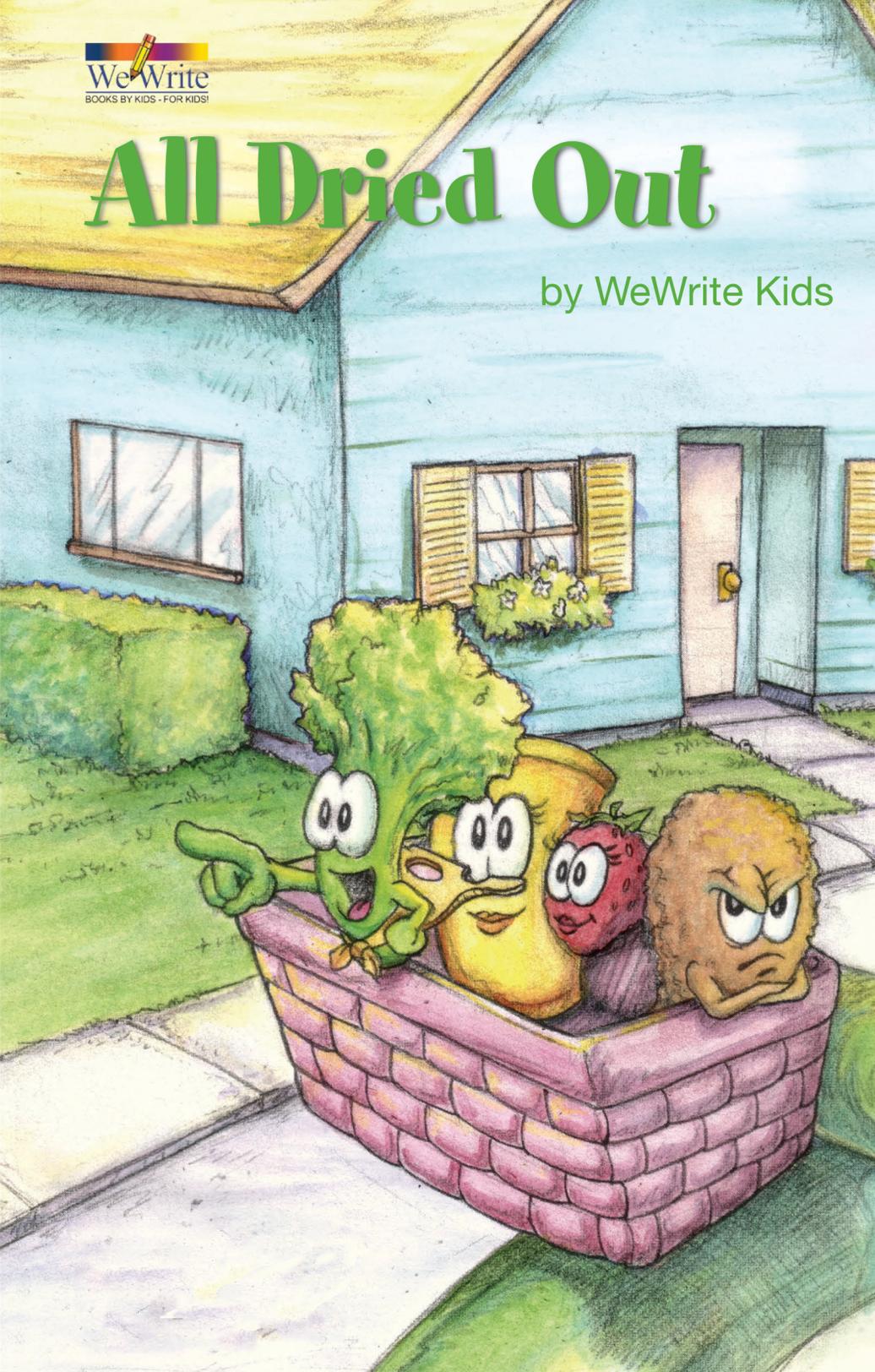


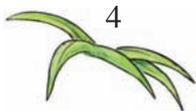
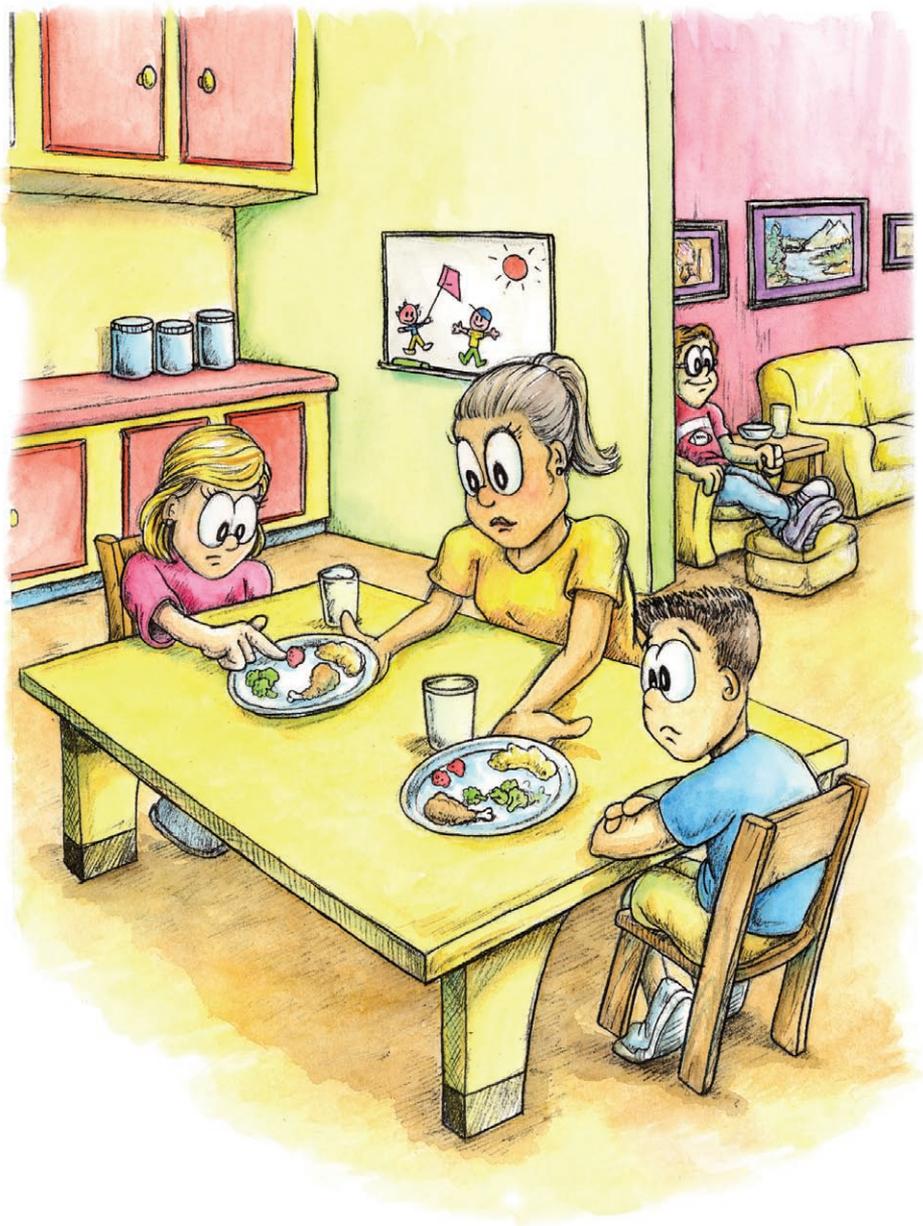
# All Dried Out

by WeWrite Kids



From the incredible imaginations of sixteen young authors from across the country comes this story about dried up food coming to life, leading 10 year-old twins, Brian and Jackie, on an adventure in search of water.

The lessons learned along the way help everyone learn more about conserving one of Earth's most precious resources.



# Chapter 1



With a sigh, mom set two plates on the table. As twins, Brian and Jackie often liked the same things... but as ten-year old kids, they were pretty picky. Their mom picked up her keys, purse, and phone saying, “Kids, I have to go run a few errands...I shouldn’t be gone too long. Your dad is in the family room watching football. Try not to bother him. Be good!” The kids nodded, then turned their attention back to lunch.

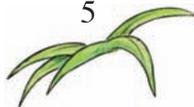
“I think this is rotten,” Jackie said as she examined her food.

Before he even looked, a smile spread across Brian’s face. “Cool, then we don’t have to eat it!”

“Seriously Brian...look at it!” Jackie’s lip curled in disgust.

Brian stopped to look. “Whoa, did Mom replace our food with the dog’s food?” His eyes grew wide as he stared at the dried up food. “This is gross.”

Suddenly, tiny eyes popped open on the broccoli. Immediately, the broccoli jerked itself out from under a piece of chicken. “Get off of me, you big, fat chicken leg!”



She picked up Clucky and carried him back to the bicycle basket.

“I was just having some fun,” the chicken leg said with a scowl. “Can’t a chicken leg have any fun around here?”

Bonito ignored him, thrusting his right arm in the air like a superhero again. “Dun-dun-da-DUN!” he said, wrapping his other arm around BonitaLita. “The search for water continues!” BonitaLita smiled at her hero.



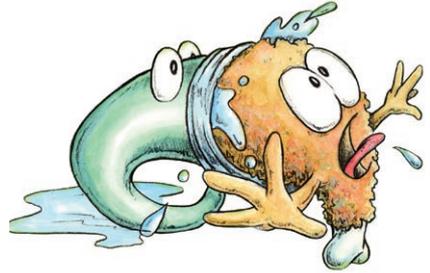
We all learned more about water conservation,  
and had a lot of fun in the process!



All of the co-authors contributed, making this book  
a true example of teamwork in action.

**Ashley Pactow ~ age 10**

“It was fun to be an author and to publish a book. It was fun getting to know people from other states and growing.”



**Austin Pactow ~ age 12**

“I liked working with other kids to write this book.”

