Why Are You So Quiet?

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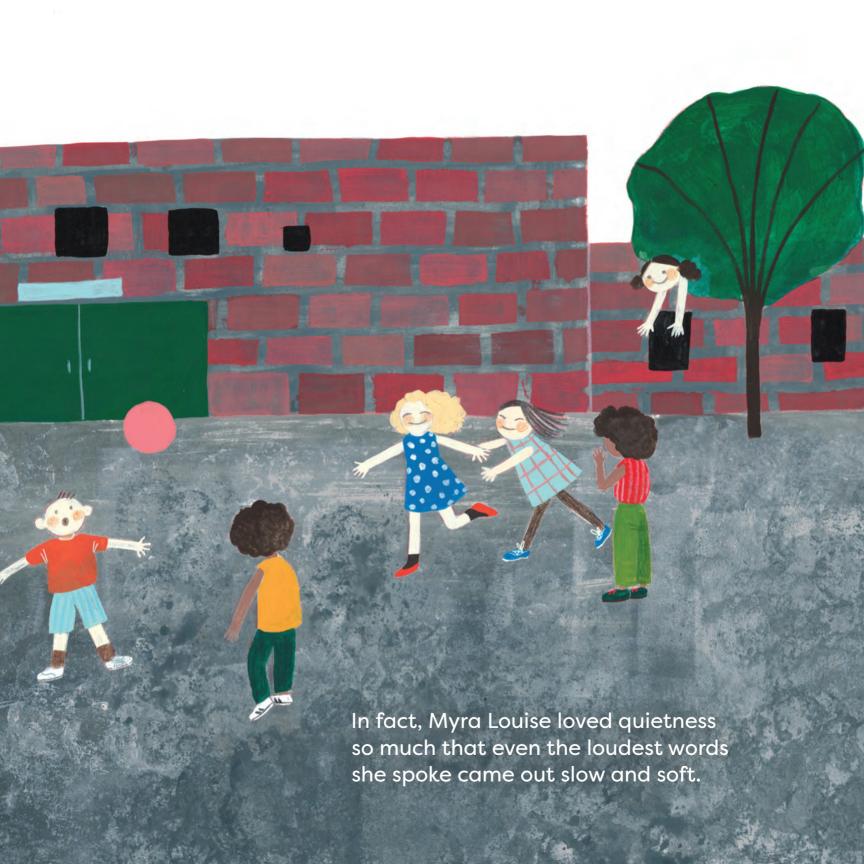




Myra Louise was a quiet girl who loved quiet places. She loved building forts in her room on rainy days.











On the school bus, her classmate Jeremy sidled up to her and screeched it.



When she didn't raise her hand in class, Mr. Bellman scrunched up his eyebrows and demanded it.





So she thought very hard, because Myra Louise was a very good thinker.

She thought if she could just find the answer to their question, everyone would finally understand.



At the laundromat, Myra Louise sat next to the quietest dryer. She listened and thought for a long, long time.



For my daughter, Quinn, for my younger self, and for quiet kids everywhere.

-J.D.

For Q, J, and you.

—R.H.



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