

Little Godwit hatches late and learns that his flock has left to escape the cold Arctic. Soon, he meets different birds who try to make him fit in with them. Little Godwit has to decide if he should stay with these birds or keep flying. How will he find his way?

Join Little Godwit on his epic journey across the world in this uplifting story about discovering one's strengths.

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In the icy cold Arctic, one last egg sat alone.
Unhatched. Left-behind.

Finally, one day...





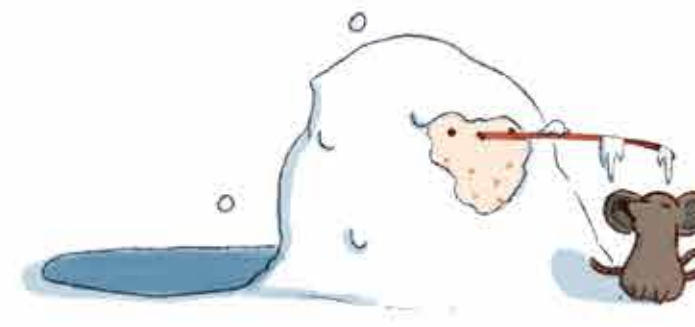
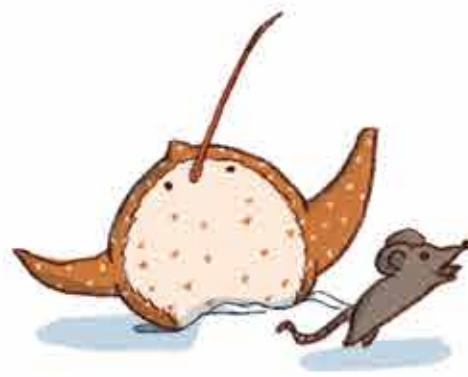
Little Godwit peered out and saw Owl.
“Have you seen my family?” he asked.
“You’re late,” Owl said.
“Your family has flown far south by now.”





Little Godwit hunted in his thin, feathery coat.
He shivered in the cold wind.

He pounced on his prey.
But he was off-target.



Without a hunter's eye, Little Godwit caught only frostbite.



I'm not made to hunt like Owl, he thought.





Little Godwit wandered away and found
a flock of cranes preparing to fly south.
“Can I follow you?” he asked.

“Sure, if your tiny wings can keep up,” the cranes said.





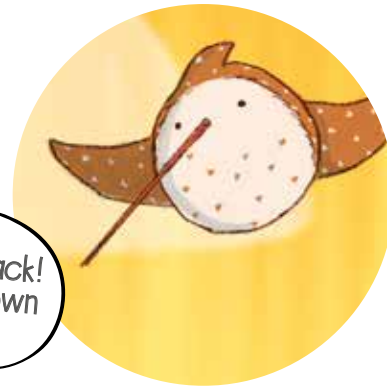
Flip, flap, flutter. Little Godwit flapped hard to follow the cranes.



The cranes tired out from flying and landed next to a gleaming river.



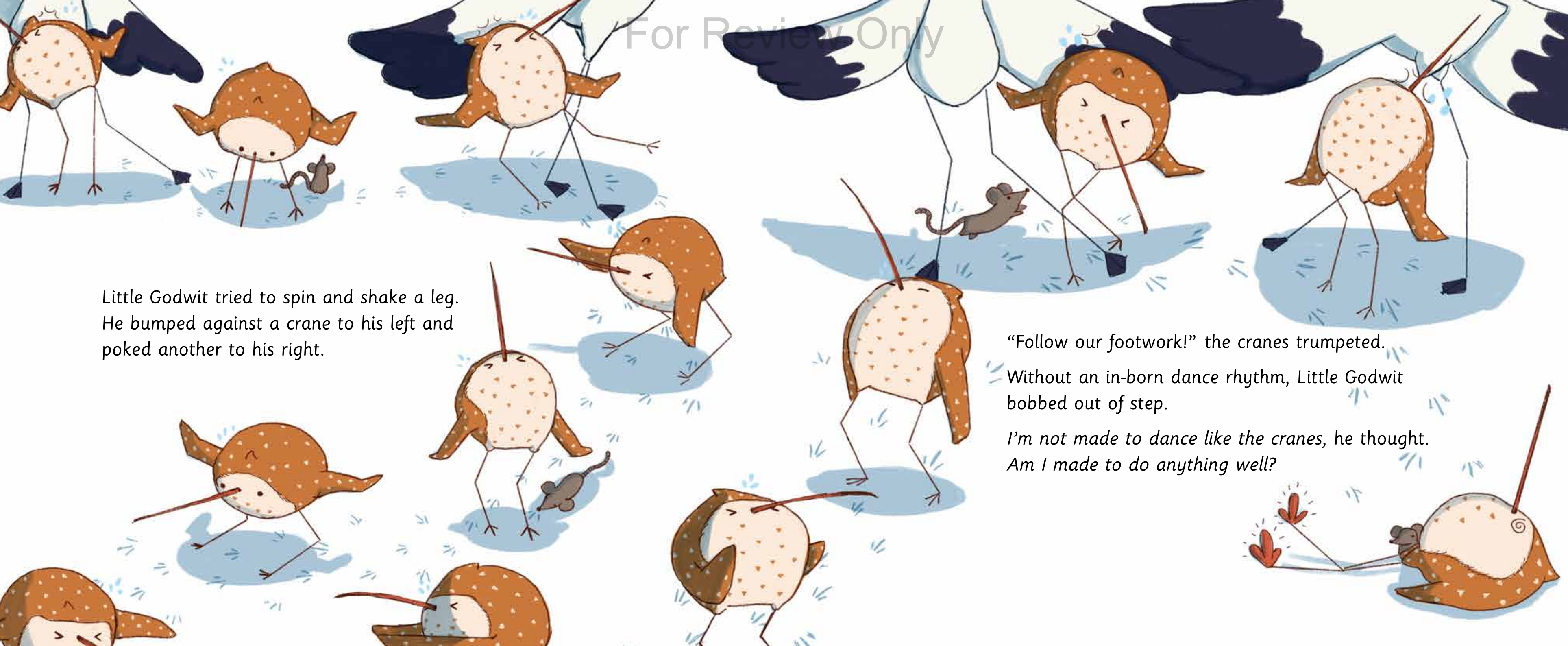
Come back!
We're down
here!



Little Godwit was charged with energy from the flight and wanted to go on.



“Stay!” the cranes said.
“We’ll make you a dancer.”



Little Godwit tried to spin and shake a leg.
He bumped against a crane to his left and
poked another to his right.

“Follow our footwork!” the cranes trumpeted.

Without an in-born dance rhythm, Little Godwit
bobbed out of step.

*I’m not made to dance like the cranes, he thought.
Am I made to do anything well?*

The Bar-tailed Godwit's Flight Details

In the story, Little Godwit detours from the migration route that bar-tailed godwits use to fly from the Arctic to New Zealand. In his journey of self-discovery, Little Godwit follows other flocks and also stops over in two places. These locations are actually along the flight route that bar-tailed godwits take when they fly from New Zealand back to the Arctic. Check out the route that bar-tailed godwits take in their epic migration journey in the map below.



Scan the QR code to read more about the bar-tailed godwit's flight route.
<https://teara.govt.nz>



About the Author

Award-winning author Emily Lim-Leh was hatched in Singapore. She is the first outside North America to win three medals for children's books at the IPPY awards (the world's largest book awards) and also the first in South East Asia to win the Moonbeam Children's Book Award. Like Little Godwit, Emily took a somewhat lonesome journey to find her wings as an author. Now, Emily's imagination happily takes flight in search of new tales to write.



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<https://mummumstheword.wordpress.com>

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John Lim was born and bred in Singapore. Also known as SeeSaw, John is a dreamer. He loves to illustrate and doodle as it helps him express his inner thoughts better than words. Like Little Godwit, John is always willing to try new things. He believes that we should not be afraid to be ourselves and express our ideas, and that we should have fun doing it!

Scan these QR codes to find out more about John. <http://seesaw.work/> and https://www.instagram.com/see_n_saw/



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*For Caleb, Isabelle and Annabel
May God grant you the stamina and inner compass
of a godwit in your journey of life.*

~ E.L

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