

*To "J" for your gift of gab!
~Love, Julia*

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to reinforce the lessons.



I am a **rumor**...



*I'm full of information.
I'll tell you who did what and when...
Where it happened and why it happened...
How it's supposed to end.*

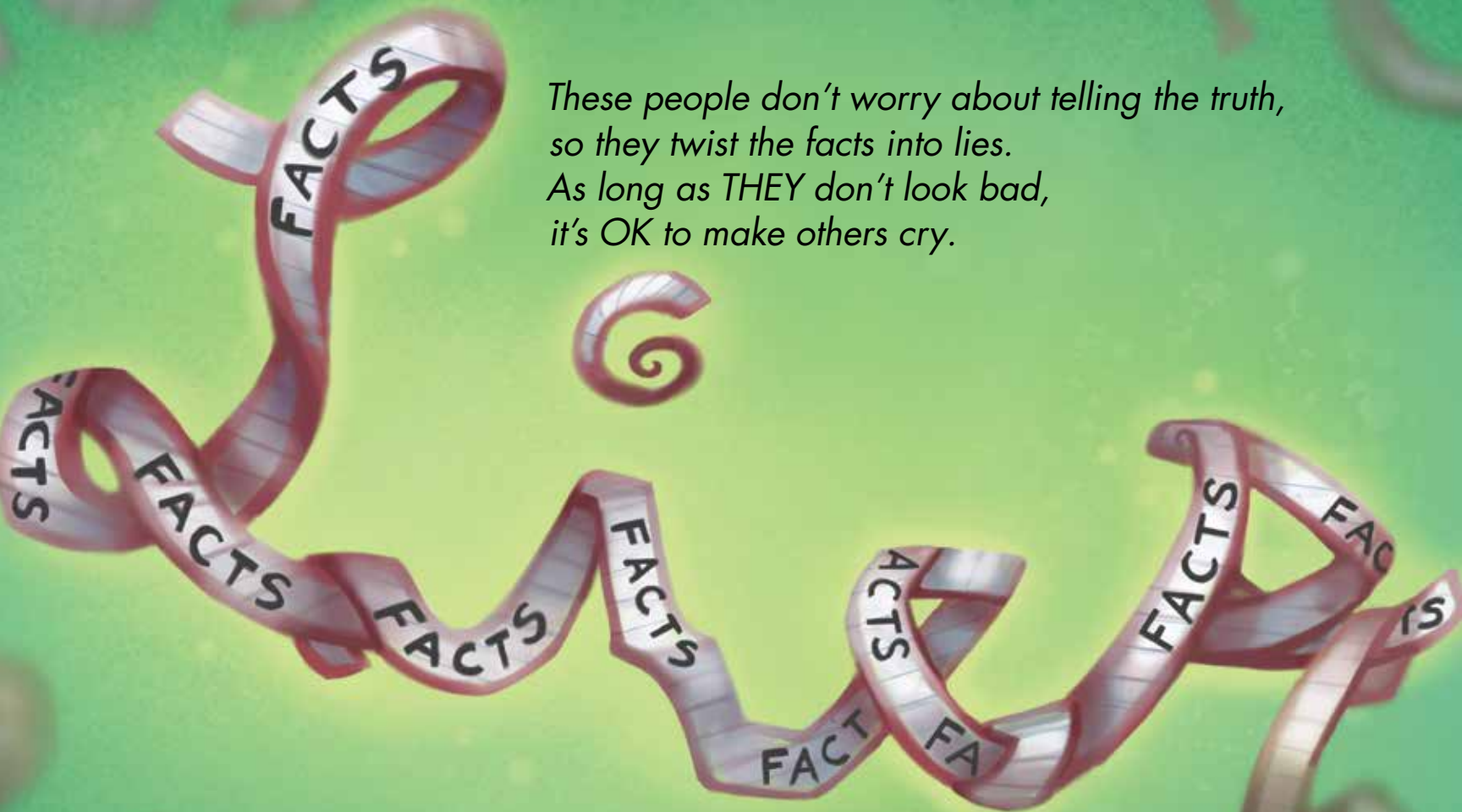


*Sometimes I'm true, but most times **I'm not.**
I really don't care about facts.
I love to roll inside some people's heads,
and change how they **think, feel, and act.***

*My favorite kind of people
are the ones who feel empty inside.
They put others down to feel better,
and I make it easy to lie.*

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*These people don't worry about telling the truth,
so they twist the facts into lies.
As long as THEY don't look bad,
it's OK to make others cry.*



*I **LOVE** the people who only listen to what others want them to hear. They never take info back to the source to find out if it's real.*

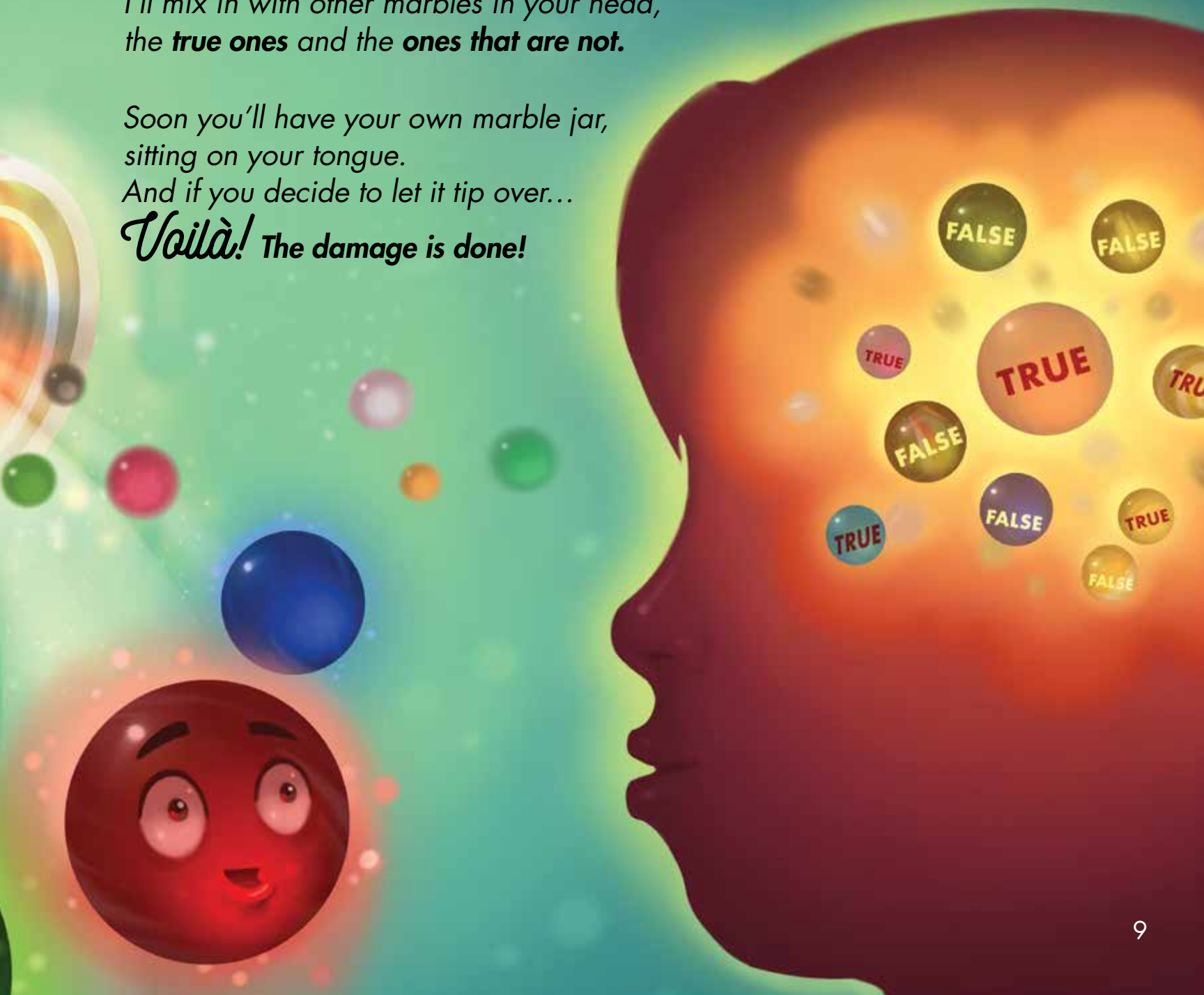


*I'm like a marble in a jar.
When it tips over, I roll...
right out of a mouth and all over the place.
That's how I **grow and grow.***

Then I might roll inside your ears...
And I'll play around with your thoughts.
I'll mix in with other marbles in your head,
the **true ones** and the **ones that are not.**

Soon you'll have your own marble jar,
sitting on your tongue.
And if you decide to let it tip over...

Voilà! **The damage is done!**



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RUMOR HAS IT...

that the girls have a couch
in their bathroom.

And they sometimes take naps in there.

AND GUESS WHAT ELSE? Rumor has it...

they have a TV and play video games in there, too!



Whether we've been the subject of a rumor or the one spreading a rumor about someone else, most of us have been involved with rumors somehow. But how many people really stop to think about the damaging effects?

Fortunately, award-winning author Julia Cook does, and cleverly brings this serious subject to light in an entertaining and funny, but cautionary, tale about the importance of **NOT** starting or spreading rumors.

Told through the eyes of the rumor marble, the story describes how a simple misunderstanding starts a chain reaction that blazes out of control!

K-6 students will revel at the characters' relatable yet ridiculous antics as they are reminded that it's much harder to stop a moving train – or rolling rumor marble – than it is to prevent it from starting.

“Rumor Has It... is an excellent way to teach students about the power of a rumor and how quickly it can grow! This book is especially useful for the upper elementary grades where rumors and gossip are common social challenges. Another must-have Julia Cook resource to add to my counseling library.”

– Lauren Tilton
Professional School Counselor



JULIA COOK, a former educator and school counselor, has written many books for children and teachers, including the popular page-turners *I Just Don't Like the Sound of No!*, *Making Friends Is an Art!*, and *The Worst Day of My Life EVER!* Her activity guides for teachers offer classroom-ready fun to reinforce the life lessons shared in her storybooks. Among her many awards, Julia has received the *Association for Educational Publishers Distinguished Achievement Award*, and her books have been honored by The National Parenting Center and Mom's Choice Awards.

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