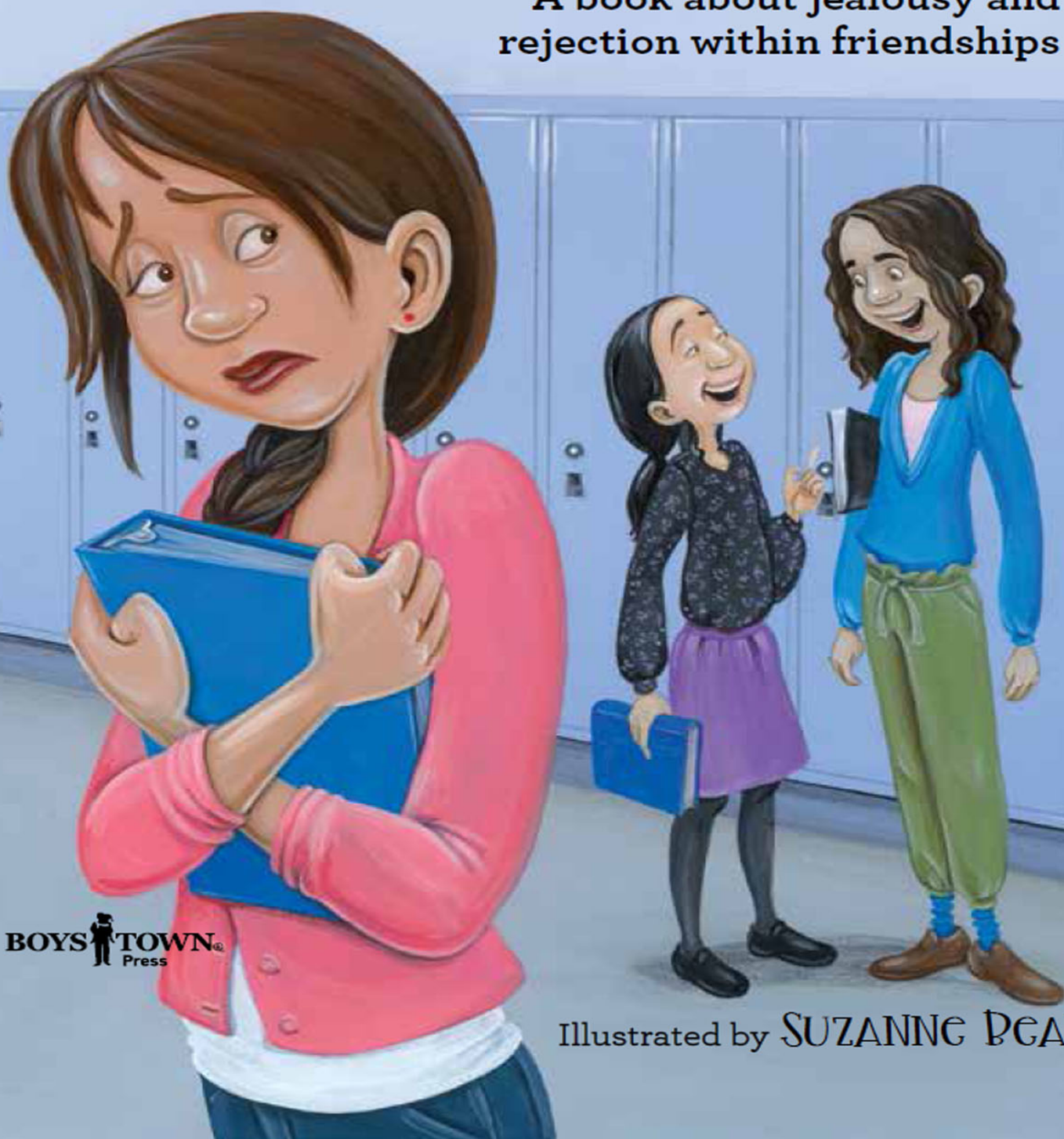


# I LOST MY BFF

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A book about jealousy and rejection within friendships



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# Chapter 1

## My FRIENDSHIP

MY NAME IS SOPHIA AND I HAVE A BEST FRIEND NAMED CAMILA. WE DO EVERYTHING TOGETHER AND HAVE SO MUCH FUN! WE WATCH MOVIES AND PLAY VIDEO GAMES TOGETHER. OUR FAVORITE THING TO DO IS IMAGINING WE'RE FAMOUS HOLLYWOOD SINGERS AND WHAT OUR LIFE WOULD BE LIKE! Even though we aren't in the same class this year, we get to see each other a lot at school. Every day we eat lunch together and hang out during recess.

I feel really lucky to have a best friend. I know I always have at least one friend so excited and happy to see me at school. I never feel nervous to walk over to a group of kids if she's there, because I know I'm always welcome. And, I trust her. I can tell her anything... funny stories, embarrassing stories, if I feel sad, dreams, goals I have for myself, really... anything. And, I never worry she'll judge me or think less of me. I'm totally myself with Camila.

I haven't always had a best friend. When I was in kindergarten, there were only four girls in my class. The girls were always fighting about little things and it seemed like they were never getting along. I never knew who would be fighting by the end of the day. There was always some drama. That made it really hard to make friends.

Camila moved to my school in first grade, and she didn't like the fighting or the drama either. I was so excited to have a friend who felt the same way as I did. Camila and I just wanted to have fun, not argue about little things. We became friends right away and have been best friends ever since.



BUT LATELY, I'VE BEEN FEELING DIFFERENT. IT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING HAS CHANGED WITH OUR FRIENDSHIP. SOMETIMES WHEN I WALK OVER TO CAMILA WHEN SHE'S WITH A GROUP OF OTHER KIDS, IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SHE'S SO EXCITED TO SEE ME. SHE'S STILL NICE, BUT SHE'S ACTING DIFFERENT. I'M WORRIED SHE'S MAD AT ME OR THAT SHE'S NOT MY BEST FRIEND ANYMORE.

It was just a feeling I had until about a week ago. During recess, Camila told me she wanted to walk around on the track with Christabel instead of hanging out with me. Camila has never told me she'd rather hang out with someone else instead of me! It hurt my feelings! Why would she rather hang out with Christabel, instead of me, her best friend? She didn't even invite me to walk with them. I was too nervous and hurt to invite myself or ask Camila if I could join them. I didn't have any other friends to hang out with at recess because I always only hung out with Camila during recess. I spent the whole time walking around, looking for something to do. I didn't know what to do without her.

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