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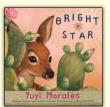
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Dear Reader,

To tell you how I made this book, I will go back to my memories in Mexico, to the day when my papá drove my sisters, mamá, and me to the Farallón Lagoon, an immense and beautiful body of fresh water by the Gulf of Mexico. More than four decades after that memorable visit, I came to live in a town just a couple of miles from the lagoon.



This time, however, the 180 hectares (445 acres) of the lagoon had completely evaporated. When a fire destroyed the trees that the townspeople had planted the year before, the local drought—always a threat to this community—got even worse, and the lagoon became even more vulnerable. What's more, the water of the lagoon that gave life to fish, birds, turtles, and crocodiles was being stolen for irrigation, livestock farming, and gold mining. If we allow our water to be looted or polluted, one day it will simply be gone.

What can we do? Let's keep our eyes open to the nature around us. It is everywhere!

Notice when those around you are hurt—whether they are animals or humans, trees or lagoons. All of these beings are our equals and our friends, and being a friend takes attention, creativity, and actions.

Care for these friends. And let's make sure they know it! Tend to your garden. Make sure that insects, bees, and bats don't get harmed; they are part of our weave of life, and many of them help pollinate our fruit trees and crops.

Create art and create the world you want to live in. If you don't know yet how that world looks, try making a drawing, or writing a poem by making up a few weirdiful words of your own that express your feelings and thoughts. Sometimes it is hard to know what we want to say, but let's give it a try! Use colors, words, drawing, cut-out shapes . . . the possibilities are infinite—infinite as you are too.

And that leaves me with one more thing we can do no matter what age, color, or shape we are: Let's get together! When we find each other, we can play games where everybody has a chance and no one loses and no one wins. You might be little, and I might be little too, but together we are plenty and strong.

Do you want to be one of the creatures in this story? ~a little rebel~? Share your joy with every being you encounter. Infuse every action you take with the joy that it is to be YOU. That is how, together, we create a revolution.

But wait! I have a question for YOU, sí, para ti: What rebel ways do you know to take care of life around you, of each other, and our world?



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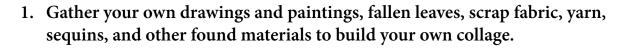
Author and illustrator Yuyi Morales drew beautiful illustrations for *Little Rebels*. She used mixed-media techniques to create collage-like designs, such as taking photographs of a real Olmec head to make the skin color of one of the little rebels. By collecting textures and images from the world around her, Yuyi demonstrates her creativity and her love for nature.



Follow these step-by-step instructions to create your own beautiful collage!

Collage Instructions

Supplies: glue, scrap paper, scissors, blank paper, pencil



2. Draw shapes and designs on the scrap paper and use scissors to cut them out.

3. Glue the shapes onto a blank sheet of paper.

4. Be creative! Use your shapes to form a scene, make a picture, or create abstract designs!





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Write Poems with "Weirdiful" New Words

"Do you want to hear how little rebels make poetry? We speak words that shape the world we want to live in. When we need a different world, we invent new palabras."

Let's create new words!

Pick a word from List 1 and add a new ending from List 2!

List 1: List 2:

Weird -able

Happy -ible

Crazy -ful

Sad -ous

Angry -ic

Cool -y

Awesome -less





Use your new word to write a poem in the space below!





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Draw Your Dreams

What dreams do you have for the future? What do you hope to do, see, or experience?

Ideas:

- Draw a map of your home, school, or community where you feel happy or where you may feel uncertain.
- Draw a kernel of the idea and the action you could take to make it better. Like popcorn!
- Draw your dreams in the space below.
- If you could have a wish, what would you ask for?

Draw your wish here!











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Grow a Plant: A Take-Home Activity

A step-by-step instruction sheet on growing and taking care of a plant.*



Supplies: plastic bag, paper towels, lima beans

- 1. Fold up a few damp paper towels and put them in a plastic bag.
- 2. Place a few beans into the bag.
- 3. Tape the bag to a wall or window. Add water as needed to keep the paper towels damp.



- 4. Wait and watch your beans grow! It will take a few days for the roots and stems to appear and about 10 days for the leaves to begin to peek out.
- 5. Once your plant is big enough, plant it outside or in a pot, run up watch it grow even more!
- 6. Reuse the plastic bag to grow another plant or to gather all your beans!

Make sure you hand-wash the bag with soap and water before reuse.



Little Rebel Actions

"Do you want to be little rebels together?"

Being a little rebel means caring for others and the world around you!

Pick three activities from this list to try! Invite your family and friends to join you. Use the list below as your checklist! Ask an adult if you need help.



Recycle



Pick up trash



Help your parents with a chore



Give a friend a hug



Plant an acorn



Share a snack with a classmate



Sit next to a classmate you don't usually sit next to





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Find the Little Rebels!

Find the three little rebels in the image below.







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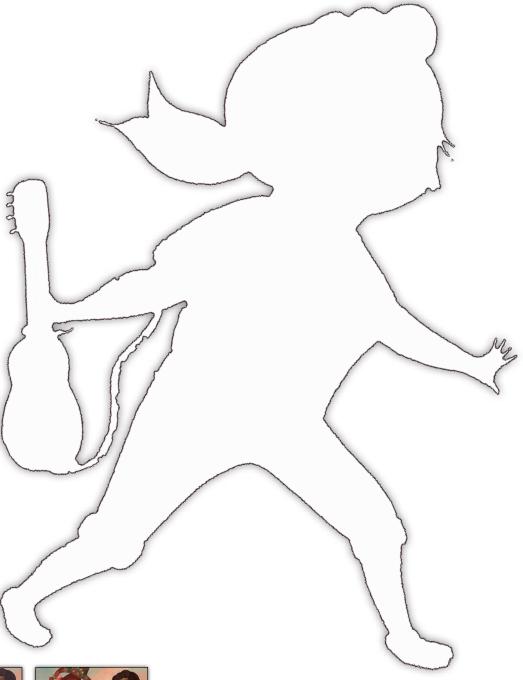
"We come in all colors and forms."

How will you look as a little rebel?

Design and color in this little rebel to look like you.

Don't forget to draw the items you'll bring with you on your adventures!









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Indoors and Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

Being a little rebel means observing the world around you. Wherever you are, there are lots of beautiful and amazing things to see!

Let's go on a scavenger hunt! If you're outside, find the items in the Outdoors list, and if you're inside, find the items in the Indoors list.



Check each item off as you find it! And draw them below.

Outdoors:

Find a tall tree

Find something red

Find something that crawls

Find something hairy

Find something round

Find something that breathes

Indoors:

Find something you can read

Find something that shines

Find something blue

Find something made of wood

Find something that rolls

Find something that grows







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