



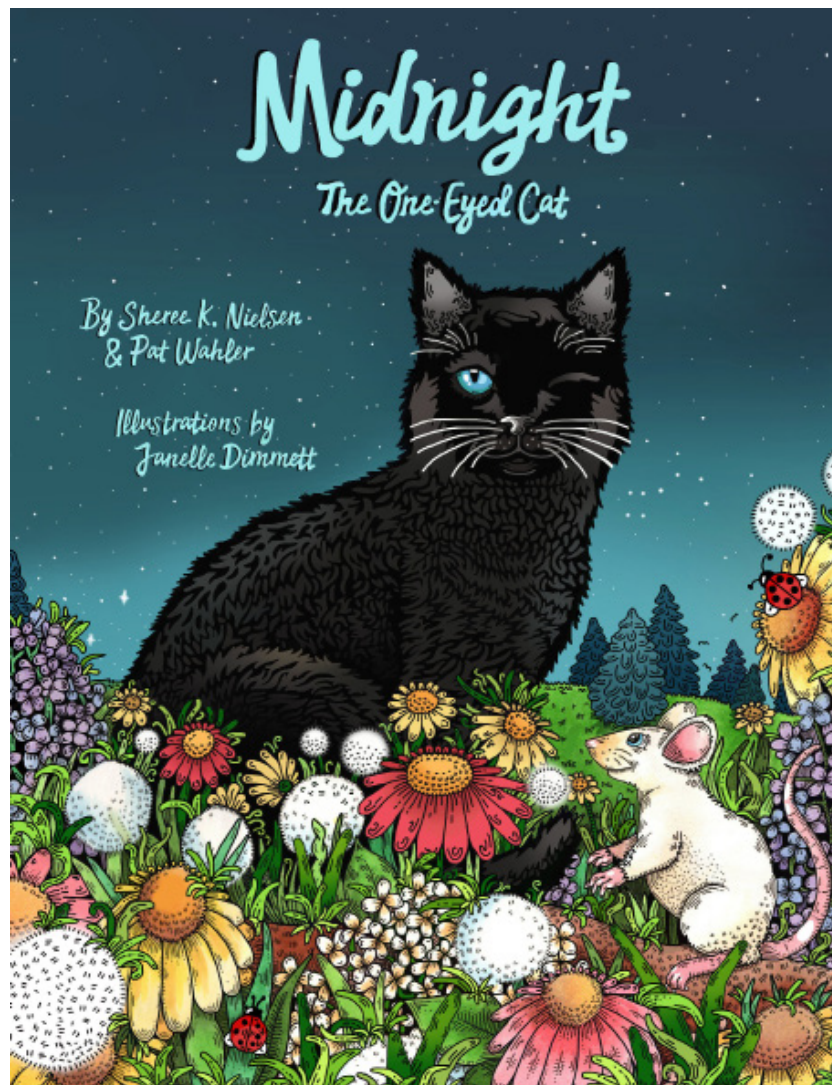
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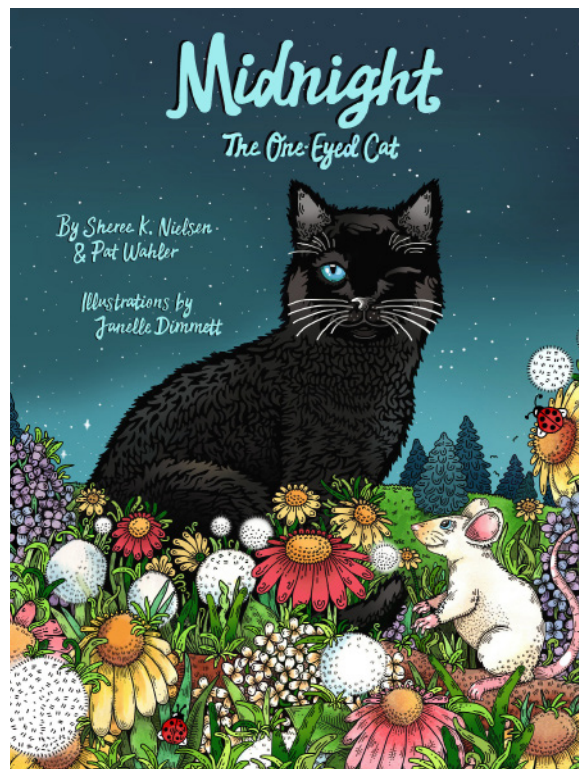
## *A story of love, friendship, and acceptance.*

Because she is different, Midnight the one-eyed cat is bullied by other cats. Heartbroken, she runs home in tears. Now it's up to her most unlikely friend, Starlight the three-legged rat, and his bird buddies to come up with a plan to help Midnight regain her spirit.

This charming story of a sweet cat who learns to overcome her fears, build her confidence, and find she's okay just as she is, takes children on an inspiring journey into the power of friendship and love.

**“Midnight the One-Eyed Cat is an important book for children (of ALL ages) as it carries the key to life—love and acceptance of ourselves and others exactly as we are.”**

**—Cynthia Willenbrock, Author/Film Producer,  
*Marshall the Miracle Dog***



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**Illustrator:** Janelle Dimmett  
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St. Louis, MO — Treehouse Publishing Group, an imprint of Amphorae Publishing Group, announces *MIDNIGHT THE ONE-EYED CAT* written by Pat Wahler and Sheree K. Nielsen, illustrated by Janelle Dimmett, will be published September 4, 2018, and is now available for pre-order at retailers and online in hardcover for \$16.95.

When Midnight the one-eyed cat is bullied by the other cats, her best friend Starlight, a three-legged rat, sets out to find a way to cheer her up. With the help of his bird friends, Starlight hatches a plan to show Midnight how much she is loved. Page after page of spectacularly colorful illustrations show Midnight's journey to accepting her differences and embracing the friends who love and accept her for who she is.

The tale of *Midnight the One-Eyed Cat*, conveys important messages for children about friendship, self-assurance and facing one's fears. Together, Sheree and Pat's hope is that every child spreads the news that with a little love and courage, you can conquer all of life's problems.

“A beautiful story about friendship through adversity. Everyone should read this tale.”  
—Annie England Noblin, author of *Sit! Stay! Speak!* and *Pupcakes*

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**Questions and Answers**  
**with**  
**Sheree K. Nielsen & Pat Wahler**

**What made you decide to write *Midnight the One-Eyed Cat*?**

The story, inspired by Sheree's cat Midnight, and a dream Sheree had about a one-eyed cat with a feather in her hat, came to fruition after Sheree penned a poem and phoned Pat to brainstorm about creating a picture book. The tale of *Midnight the One-Eyed Cat*, conveys important messages for children about friendship, self-assurance and facing one's fears. Together, our hope is that every child spreads the news that with a little love and courage, you can conquer all of life's problems.

**Both of you have other published works. How did the process of writing a picture book compare with your previous writing?**

Writing a children's picture book is a different project than any other work we have penned in the past. In a collaboration, each author must be flexible and take the other's writing style and ideas into consideration to fulfill the end product — a book to make both of us proud.

**What would you like readers to take away from reading your book?**

The main message of the book is that children are okay just the way they are, no matter their differences. Every child is beautiful and unique.

**Do you have plans to write more children's books?**

We have been brainstorming new animal characters – furry and feathered, to share other important and topical messages for children. Sheree has been working on her essay collection, *Ocean Rhythms*, *Kindred Spirits* – An Emerson-inspired essay collection on travel, nature, family and pets, due out this fall. Pat has been working on a collection of Christmas-focused essays, poems, and short stories, *Let Your Heart Be Light*, due out this fall.

## **Questions and Answers with Sheree K. Nielsen & Pat Wahler**

### **What should readers know about you?**

SHEREE K. NIELSEN: The wanderlust bug bit me as a toddler when my parents traveled annually in May to the Florida Keys and the Carolinas, and every August to the Great Lakes. Drop me on a beach and I'm happy! As an artist and photographer, I've dabbled in both creative forms since I was a young child. For the last 9 years, I've been lucky to write for major travel publications. Serving as a youth sponsor at my church, I enjoyed mentoring teenagers on life's issues. I love being with nature and have rescued fur babies for the last 30+ years.

PAT WAHLER: I've always had a heart for rescue animals, and in the past have worked with my local humane society by fostering special needs animals and serving on the board of directors. My current critters are both rescues – one “Mama's boy” pup and a tabby with an attitude. I'm a former children's librarian, Juvenile Officer, and grant writer. Sort of an odd but interesting combination of hats to wear, right?

### **How can readers connect with you?**

SHEREE K. NIELSEN: Readers can connect with me on my blog, [Sheree's Warm Fuzzies](#), and follow me on [Facebook](#) (@ShereeKNielsenAuthor), [Twitter](#) (@ShereeKNielsen), and [Instagram](#) (@shereenielsen).

PAT WAHLER: I'd love for readers to connect with me at [www.patwahler.com](http://www.patwahler.com) or follow me on [Facebook](#) (@PatWahlerAuthor), [Twitter](#) (@PatWahlerAuthor), or even [Pinterest](#). You can also find me on [Goodreads](#).

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a one-eyed cat  
whose very best friend  
was a three-legged rat.



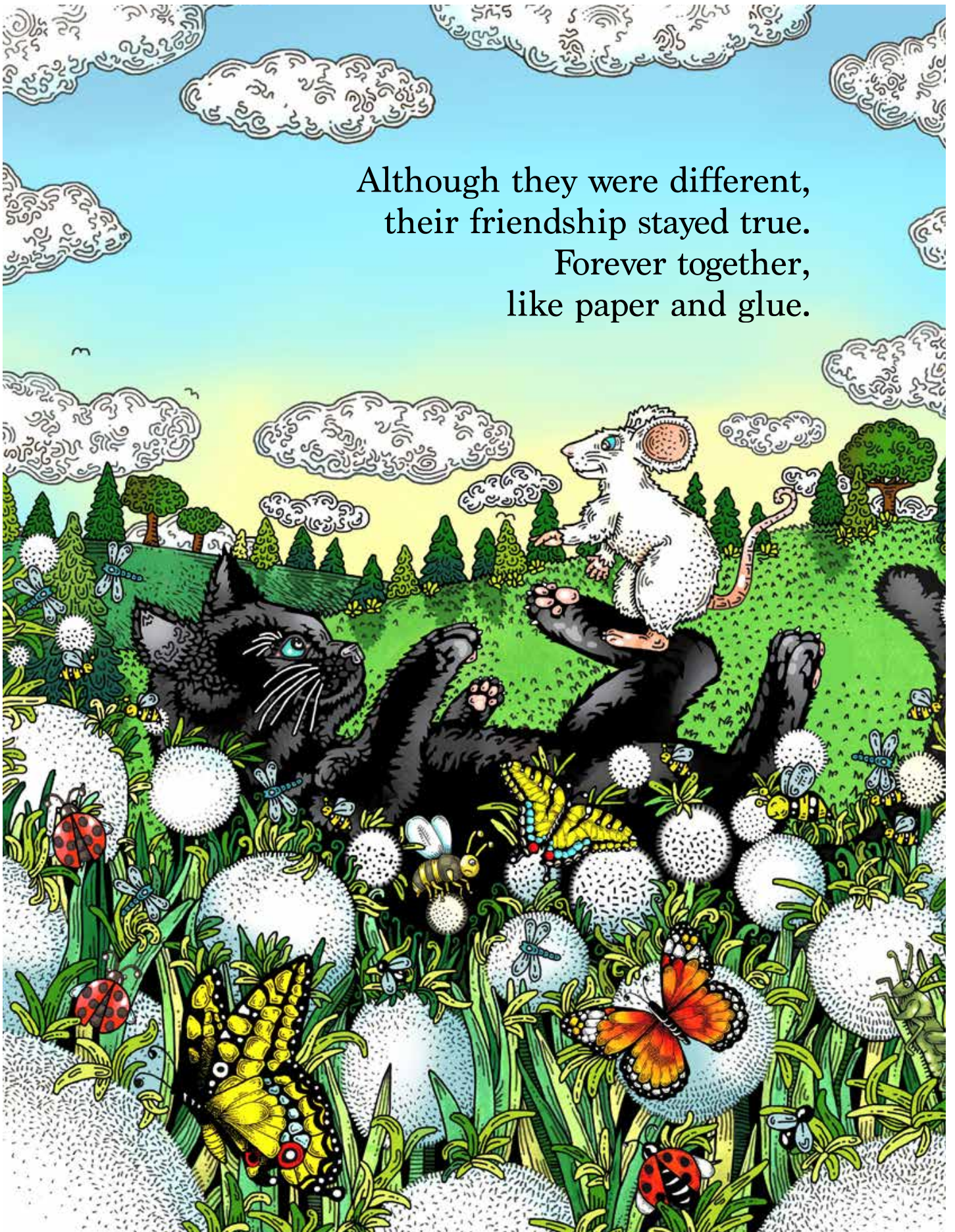


Midnight the cat  
was black as a crow,



while Starlight the rat  
sparkled white as new snow.

Although they were different,  
their friendship stayed true.  
Forever together,  
like paper and glue.



When weary from walking  
on three little feet  
Midnight carried Starlight  
through barn, field, and street.

