

★ **Adam and His Tuba****Ziga X. Gombac****Maja Kastelic, Illustrator**

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The Von Trapezes stun audiences under the big tent with their various talents each night. But the youngest member of the family, Adam, doesn't feel like he fits in. He tries out multiple circus skills; none sing to him. Indeed, he'll have to be allowed to shine in his own particular way. Golds and grays underlie the illustrations, vivified by red stripes, flushed cheeks, pink bouquets, and bursts of light; each panel in this heartwarming tale is full of captivating period details.

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