

Foreword Review

Abigail the Whale

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Translated from the original French by Karen Li, *Abigail the Whale*, a.k.a. Marlène Baleine, by Davide Cali, follows young Abigail over the course of a week as she learns to use the power of positive thinking to overcome her fears and insecurities, while gaining a new appreciation and enjoyment of the little things that make up her day. Abigail's imagination and sweet temperament are highlighted by the colorful brushstrokes of Sonja Bougaeva's whimsical illustrations, and the harsh words of bullies become insignificant as Abigail faces the waters with confidence, pigtails, and an orange polka-dotted swimsuit. Perfect for virtues programs and character building at home or in classrooms.

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