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"Elliott does a rare thing, humorously and beautifully: she portrays a character with profound disabilities. . . . With its steady refrain and comforting illustrations reminiscent of rag dolls, this book would make a wonderful read-aloud." —*Storypockets* (Carnegie Library blog)

"This delightful, warm, beautifully illustrated picture book deserves a place on every bookshelf."
—Jacqueline Wilson, author, *Girls in Love*

About the Author

Rebecca Elliott, Kate Greenaway nominated author of *Zoo Girl*, has illustrated several children's books, including *Jungle Tumble*, *Monkey Tumbles*, *My Nativity Jigsaw Book*, and *My Noah's Ark Jigsaw Book*.

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