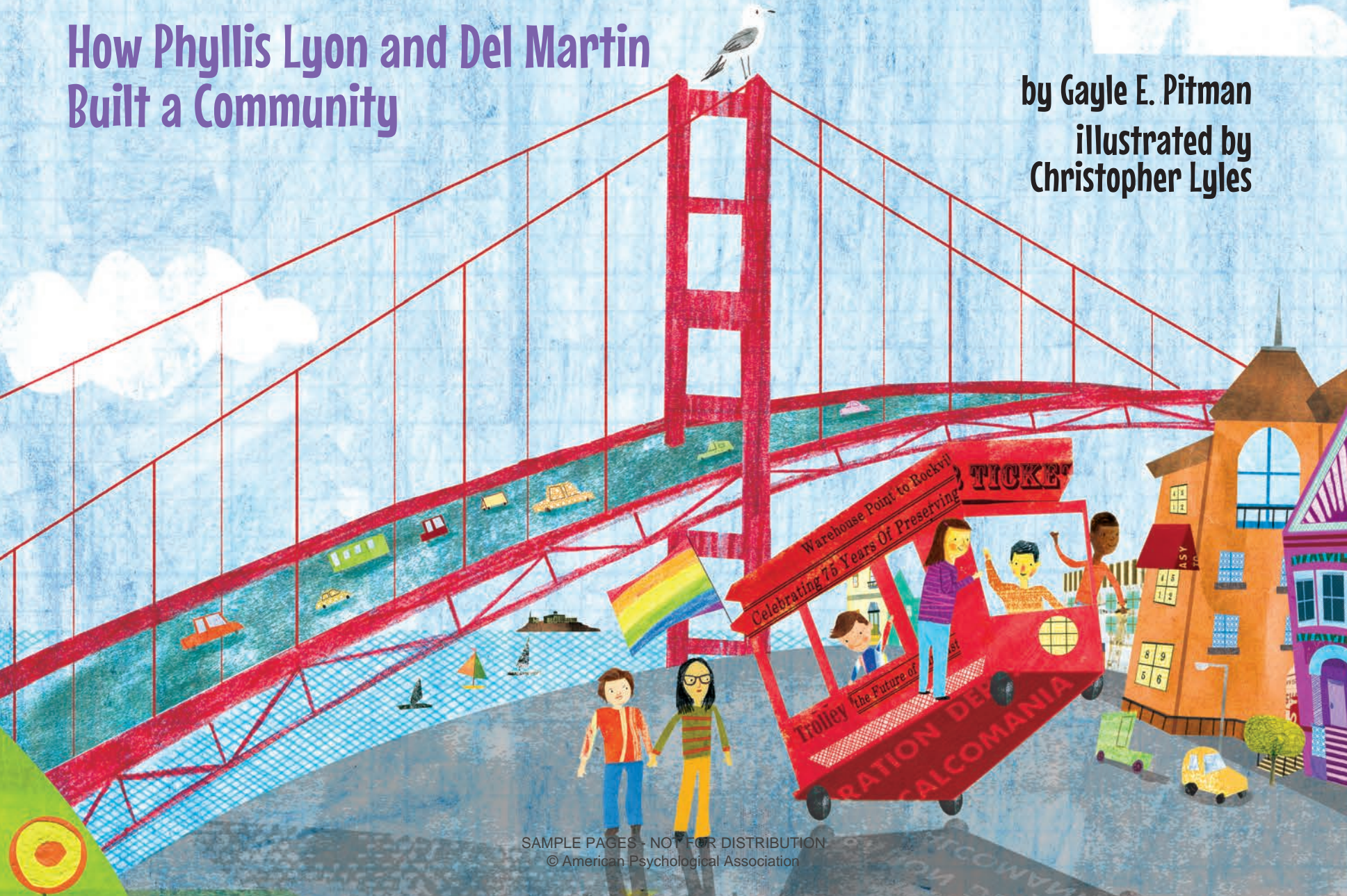


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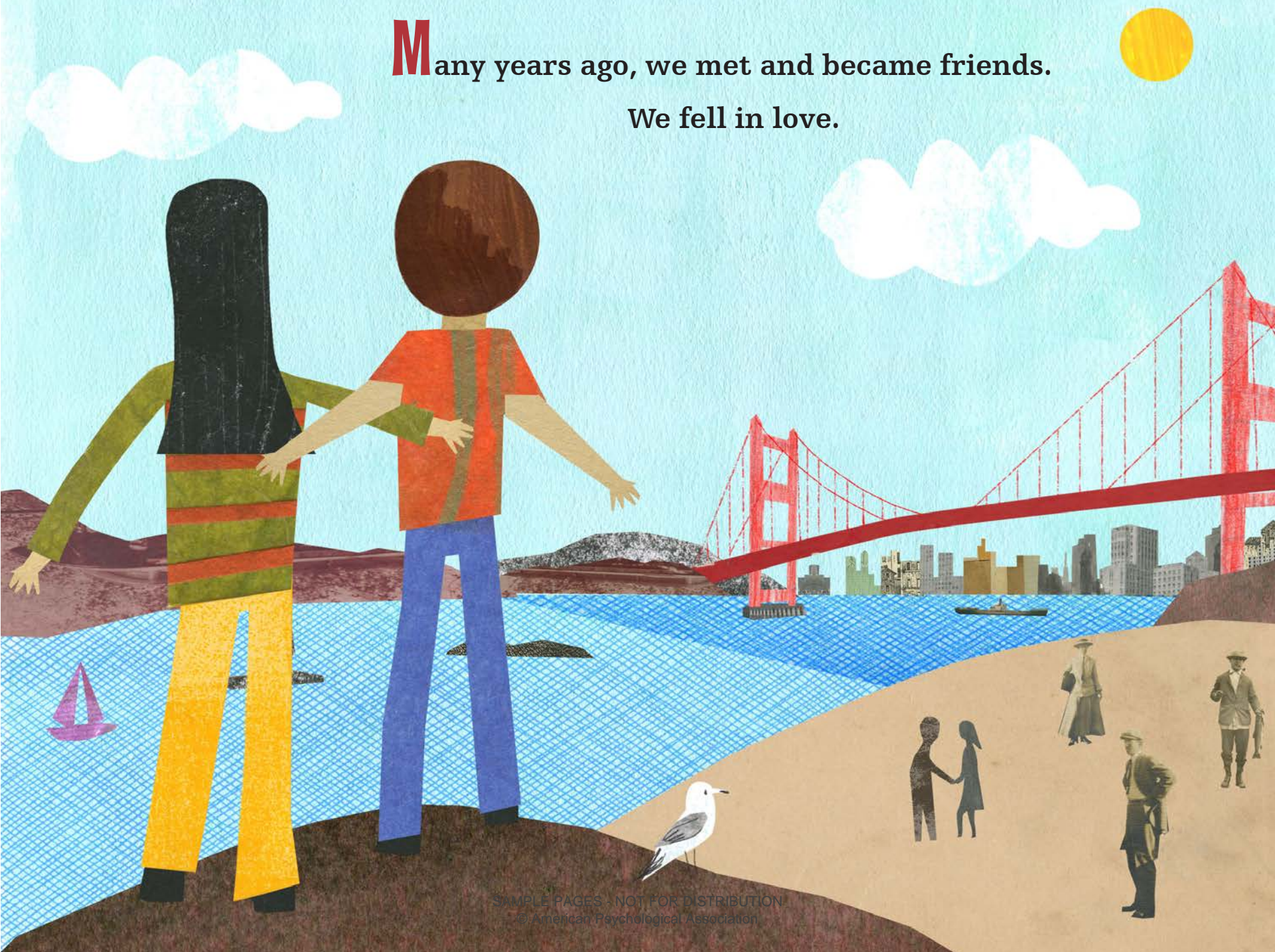
How Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin Built a Community

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Many years ago, we met and became friends.
We fell in love.



We moved in together—on Valentine's Day!
We saved up all our money to buy this house.
And we sat, holding hands, and looked
out the window together.



We saw empty, quiet streets.

Doors tightly shut.

So many women
who didn't have rights.



People who were afraid of us.
People who didn't think we should love each other.



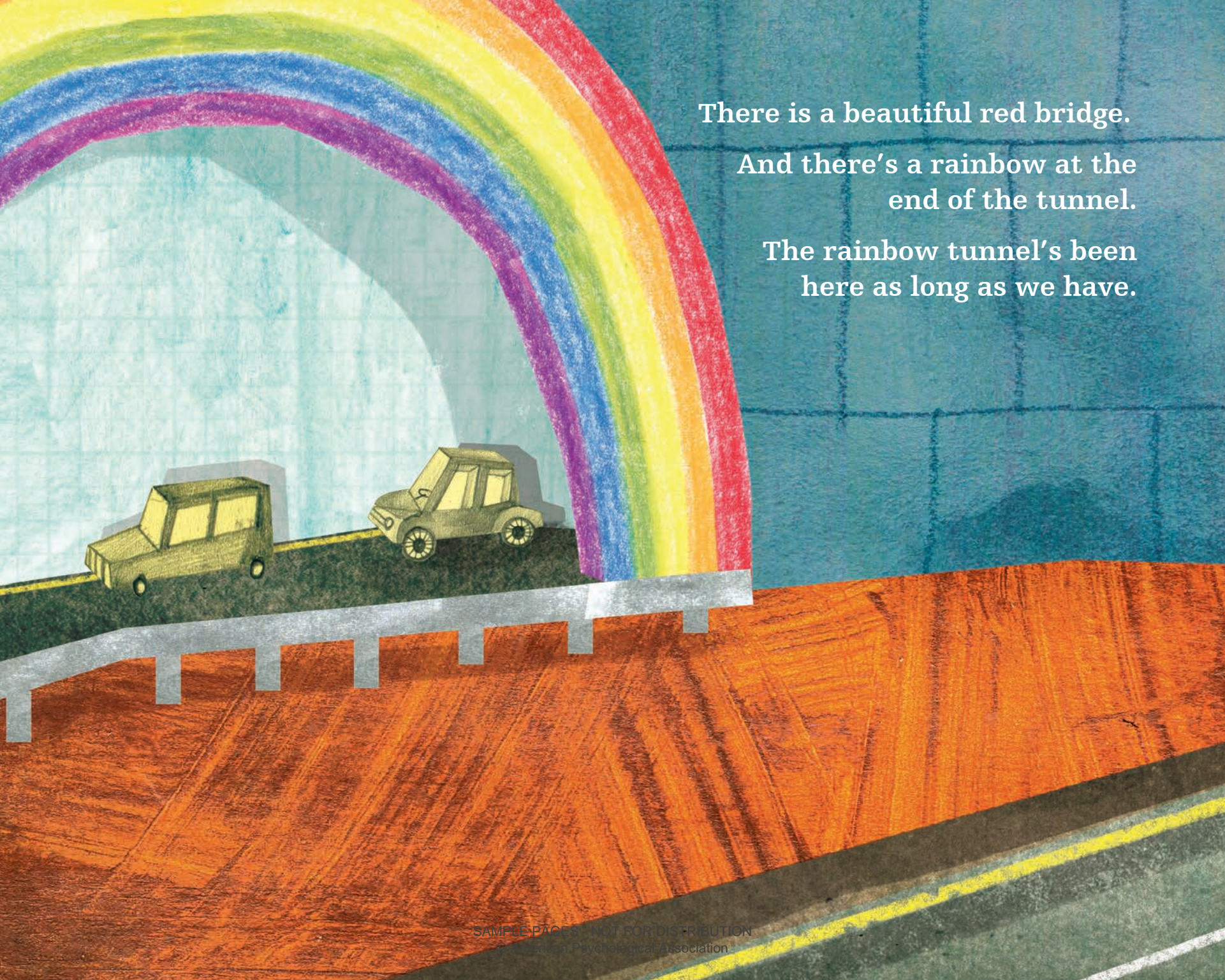
No feeling of community.



So we worked to change that.

When you look out the window now,
what do you see?





There is a beautiful red bridge.

And there's a rainbow at the
end of the tunnel.

The rainbow tunnel's been
here as long as we have.

When *You Look Out the Window* tells the story of Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, one of San Francisco's most well-known and politically active lesbian couples. Describing the view from Phyllis and Del's window, this book shows how one couple's activism transformed their community—and had ripple effects throughout the world.

Includes a **Reading Guide** that provides helpful historical context, and a **Note to Parents, Caregivers, and Educators** about the importance of teaching LGBTQ history and culture to children.

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