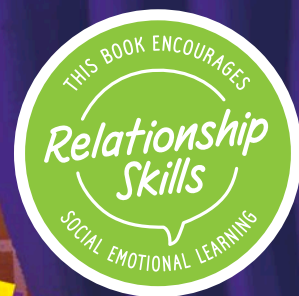


Max's Magic Change



A COOPERATION STORY

by Bryan Patrick Avery illustrated by Román Díaz

Meet Max

HOBBIES: magic tricks, long walks, telling jokes, picking berries

FAVORITE BOOKS: *The World's Funniest Jokes* and *Magnificent Magic Tricks*

FAVORITE FOODS: berries, apples, and seeds

FUTURE GOALS: become a professional magician

GOALS FOR THIS YEAR

- LEARN NEW MAGIC TRICKS
- TAKE LONGER WALKS
- FIND A BIGGER BERRY BUSH
- GET ALONG BETTER WITH MY SIBLINGS



Max was a wonderful magician. Of course, he couldn't put on a magic show by himself. His siblings helped.

Misty was his assistant on stage.

Lou did all the heavy lifting backstage.





"I was thinking," Misty said. "I'd like a turn waving the magic wand."

"Oh no," Max said. "That's the magician's job."



"Can I say the magic words?" Misty asked.

"No, you cannot," Max replied. "That's *also* the magician's job."



"Maybe we can take turns being the magician," Lou suggested.

"That's impossible," Max said. "You two don't know any tricks."



"Sure we do," Misty said. She grabbed Max's top hat.

Hocus Pocus!

