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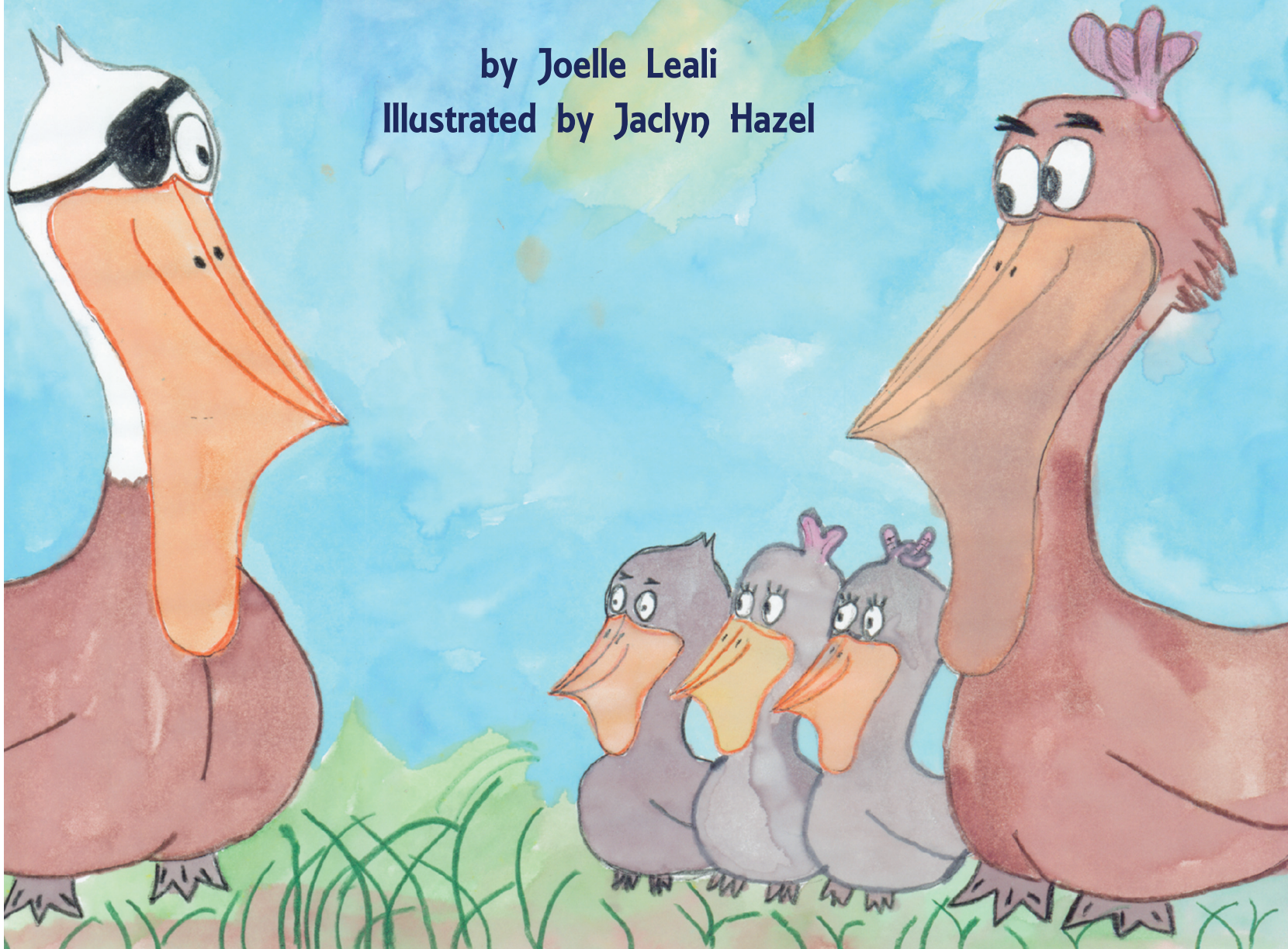
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*For Jenna, Josie, and Nikki, my inspiration
And for Robert, my support
I love you
J.L*

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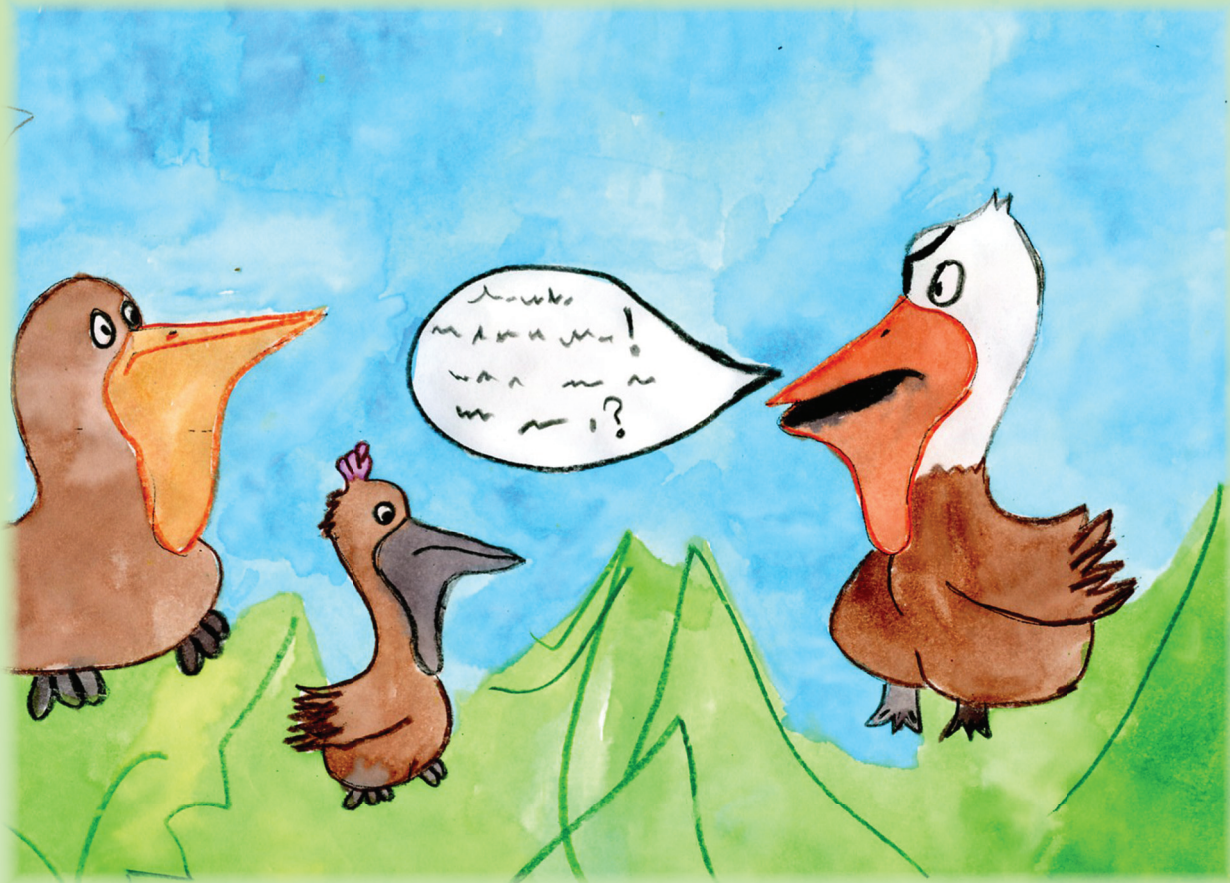
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Summary: Children's picture book featuring Louisiana
Brown Pelican family as they cope with oil spill.

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Parish flew back to Baratavia Bay and told Pauline and the other animals that he was afraid the oil would soon be leaking into their homes.



Two volunteers found Parish and freed him from the fishing line. They placed him in a box and sent him to a rehabilitation center for oiled wildlife.

You can be a scientist too!

Experiment One: Do oil and water mix?

Materials: clear container, water, cooking oil, blue and black food coloring

Fill the container with water and add a few drops of blue food coloring. Add black food coloring to the oil and pour it into the container. Observe at the top and below the surface.

Discuss what might happen if wind came to your “ocean.” What about if a boat went through the oil patch? Think of ways to get the oil out of your “ocean.”

Experiment Two: Does oil hurt birds?

Materials: oil/water mixture from experiment one, feathers, detergent

Collect feathers on nature walk or purchase at store. Put some feathers into your “ocean” and some feathers into plain water. See which feathers dry faster. Discuss how the added weight of the oily feather might make flight more difficult.

Now, become a volunteer and use the detergent to clean your feathers!

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