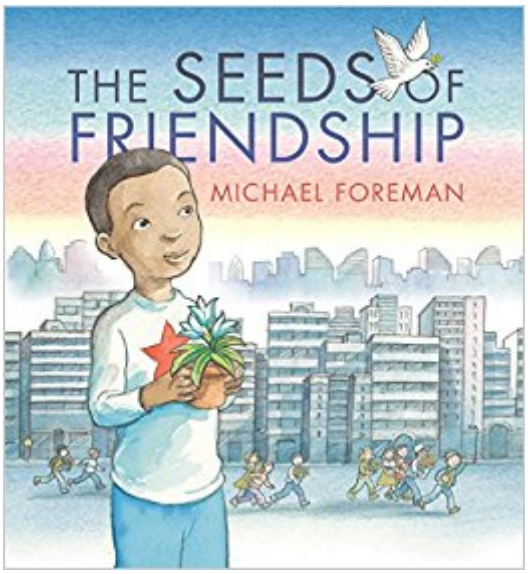
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How can Adam bring the green warmth of home to his new urban world? An inspiring fable from Michael Foreman about making friendship grow.Adam feels alone in the strange new city. He misses his old friends and the colors of his faraway home. ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s fun to build snow animals with children in his new neighborhood, but AdamÃ¢â ¬â„¢s concrete surroundings still make him wish for something more. So when a teacher gives him a few seeds, it plants an idea in himÃ¢â ¬â •an idea that could transform his gray world forever.

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PreS-Gr 2Ã¢â ¬â • In this story, Adam loves his new high-rise home in the city, but he misses his old homeÃ¢â ¬â •presumably an African countryÃ¢â ¬â •and fills his room with pictures of elephants, parrots, lions, and hippos. He sees children playing in the city streets, and misses his friends and the verdant landscape of his old life. Winter comes, and Adam draws jungle animals into the frosted panes of glass and sculpts an elephant in the snow, attracting the attention and friendship of other children. When he starts school, he loves the small garden on the playground, so his teacher gives him some seeds. Adam and his mother plant the seeds in their window box. Adam brings home more and more seeds, and he and his friends plant them everywhere they can, until all the window boxes are full and the rooftop is a lush retreat. "Together they made a garden in the

sky." Inspired, they expand their efforts by planting "on any empty patch of ground they could find" until the gray city is transformed into a soft growing green landscape. In the end, Adam understands that "each season will bring its own wonders and colors, and that the seeds of friendship will never die." Foreman's airy watercolors support the dreamy text well, and the transformation of the dreary city is quite beautiful and inspiring. VERDICT A light friendship fable that may inspire urban gardeners, making it a useful addition to library collections.Ã¢â ¬â •Anna Haase Krueger, Ramsey County Library, MN

Free from conflict and tension, the story imagines a city supportive of immigrants and ready to befriend them. Soft, smiling figures and a bright palette convey gentle acceptance. Foreman doesnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t preach; he simply shows people at their best.Ã¢â ¬â •Publishers WeeklyAn immigrant story without angst and with lots of love and hope.Ã¢â ¬â •Kirkus ReviewsForemanÃ¢â ¬â„¢s airy watercolors support the dreamy text well, and the transformation of the dreary city is quite beautiful and inspiring. A light friendship fable that may inspire urban gardeners, making it a useful addition to library collections.Ã¢â ¬â •School Library Journal

When I reached out to a family just arrived from Sudan, I knew I wanted to put something special in the childrens' hands. This book delivers a message of hope and friendship while hitting the right notes in validating a child's experience of immigration. THE SEEDS OF FRIENDSHIP also offers a practical/tangible example of solving a huge problem: leaving one world behind to join another. Love. Love. Love.

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