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About This Book

Taking good care of your teeth is one of the best things you can do to stay healthy. Unfortunately, teaching children this important message can be quite a challenge. Since teeth that are uncared for can cause pain, missed school, and even serious illness, we have created this book to help all children enjoy learning about taking care of their teeth.

Meet Melvin...the lovable tooth.

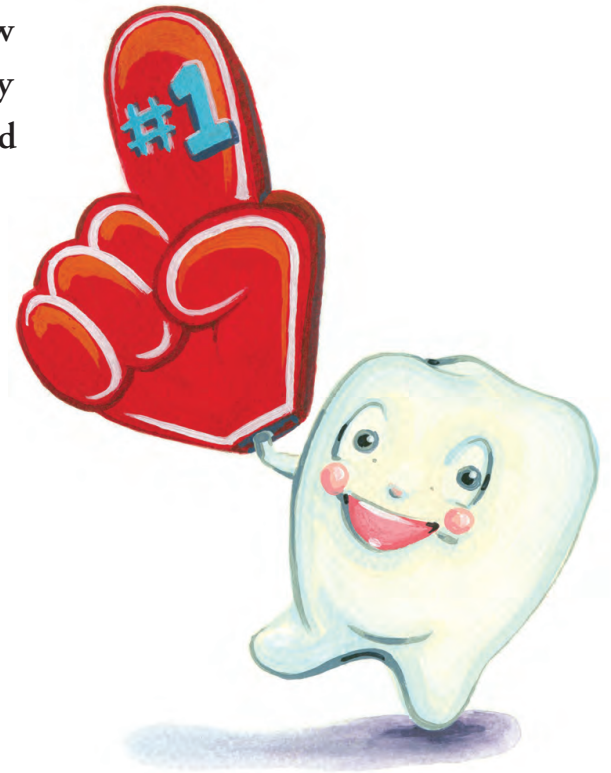
Melvin will speak to your child from a tooth's point of view, explaining all that is involved with maintaining a healthy smile. He shows children the importance of visiting the dentist every 6 months beginning at the age of one; that taking good care of their baby (primary) teeth matters; when to use fluoride toothpaste and how much to use (no more than a tiny dab the size of a toddler's pinky fingernail); and what to expect during a trip to see the dentist and dental hygienist.

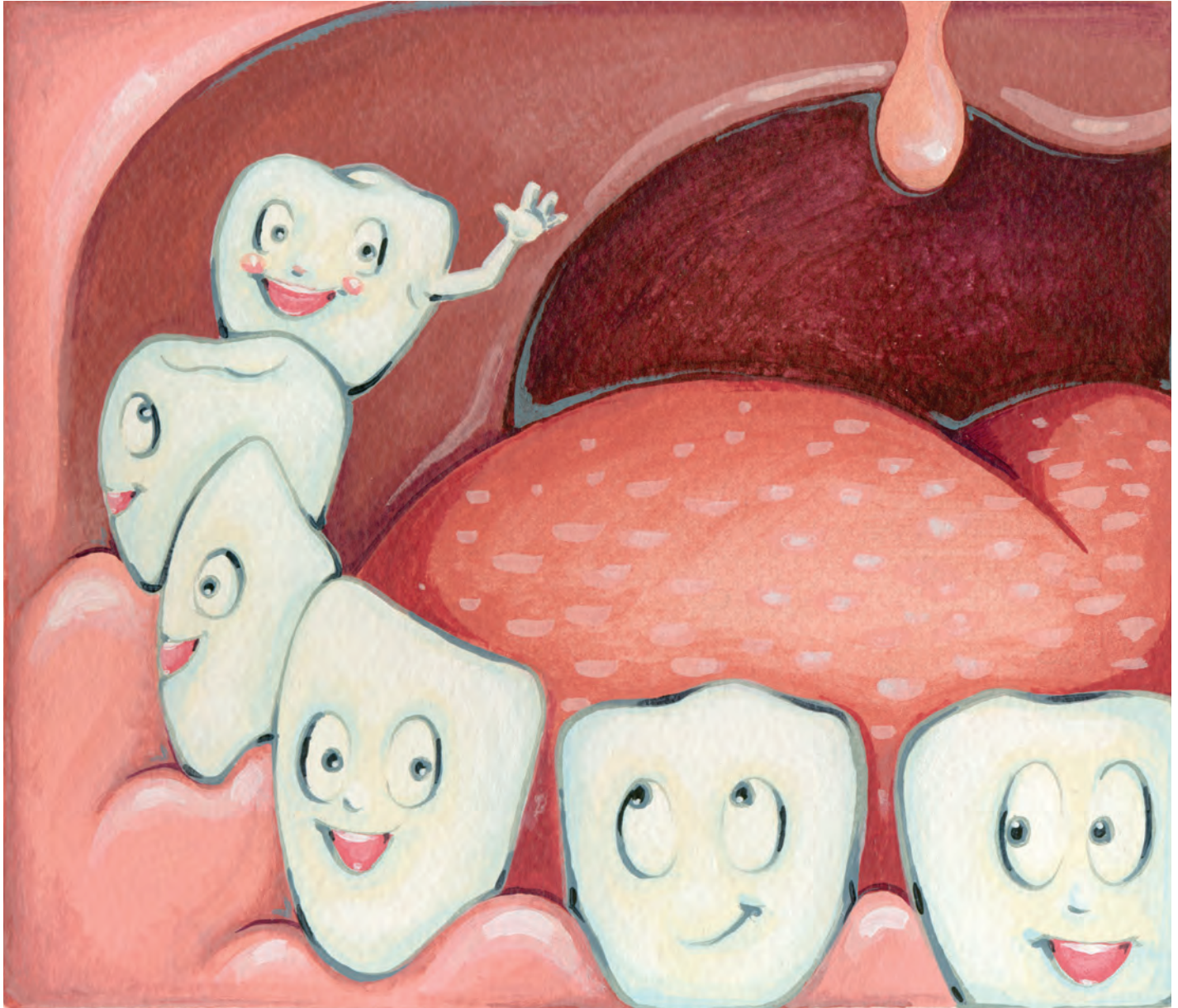
It is our belief that in order to teach a child, you must enter their view of the world. Melvin the Magnificent Molar is a unique children's book that can do just that! We have had a great time creating this book and hope that it will make a positive difference in the lives and the smiles of all who read it!

All the best -

Julia Cook & Dr. Laura Jana

P.S. Brush your Melvin!

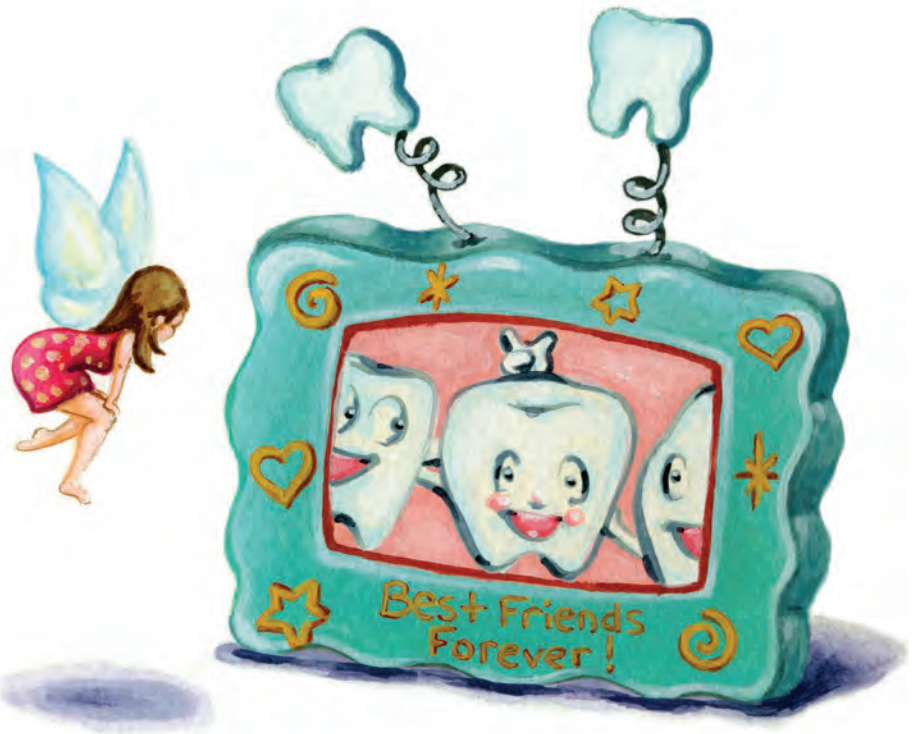


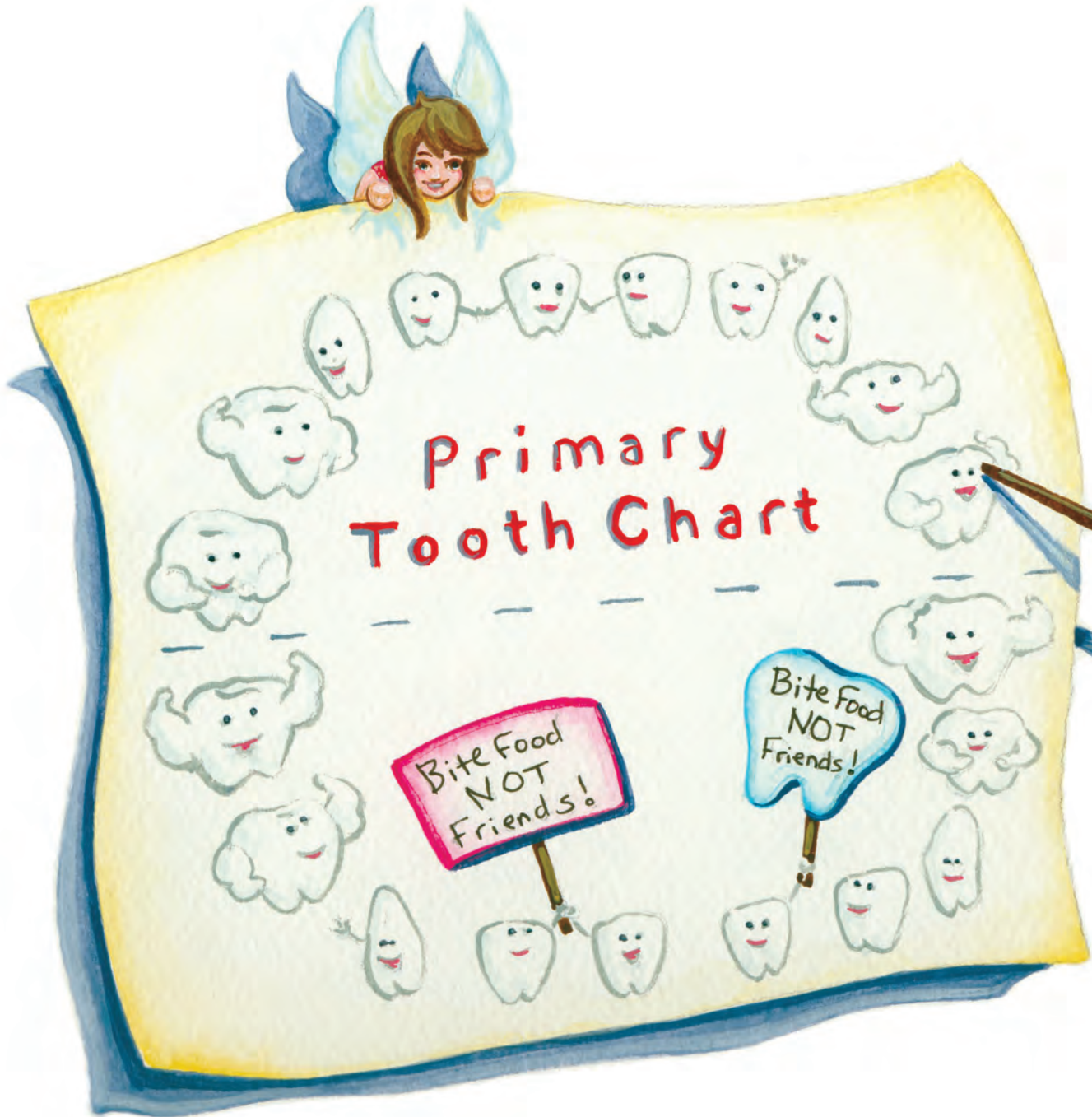


My name is **Melvin the Magnificent Molar!**

I am a tooth and I live way, way, way
in the back of your mouth.

I'm pretty new around here,
But I already have lots of friends.





A couple of my friends are big chewers, just like me.
Then there are my little friends up front.
They like to just hang out all day and smile.
Well, that's not all they do.

Their other job is to bite...

food that is,
not people!



Sometimes I get called a “**baby tooth.**”
That makes me SO mad!

I am a primary tooth.

As in **primary...**

NUMERO UNO!!

That’s me,

**Mister
A#1!**

