





APPLE
and
MAGNOLIA

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Britta's two favorite trees,
Apple and Magnolia,
were best friends.



Britta couldn't explain how she was
so sure about the friendship or how
the trees had become best friends
in the first place. But deep down
in her heart, she knew it was true.



Britta visited the trees every day.

She watched Apple
give Magnolia gifts.

And saw Magnolia
wave at Apple.

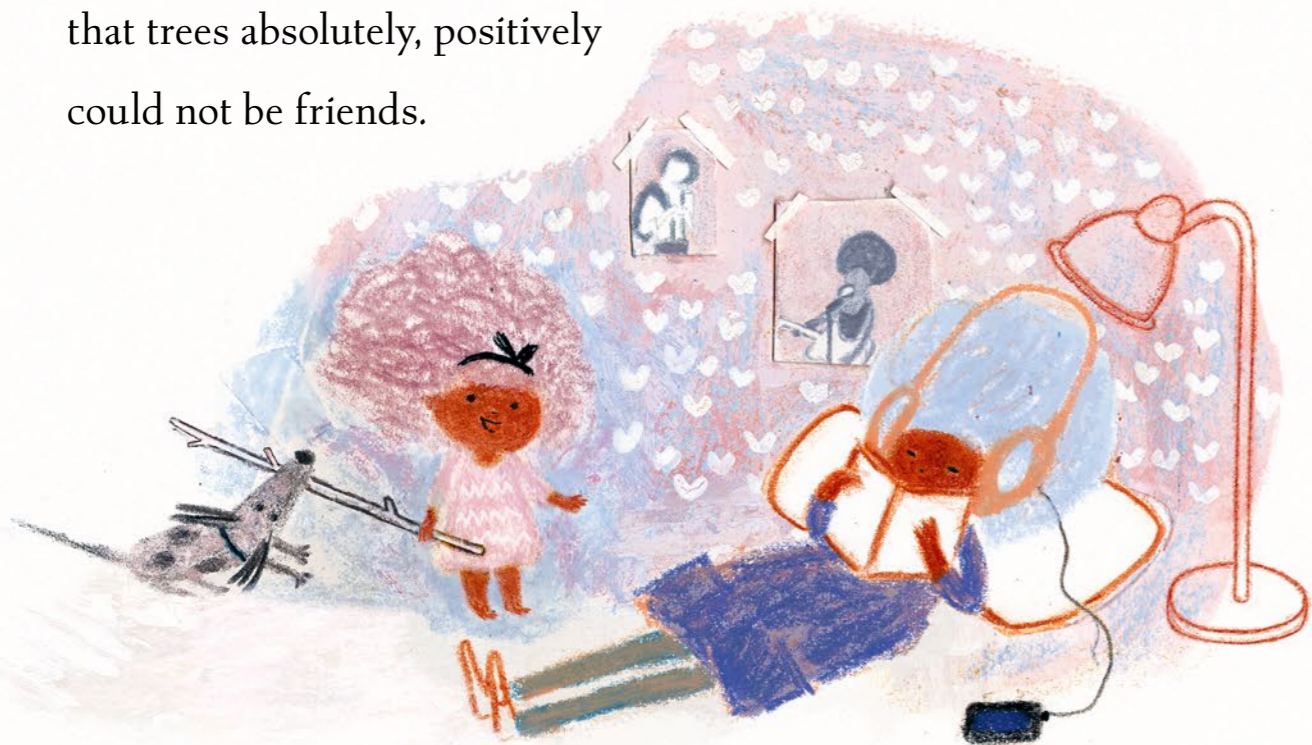
Britta danced along
as the two trees
swayed together
under the stars.



Dad said, nicely, that
he didn't think trees
could be friends.



Bronwyn said, not as nicely,
that trees absolutely, positively
could not be friends.



But Nana said unusual
friendships can be
the most powerful of all.

Then one day, Magnolia's branches started to droop.

Her bark grew patchy and gray.

Her leaves turned brown instead of yellow.

