



★ Odds and Ends

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At turns whimsical, thought-provoking, and heartbreaking, this sentimental picture book invites readers of all ages to celebrate the “lasts” in life, from the undesirable pieces of candy left in the bag to the final farewell to a loved one. Atmospheric pencil and watercolor illustrations form a scrapbook of memories and moments the child narrator collects, including “early morning lasts”—like the last bat to fall asleep—and the last chance to pick a mushroom before it snows.

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