

My Big Book of Ideas



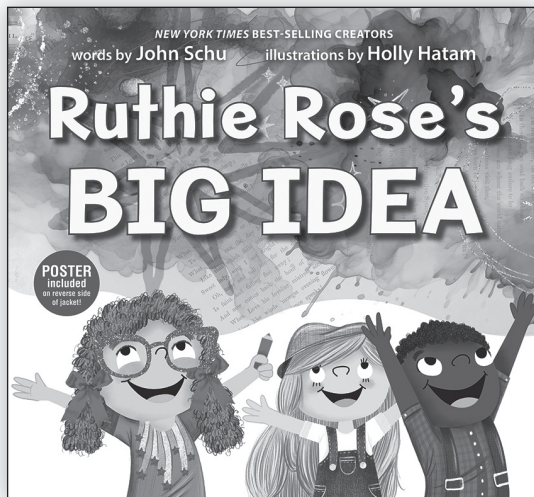
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Ruthie Rose's BIG IDEA

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***Ruthie Rose wakes up with an idea.
A big, bright, beautiful idea.***

An idea so great! An idea so grand! Ruthie Rose can't wait to share it with her idea-loving librarian, her art teacher, and her best friend. As the idea gets shared, it sparkles through her classmates, shouts down the hallway, and echoes over the playground. It invites everyone in the school, including YOU. John Schu's effervescent prose is complemented by Holly Hatam's vibrant artwork in clear, vivid colors, depicting a cast of adorable characters. Collaged throughout the artwork are intriguing snippets of language and lines from classic poems, sure to inspire young poetry lovers to discover more.



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**Big, bright, beautiful ideas,
when shared with others,
can help inspire and create
possibilities for everyone.**

Use this journal and the suggested prompts
to explore ideas of all kinds!

Draw something you love.



What is one thing that helps you when you're worried? How does it help you?



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**Write down or glue down pictures of things
that make you happy.**

**Draw a picture of a rainbow and write about
the colors you used.**



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**What is your favorite color? How does this
color make you feel?**

Draw something that made you smile today.



**What is the most beautiful place
you've ever been?**



What is your favorite day of the week? Why?



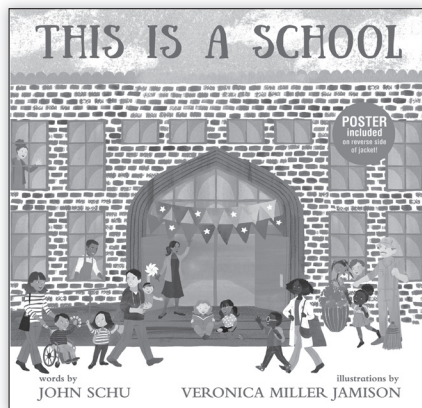
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**When you have a good idea, who do you
tell first? Explain why.**

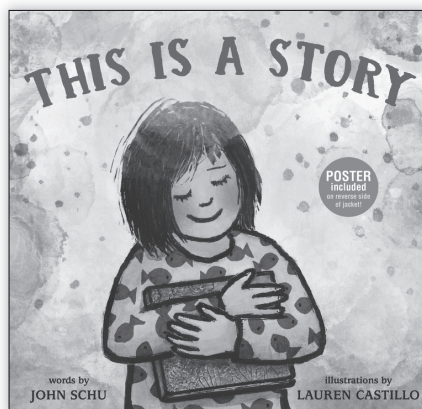
**What is one nice thing you could do
for someone else?**



Also by **JOHN SCHU**

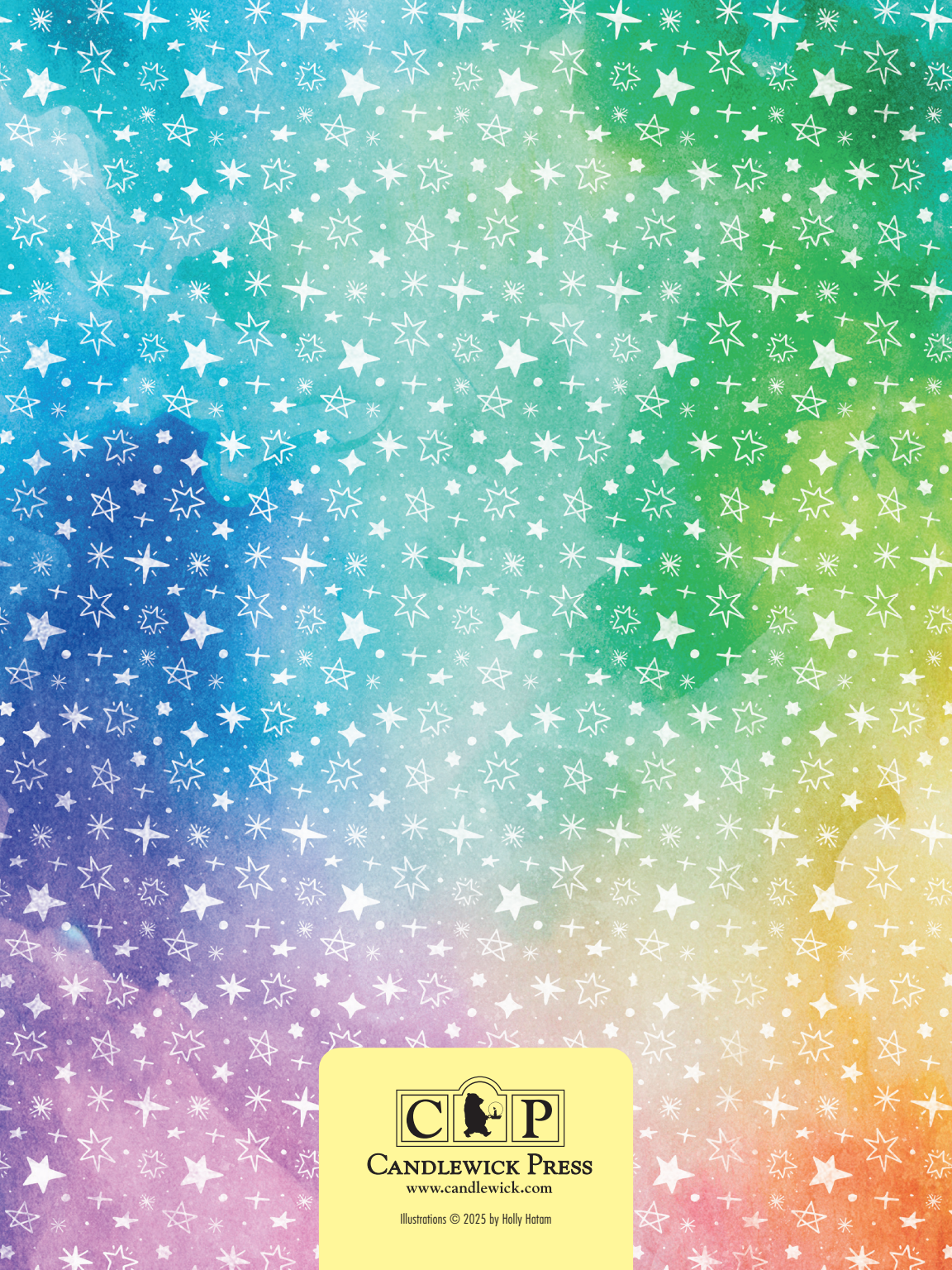


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