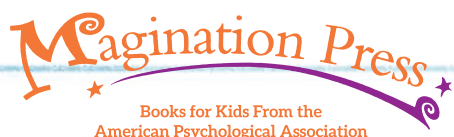


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**For all who write
to heal and grow—ALV**

**To my dear family and pet
family, with love—MF**



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“Who wants to sprinkle cheese?” Mia’s dad called. Mia reached to sprinkle cheddar into a puffy omelet. The kitchen felt warm and smelled delicious. Luna and Toby snuggled.





Mia looked up at Grandpa's picture and giggled just like they always giggled together. She could hear her mom singing on her way to the table.

This was how mornings used to be.
Until everything changed.

When everything changed, Luna went to live with Mia's mom, and Toby went to live with Mia's dad. Mia lived in both places. She loved her parents, and they loved her.





After everything changed, Mia had two of most things: two beds, two favorite mugs, even two toothbrushes. She saw Luna and Toby on different days, so they could no longer snuggle.



When she lived at her mom's house, Mia missed her dad's laugh and his cooking. She missed scratching Toby's belly...

