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#### \*\*STARRED REVIEW\*\*

"takes apart the fostering experience as few books have—from the newcomer's point of view...VERDICT Most books with this much purpose fall down on the lessons. This one transcends them, for a true story of how a home happens."

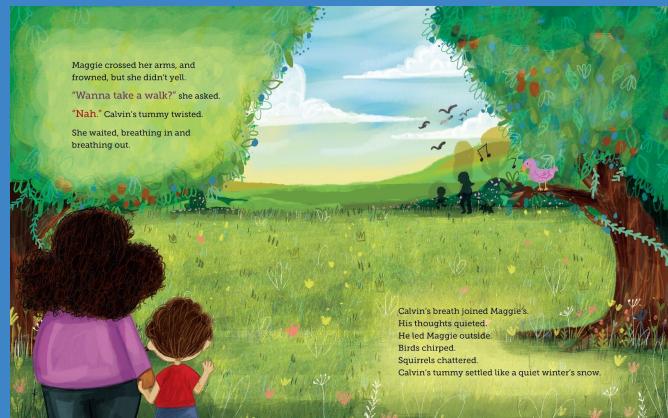
— *School Library Journal*

"...the book is as much a model for foster parents as it is a story to provide validation of foster children's experiences...Gentle and wise—especially as a read for foster parents."

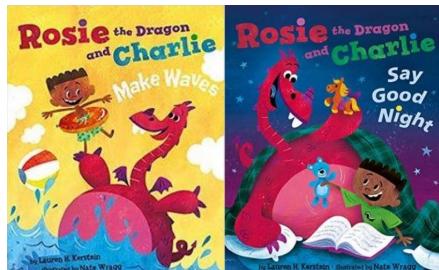
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#### About the Book

Is this a place Calvin can call home for a while? Calvin is in foster care, and he wants to trust someone, anyone, but is afraid to open his heart. He has lived in a lot of houses, but he still hasn't found his home. When he moves in with Maggie, she shows him respect, offers him kindness, and makes him see things in himself that he's never noticed before. Maybe this isn't just another house, maybe this is a place Calvin can call home, for a while.



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#### About the Author

Lauren Kerstein is an author and psychotherapist. She is a Jersey girl at heart who lives in Colorado with her husband, their two dragons...er, daughters, and their rescue dog. Lauren is the author of the Rosie the Dragon and Charlie picture book series (Illustrated by Nate Wragg/Two Lions). Her latest picture book, HOME FOR A WHILE (Illustrated by Natalia Moore/Magination Press) moves into shelves February 2, 2021. Lauren also writes books in her field. Lauren is one of the founders of #ReVISIONweek, a judge with Rate Your Story, runs a critique business, and is a long-time member of 12x12 and SCBWI. Her writing goals are simple. Read voraciously. Embrace feedback. Grow each day. Work hard. Be passionate. Write courageously. Touch children's hearts.

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