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I dedicate this book to the memory of Ofelia Trinidad Vasquez-Philo and to all community activists whose stories have yet to be celebrated.

—DG



Le dedico este libro a la memoria de Ofelia Trinidad Vasquez-Philo y a todos los activistas comunitarios cuyas historias aún hay que conmemorar.

—DG



One afternoon, Ofelia came back from school and ran into the house, shouting, “Mami! Mami! I heard the most wonderful thing today. It was the most beautiful sound in the world!”

“Slow down, sweetie,” her mother said, laughing and giving her a warm hug.



Una tarde, Ofelia volvió de la escuela y entró corriendo y gritando a la casa —¡Mami, Mami! Hoy escuché algo maravilloso. ¡Era el sonido más bello del mundo!

—No corras, cariño, —dijo su madre, riendo y dándole un abrazo cálido.