

I'm Willing

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Every child who comes into this world is like a little alien visiting Earth. During childhood, their parents care for them with devotion. Every movement, every small action, is precious in a parent's eyes.

I'm Willing is a letter a father writes to his child, as well as a poem through which a grown child expresses longing for their father. It leads readers back to the past, but also helps them see the present, imagine the future, and feel the love that is everywhere.



Author **Julia Liu**

Julia Liu, a graduate from the Department of Educational Technology from Tamkang University, is an editor with a deep passion for reading and storytelling. She has held editorial roles at a several publishers and currently dedicates her time to creating and developing charming animal characters. Her published works include picture books such as *So Hungry, So Hungry, So Hungry*, *Hippo Hippo Big Mouth*, and the *Short-Eared Bunny* series. Her works have won major awards and have been licensed in several countries, including China, Japan, Korea, the UK, and France.



Illustrator **Mei-en Yang**

Mei-en Yang hopes to turn warmth into stories and transforming beauty into illustrations. Rather than fine art alone, she is drawn to illustration and children's picture books, because she believes that the combination of storytelling and visual art can carry meaning and values to every corner of the world, encouraging those who need it most. She seeks to turn warmth into stories and beauty into illustrations. More than fine art alone, she is drawn to illustration and children's picture books, believing that the union of storytelling and visual art can carry meaning and values, offering encouragement to those who need it most. Her picture book *The Boat and Whale* was shortlisted for the 2022 International Silent Book Contest.

I'm Willing: A Book That Gives Love a Shape

by Tzu Ning Huang

Even when seemingly exhausted in stories, the immense power of “love” continues to captivate us, remaining one of the most mysterious forces in the world. The depth and reach of love may never be accurately measured by any single scale, but we can portray fragments of this potent force through many forms—whether words, speech, or images. *I'm Willing* is a book that gently depicts one shape of love.

In author Julia Liu and illustrator Mei-en Yang's hands, the round, plump bodies of the big pigs and little pigs are rendered with childlike, innocent lines. The big pig, representing a parental figure, at times lifts a clothesline, as if raising obstacles out of a child's way.

At other times, it transforms into an airplane, carrying the little piglets away from danger. Sometimes it becomes the wind in the clouds, filling the sails of the children's boat as they venture forth. And sometimes it turns into a bow, sending arrow-like children flying farther into the world. These images embody the parents' wholehearted giving and the promises they make to their children.

When the children are hurt, the parents feel the pain alongside them, yet face it patiently waiting for healing to come. When the time is right, the big pig must also learn to let go, allowing the little pigs to run, stumble, and fall along their own paths, learning from setbacks. This, too, is a promise parents make—to hope

for their children's growth.

As we read, we can sense that parental love is not merely a one-sided sacrifice. Parents and children grow together over time, becoming mirrors for one another. Love may be something that thousands of words cannot fully describe, yet it can also be given a tangible form through the simplest text and the warmest images. Each reading feels like love being told anew.

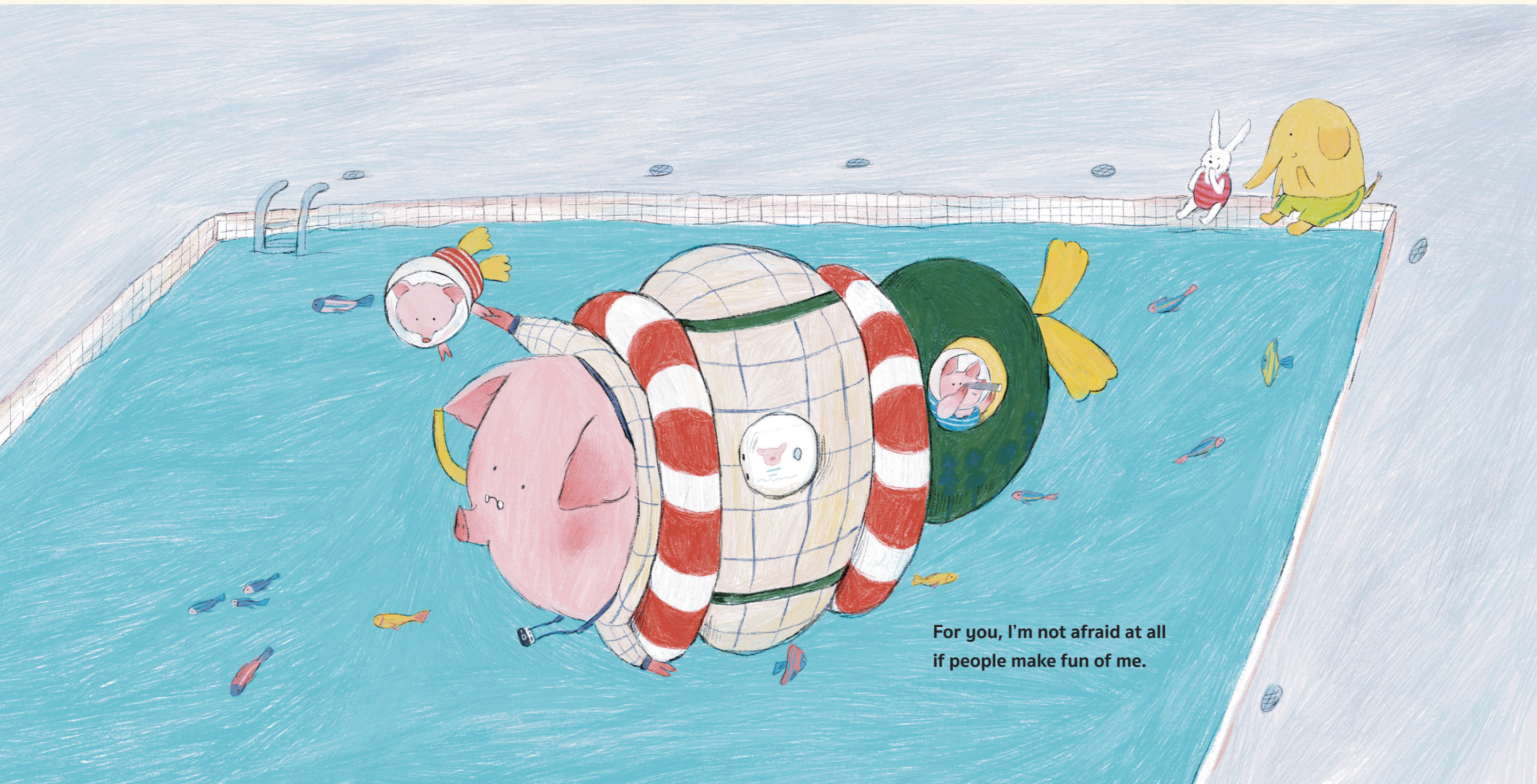
The book's design resembles a photo album; turning its pages feels like leafing through the author's—or one's own—family memories. In the journey of growing up together, expressing emotions at the right moment is vital for both children and caregivers alike. The

phrase “I'm willing” is a spell that sets love's magic in motion, and *I'm Willing* is a magical book that, through images and dialogue, gently guides us to speak this spell—fully and warmly.

Tzu Ning Huang is an editor at Books from Taiwan. She loves to listen and tell stories, enjoys conversations and encounters with others, and appreciates time alone. She also loves to use photography and writing to explore the world.



No matter how high the peak, I dare to climb higher.
No matter how long the journey, I will not halt my steps.



**For you, I'm not afraid at all
if people make fun of me.**



If you're a small sailboat, then I'm the wind,
carrying you forward on every adventure.