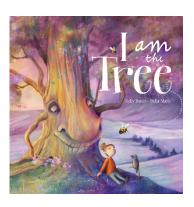


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A poignant new picture book brings a powerful message of unity to young readers.

When the world seems scary, find the beauty and simplicity in the harmony of nature that is all around us.



Seattle, Washington, May 22, 2023 – For young children, sometimes the world can seem like a scary place—one of uncertainty, division, and even anger. In her exquisite new picture book, *I Am the Tree*, author Kelly Bauer brings an uplifting and powerful story to young readers. Her message: we are all part of a greater harmony and peace that surrounds us.

In her moving story, readers follow a little girl who is frightened by turbulent times. She feels as though something is missing from her life. Running away, she comes to the top of a mountain where she is overcome with the beauty before her. There, a tree calls her to rest and forget about her worries, and a nearby bumblebee whispers an extraordinary message- one that affirms the importance and unity of all living things.

Together, Bauer's eloquent language and Stella Maris' emotive illustrations demonstrate the interconnectedness of all living things and how that gives way to hope, respect, and joy. Families and educators of young children will welcome an opportunity to invite a dialogue that affirms the importance of our oneness with the world. *I Am the Tree* is available now wherever books are sold.

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