

THE EXCURSION

-- A VOCABULARY BUILDING BOOK --



by **Lauren Telesz** © illustrated by **Sharee Miller**

edited by **Brad Meltzer** #1 Bestselling author of thrillers like *The President's Shadow*
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WISH [wish] (n.)

A desire or hope for something to happen that is not easily attainable.

When I was diagnosed with cancer many things changed. I had to shave my head, wear a wig, go to the hospital, and define lots of big words for my 3-year-old brother. My family's vocabulary expanded to include unfamiliar, new words such as cancer and chemotherapy. My brother was confused. What did all these big words mean? As I explained them to him, he absorbed their meaning, learning their definitions with remarkable curiosity and ease.

As I spent more time at home, bedridden with my brother by my side, I taught him new vocabulary and watched him pick up and try out new words. It inspired me to write this book and it was all made possible by Make-A-Wish®!

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