

For everyone on Earth, especially the children,
especially those I met in Rwanda, India, Bhutan,
the Democratic Republic of Congo, Australia,
and the USA, and especially Ms. Greta's
second grade class at the Brooklyn New School.
I promised I would try to make a book about
all of us and the planet we share. This is it.

And for the real Quinn and his family,
Elliott, Caroline, and Jolyon.
You make the world a better place.

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Come

to Earth

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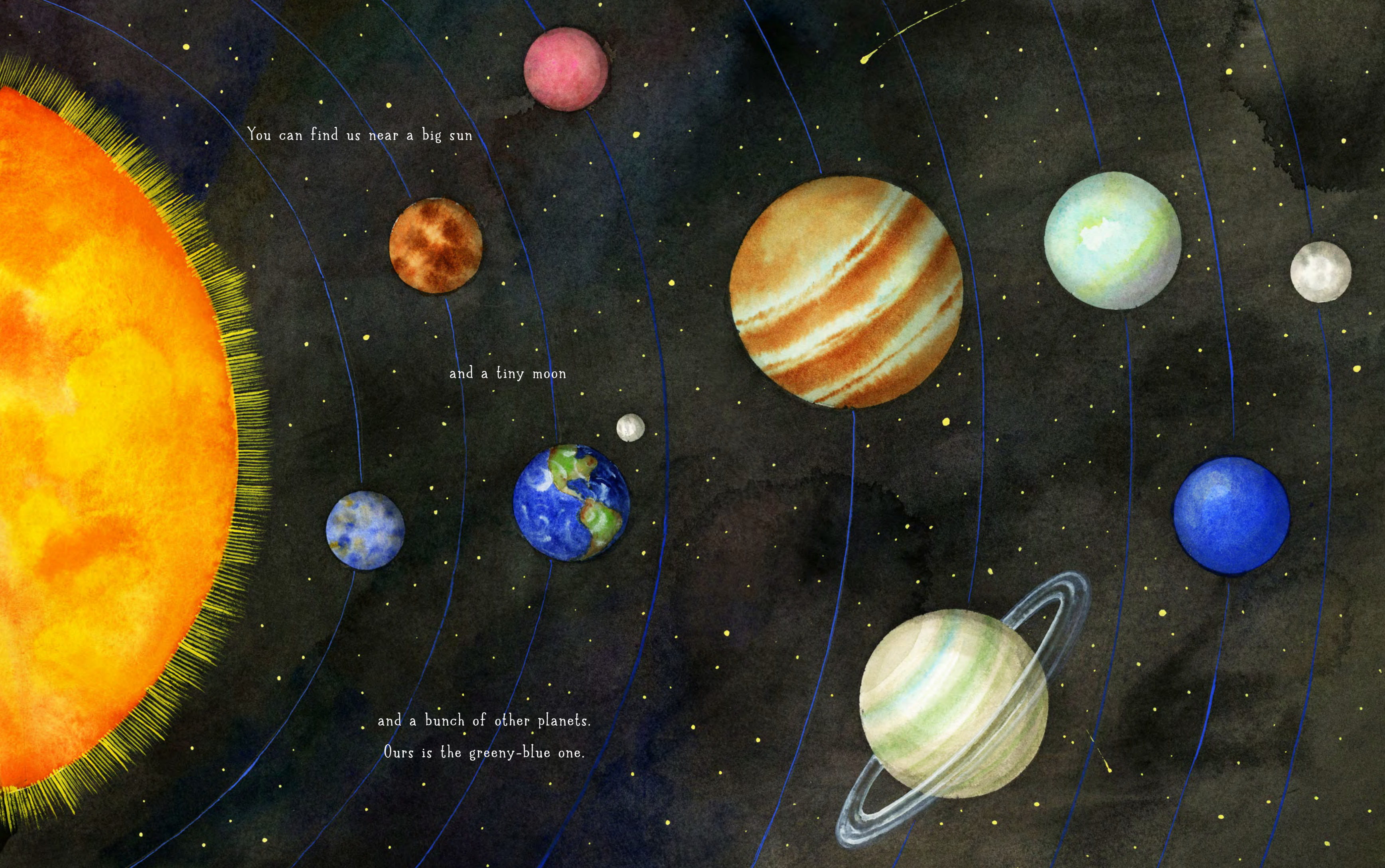
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A whimsical illustration of a child's room. The walls are a vibrant blue. On the left, a house with a red door and windows is visible. A soccer ball is in the top right corner. A yellow ball of yarn is in the top left. A green pencil and a brown pencil are near the house. A pink book with a red flower is on the wall. A globe of the Earth is on the right. A child with a red beret and blue sweater stands on a black mat with a sunburst pattern. The floor is covered with a patchwork of green and blue patterned mats. A long, winding scroll of paper is the central focus, with text written on it. The scroll is decorated with various drawings: a sun, a planet, a house, a dog, stars, and flowers. A green and purple spotted dinosaur is on the floor. A green umbrella and a yellow knitted hat are also visible.

Dear Visitor from Outer Space,

If you come to Earth,

here's what you need to know.



You can find us near a big sun

and a tiny moon

and a bunch of other planets.
Ours is the greeny-blue one.



The green and brown bits are land,

and the blue stuff is water.