

LIVING WITH VIOLA



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Advance praise for *Living With Viola*

"Beautifully illustrated, relatable, and genuine."

–Molly Brooks, creator of *Sanity & Tallulah*

"Heartfelt and fun, *Living With Viola* is going to mean a lot to an awful lot of kids."

–Eleanor Davis, creator of *Stinky* and *You & a Bike & a Road*

"*Living With Viola* is told with both compassion and humor. Livi is a character with whom many readers will identify, and even more will empathize, as they accompany her on her journey through school, friendship, and family. Delightful."

–Lisa Brown, creator of *The Phantom Twin*

"How does one exist when everything appears to be against us, especially ourselves? Through this beautifully drawn, and at turns funny and heart-wrenching story, Livi finds her way. Rosena Fung's deeply moving and empowering book is sure to enter the kids' Graphic Medicine canon."

–Fiona Smyth, creator of *Sex Is A Funny Word*
(with Cory Silverberg) and *Somnambulance*

"*Living With Viola* is an explosion of colors and emotions Rosena Fung has artfully woven into a heartbreakingly familiar tale many of her readers will feel in their bones. I'll be tucking this important read onto my bookshelf to share with my own child so she can see how words can wound, even, maybe especially, when you turn them on yourself."

–Britt Wilson, author of *Ghost Queen*
and *Cat Dad, King of the Goblins*

"*Living With Viola* . . . fearlessly takes young readers into the darkness of Livi's panic, anxiety, fear, and sense of being alone but, like the allies that Livi will find, is also there to guide them back into the light. One of the best debuts I have ever seen."

–Jeffrey Canton, children's book
columnist for *The Globe and Mail*

*To Mark, for your love,
and Mom and Dad, for your sacrifice.*

—R.F.

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If you or someone you know is dealing with anxiety, panic, or any other mental health issues, know that you are not alone. In addition to confiding in a trusted adult, you can find support in Canada through Kids Help Phone at kidshelpphone.ca or by calling 1-800-668-6868. For Canada and the US, you can find support through the Crisis Text Line at crisistextline.org or by texting 741741. Both resources will connect you to trained counselors.

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WHY YOU ALWAYS

HATE YOU NOW AND

NO ONE WILL EVER
BE YOUR

FRIEND

LIKE TH

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YOU SHOULDN'T EVEN

STUPID

CAUSE YOU

YOU'LL ALWAYS BE

GO ALONE

LOSER

STOP!
PLEASE STOP!

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LIVY-CAT?

AND YOUR PARENTS