

SO CLOSE YET SO FAR

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Will they, or won't they?

In *So Close yet So Far*, famed illustrator Jimmy Liao brings a simple yet heart-wrenching story of two hands that almost touch. She and he live across the street from one another; they create, wait, and fight for one another; and as the modern world advances through turmoil and confusion, they keep one loving eye on the other. As audiences have asked about every famous couple in history: will they, or won't they?

Jimmy Liao's genius with color and line comes forth once again in *So Close yet So Far*, a full-length story of growth, solitude, disaster, and hope. The book itself a thing of beauty, something both adults and children can immerse themselves in entirely.

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Jimmy Liao is a picture book author and illustrator. He worked in advertising for twelve years before a successful battle with leukemia inspired him to embark on a new career as an illustrator. Since then, he's achieved fame throughout the Chinese-speaking world, as films, TV shows and merchandise extend the world of his stories. He has won numerous influential awards and been published in several languages, including collaborations with English-speaking writers, such as the Amazon Best Book of the Year for Kids winner *The Champion of Staying Awake*, created together with Sean Taylor.



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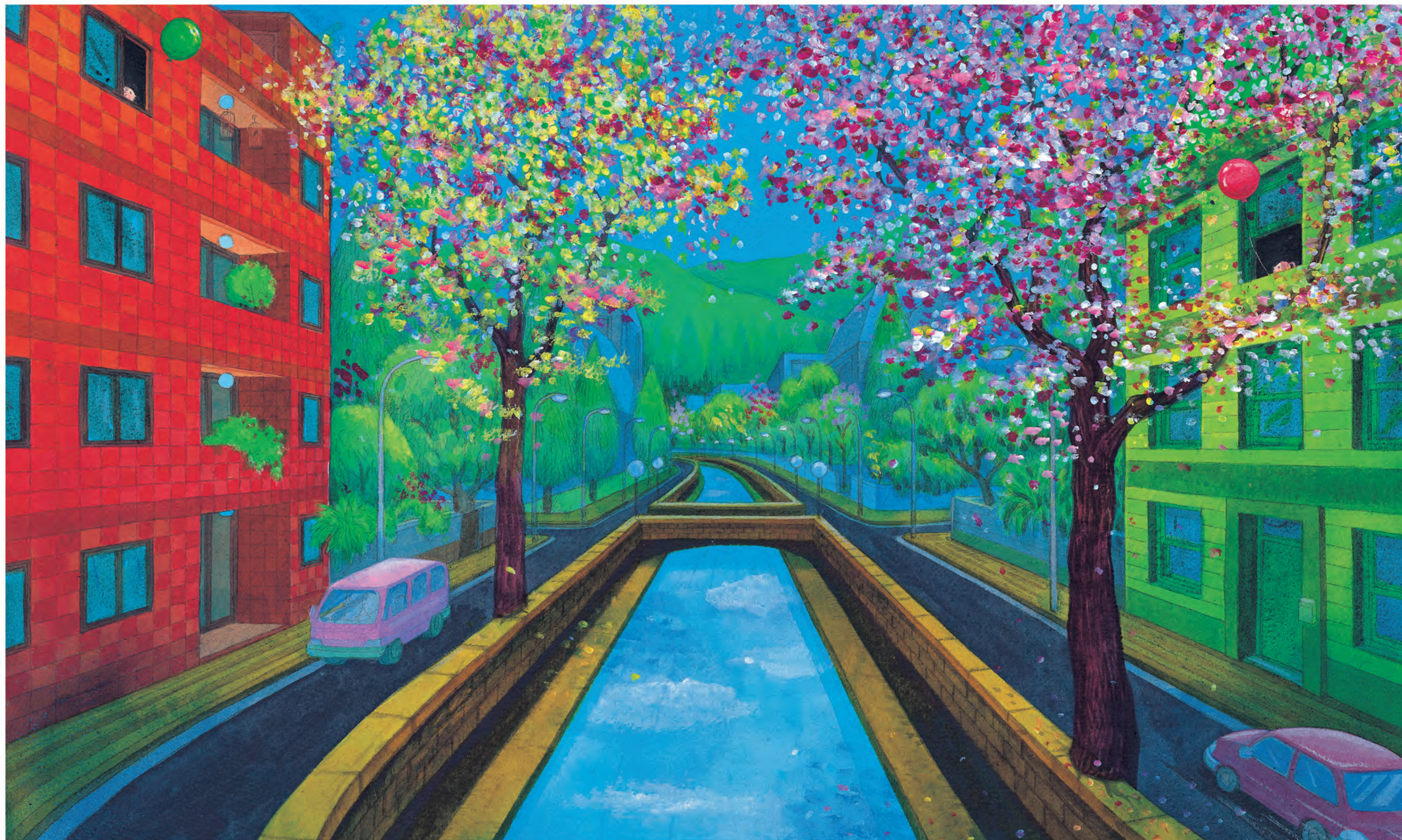
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They played in the same park,
pulling balloons, riding ponies, racing around and around.



They had the same piano teacher,
loved to play Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, hated the painting that hung on the wall.



He lived opposite her, only a seven minute walk away.



They went to high school in different cities.
But they missed train after train while saying goodbye.

"Do you think one day you'll stand right in front of me and I won't recognise you?" she said.
"That'll be the day the world ends!" he replied.



Then one day, they both went to protest.

They saw each other. He watched with concern as she was drawn into the crowd.



But coincidences are many.

One day, they saw each other by the fountain in the park.



They edged closer. But still, they were always so far apart.