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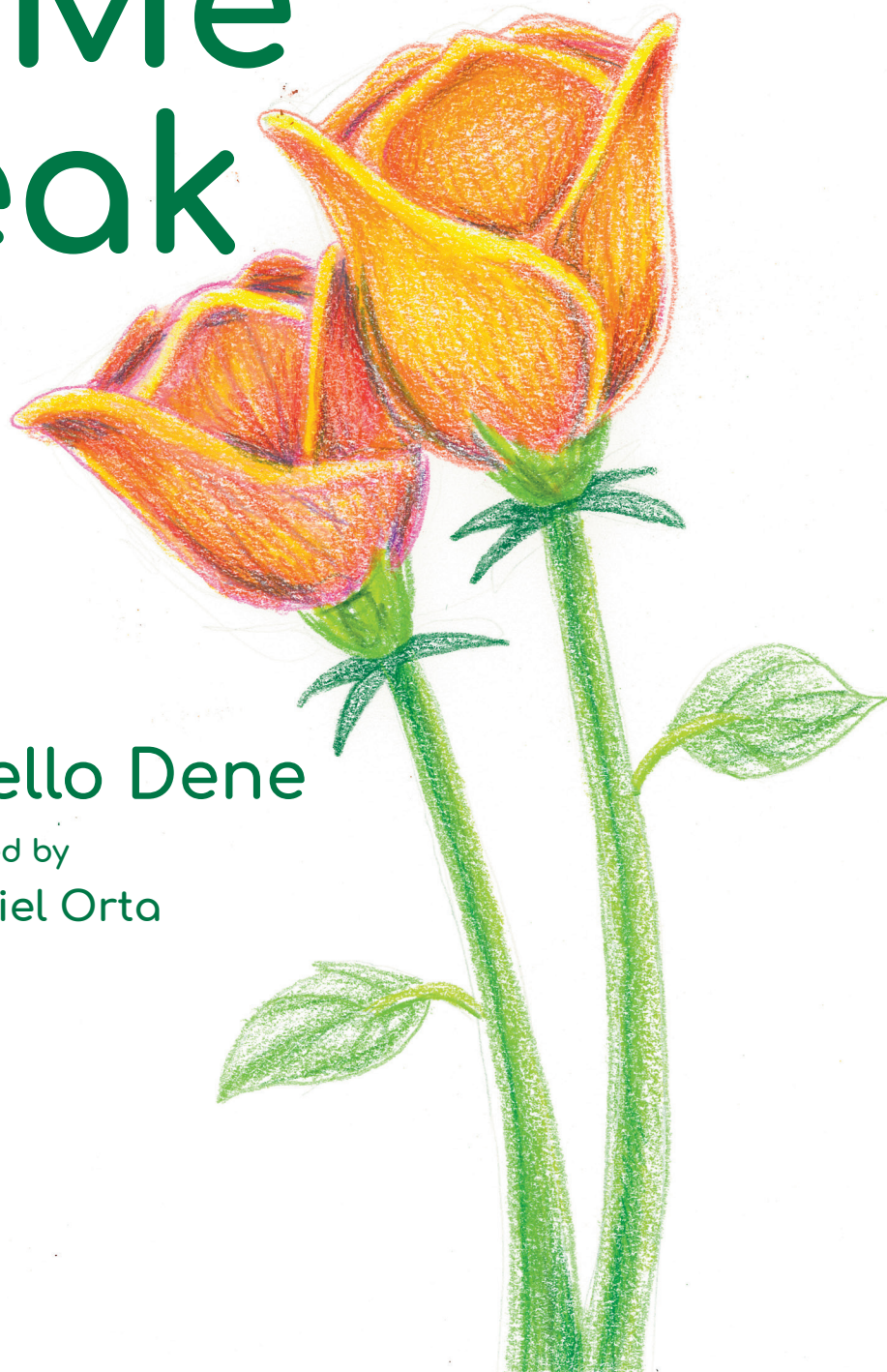
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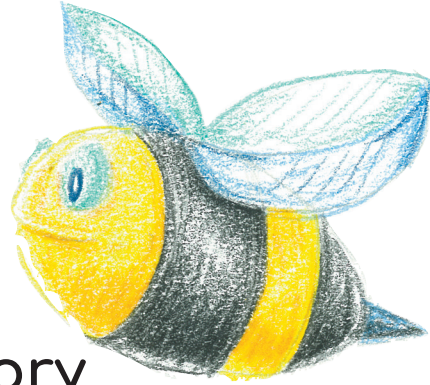
For my children, husband,
and all of us who
dance and sway.



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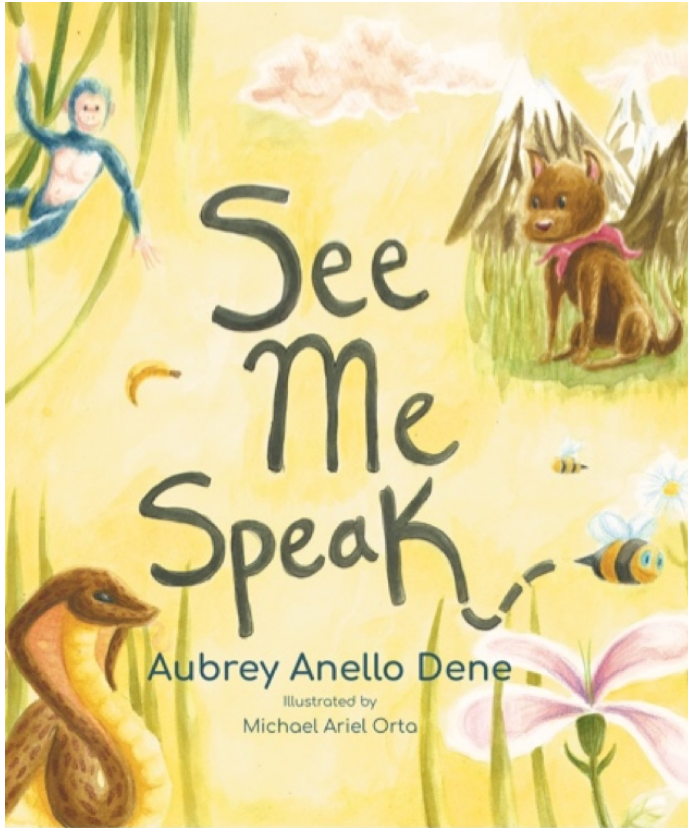
About the Story

One day I found myself with an infant and a two year old struggling to communicate. I remember thinking how frustrating it must be to lack the ability to get your wants and needs across. As a mother, I felt helpless. My husband and I enlisted the help of therapists and tried all strategies they gave us to help him speak.

As his level of frustration grew, we soon realized he had been “speaking” to us in his own way, all along. He had certain sounds for certain objects, and would gesture to things he needed.

This realization allowed us to strengthen our relationship with our son and we instantly saw a change in his demeanor. We let him lead us and eventually, the words came. Unfortunately, that is not always the case; the purpose of this book is to help children understand that words are not the only way to communicate and to facilitate a more understanding, inclusive environment.

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