

My Imagination

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"I'm bored with television! I've looked at every station. So I guess I'll go outside and use my imagination." This is the preamble to a story about a little girl who creates her own world with mind power.

The girl steps outside her home and imagines that a driveway puddle is a blue lake, and her jump rope is a green snake with yellow spots named Einstein who likes to bask in the sun. The girl uses her imagination to transform the clouds into pink cotton candy, which sprinkle drops of sweetness onto the earth. One of the clouds morphs into a beautiful blue unicorn she names Dawn. Dawn offers the girl and Einstein a ride across hunter green grass fields covered with purple, gold, orange and lavender trees and flowers. Their trip takes them so close to the sun that they can taste its sugarcoated lemon drops. The journey continues on to a rainbow—which is really a slide that melts and drips colors of yummy sherbet. The adventure ends when the girl must go inside for lunch, where she shares the fruits of her imagination with her mom.

Katrina Estes Hill, a professional storyteller, is author of *Mary Lou's Biscuit Bar* and *An Afternoon with Paw Paw*. This is illustrator Alvina Kwong's first book; her work has appeared in *The Friend Magazine* as well as *The Magical Melting Pot*, and she's also been featured in *Artists Magazine* and *Skipping Stones*.

The power to create using only the mind is wonderfully demonstrated in this story, and parents will want to share this book with their children to encourage their imagination.

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