

ART & OAKIE ASK: DO YOU SPEAK TREE? – TIP SHEET

The team and I at Oak Tree Comics are delighted to share our upcoming young reader graphic novel *Art & Oakie Ask: Do You Speak Bee?* for your review. Here is the book's supporting information:



Title: *Do You Speak Bee?*

Series title: *Art & Oakie Ask*

Author name: Josh Oaktree

Illustrator name: Josiane Vltos

Publisher/Imprint: Oak Tree Comics

Distributor: Lakeside Book Company

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BOOK DESCRIPTION

An ALA Best Graphic Novels for Children selection.

A Green Earth Book Award nominee.

Join Art and Oakie as they help their friends in nature! This nearly wordless graphic novel for young readers invites you to imagine the story for yourself. In the *Art & Oakie Ask* series, actions—and comics—speak louder than words.

What's the buzz? In Art and Oakie's third adventure, Oakie befriends a colony of bees only to discover that Art is scared of them. To help Art overcome her fears, Oakie invites the bees to teach Art's class. When Art learns how bees pollinate the fruits and vegetables we eat, what will she do? Can Art and Oakie help save the bees?

ABOUT THE SERIES: In each book, Art and Oakie go on an adventure to help their friends in nature. What makes the *Art & Oakie Ask* series unique is that each book is a nearly wordless graphic novel for young readers. Instead of prose, lush comic book illustrations tell the story. To read each book aloud, you and your little ones get

to make up the story for yourself, so no matter one's age or reading ability, you can speak up for our beautiful natural world with Art and Oakie!

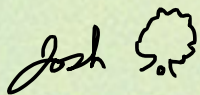
Want more *Art & Oakie Ask* adventures? Check out the first two books in the series, *Do You Speak Tree?* and *Do You Speak Bear?*

CREATOR BIOGRAPHIES

Josh Oaktree (author) is the managing director and founder of Oak Tree Comics, an independent publisher where imagination meets environmentalism. His award-winning books for young and middle-grade readers include the *Art & Oakie Ask* series, *Thorn the Unicorn*, and *The Weird Animal Hour*. He holds his MFA in screenwriting from the American Film Institute. Originally from the Philadelphia area, Josh lives in sunny Los Angeles. Learn more about Josh and his books at josh oaktree.com.

Josiane Vlitos (illustrator) is from Prince Edward Island and has a background in Communication Design. Inspired by her English childhood of castles, forts, and beachcombing, her work features bright palettes, playful characters, and magical worlds. She aims to spark joy and positive change through themes of inclusion, sustainability, and self-love. When not illustrating, she's reading, beachcombing, or daydreaming—usually with a biscuit in hand. Josiane lives in Charlottetown with her husband, daughter, and rabbit.

On behalf of the creative team at Oak Tree Comics, thank you for the consideration. Sending much joy and appreciation your way,



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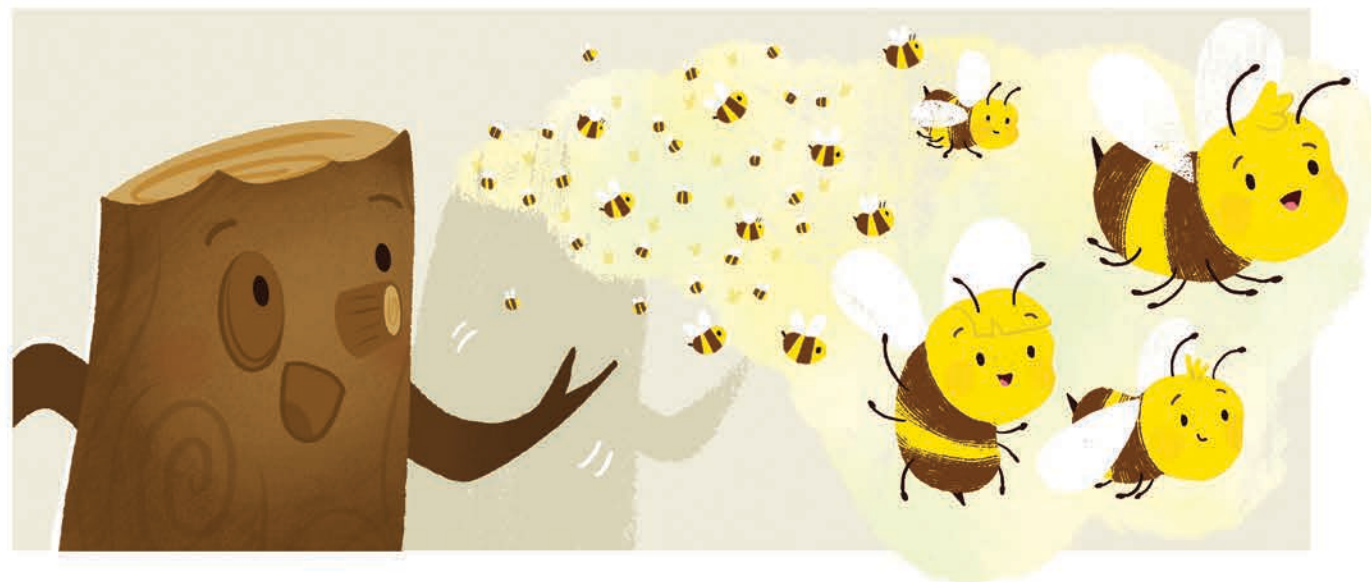


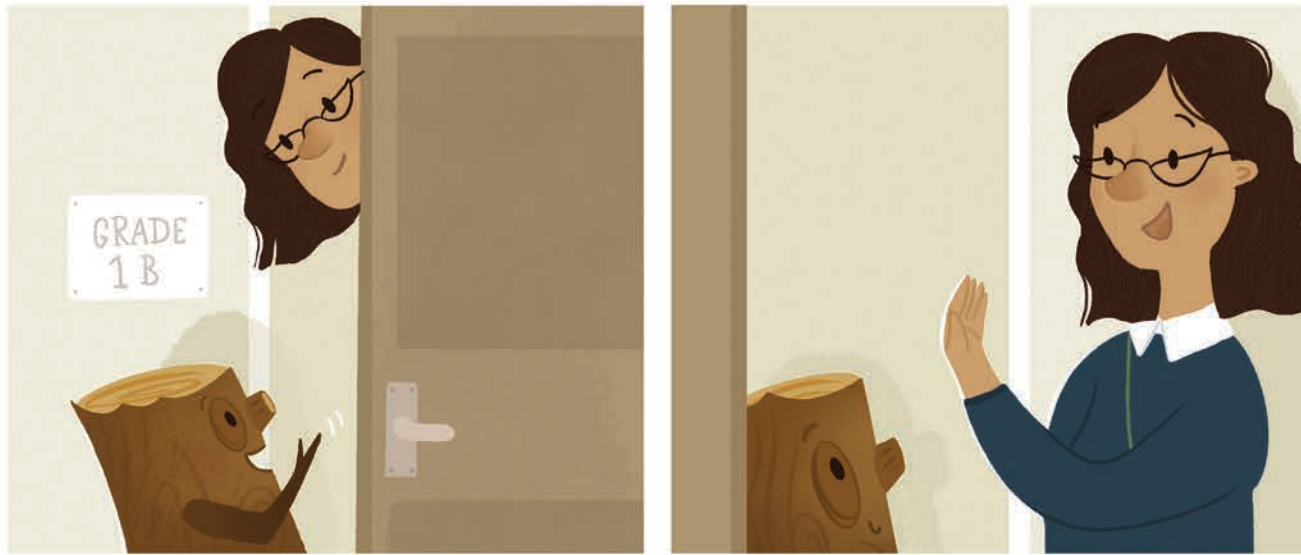
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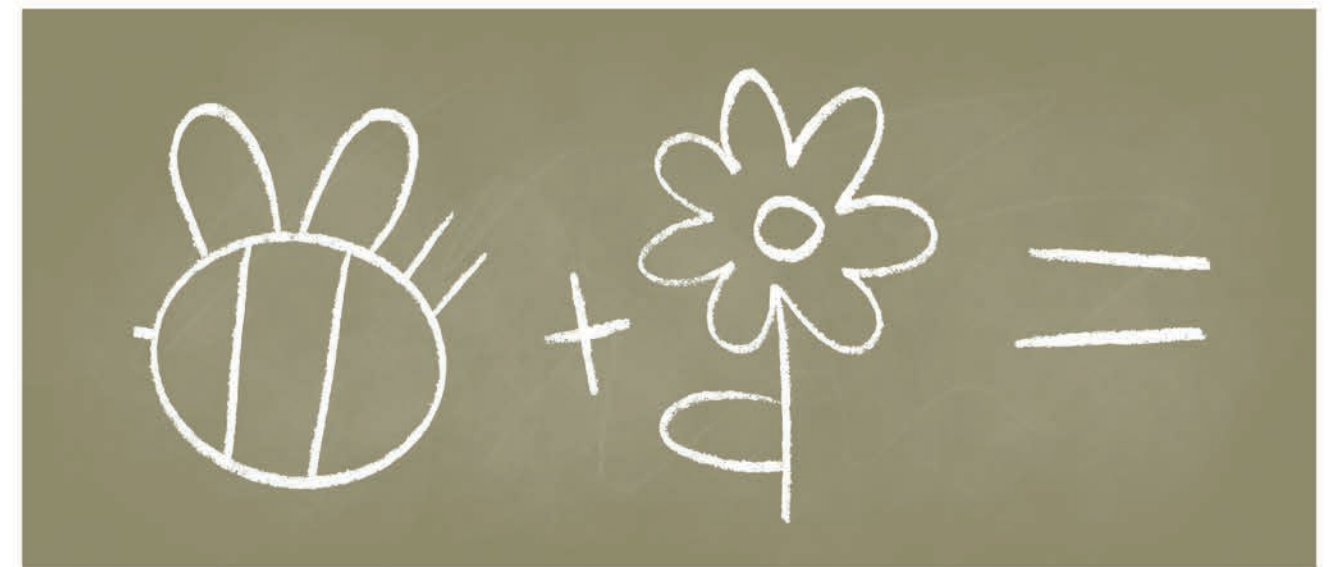


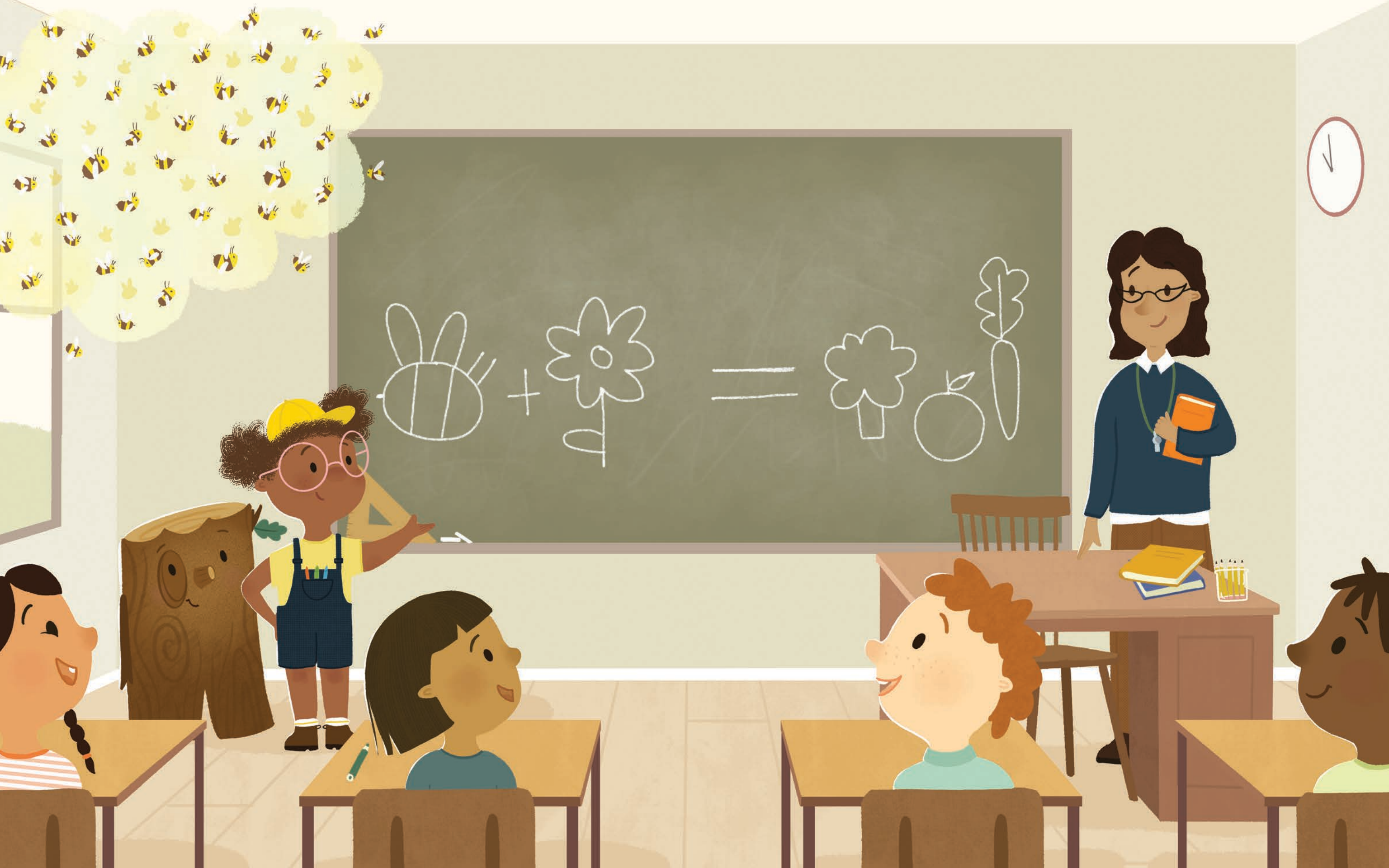










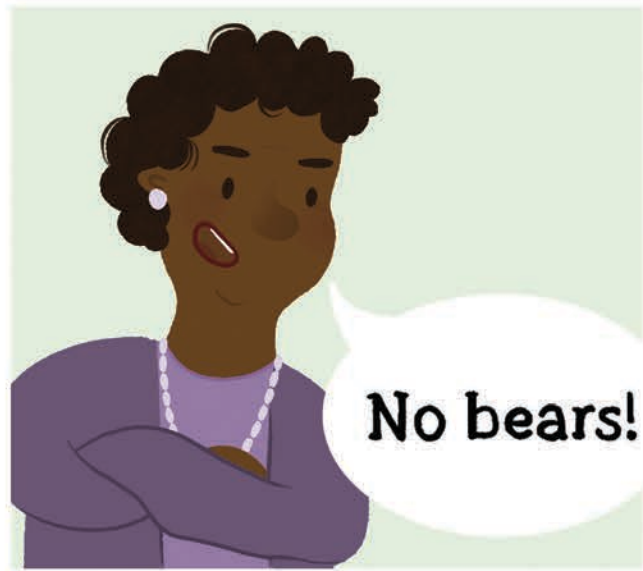




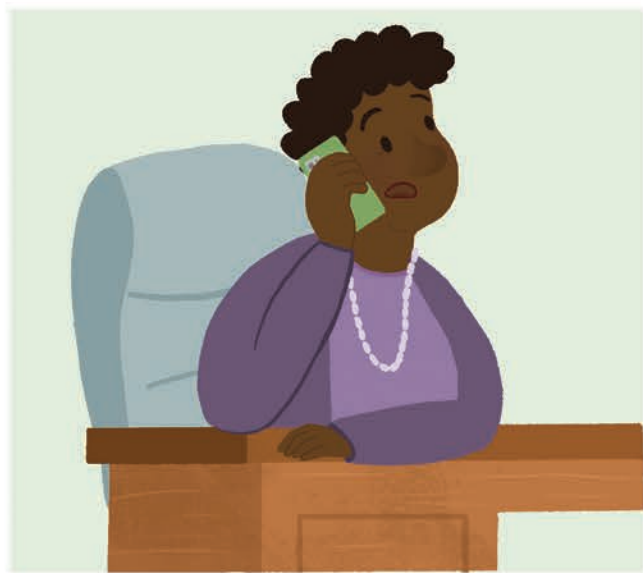
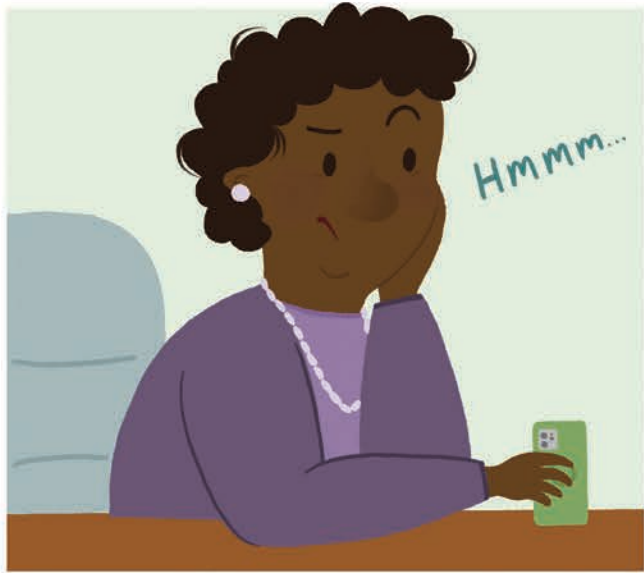




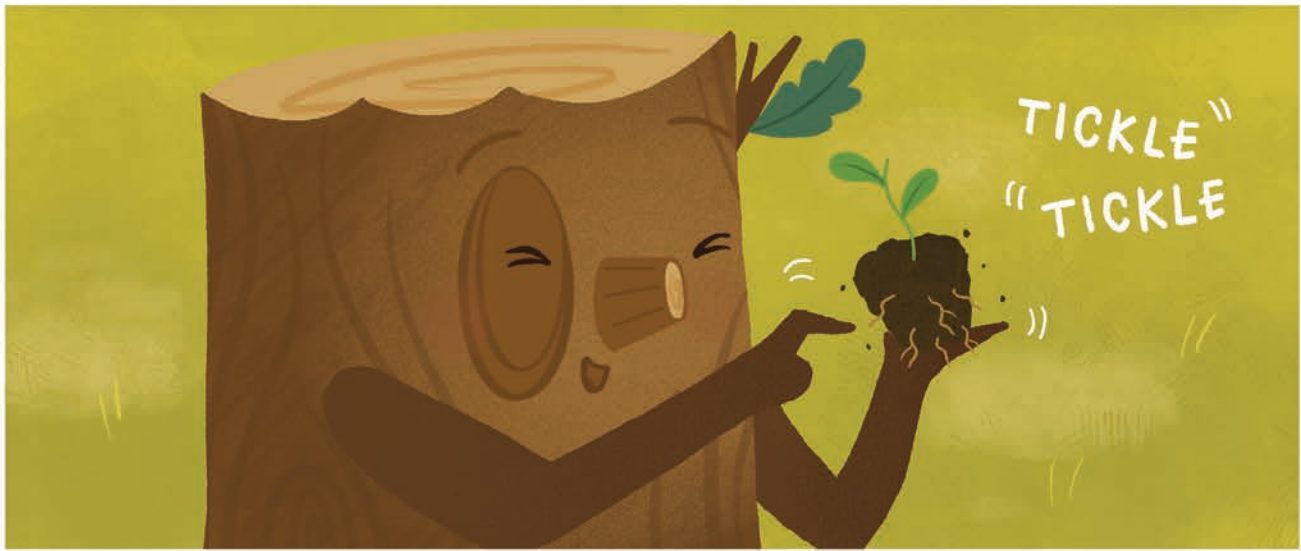




















Josiane Vlitos

(illustrator) Josiane is an illustrator hailing from Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. She loves spending time in her garden growing different varieties of lettuce for her very spoiled rabbit, Link. When she's not drawing, she's often got her nose in a book while enjoying a coffee and biscuit.

Josh Oaktree

(writer) Josh grew up outside of Philadelphia where he remembers picking tomatoes from his grandmother's vegetable garden. Now that he has his own garden, he is growing a green thumb. At his home in Los Angeles, he is learning all about native plants and how to make urban spaces more pollinator-friendly.



Amelia Boscov

(creative director) Amelia also grew up outside of Philadelphia and remembers picking strawberries from her grandmother's vegetable garden. (Josh and Amelia are cousins.) Now she lives in Brooklyn where she grows plenty of cat grass for her cats to munch on. She also enjoys long walks in New York's public parks.



You better bee-lieve, Art & Oakie love helping teachers! On the Oak Tree Comics website, you can download free Art & Oakie coloring pages as well as educator guides for all three of their books. You can also schedule a classroom visit with the authors. For all inquiries, contact

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We'd love to hear how you speak up for nature!



Your book purchase aids native pollinators. For every book sold, Oak Tree Comics donates a dollar to an environmental non-profit. For this book, we're donating to the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants, a local Los Angeles non-profit 501(c)(3) that inspires and educates Southern Californians about the beauty and ecological benefits of California native plants.



HOW TO MAKE YOUR GARDEN MORE BEE-FRIENDLY?



Step 1: Research your local bees. What plants do they like?



Step 2: Embrace native plants.



Step 3: Color-coordinate. Planting in bunches helps the bees see!



Step 4: Don't pluck your weeds. Bees love their flowers.



Step 5: Provide bees with water.



Step 6: Avoid herbicides and pesticides. Bugs are our friends.



Step 7: Don't forget to enjoy your garden. It is BEE-autifull!

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