



“Storybird”... and they all read digital stories ever after!

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National Storytelling Week

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To all who told, and to all who listened - a great big thank you for taking part in National Storytelling Week 2014



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National Storytelling Network

Connecting people to and through storytelling

The National Storytelling Network is dedicated to advancing the art of storytelling – as a performing art, a process of cultural transformation, and more.



Storytelling illuminates who we are as individuals and as a community. Stories spark deeper understanding; they enlighten our minds and hearts. Stories light the fire of joy and laughter.

Join us in the Valley of the Sun at the 2014 National Storytelling Conference for education and inspiration through the *Fire & Light* of story.



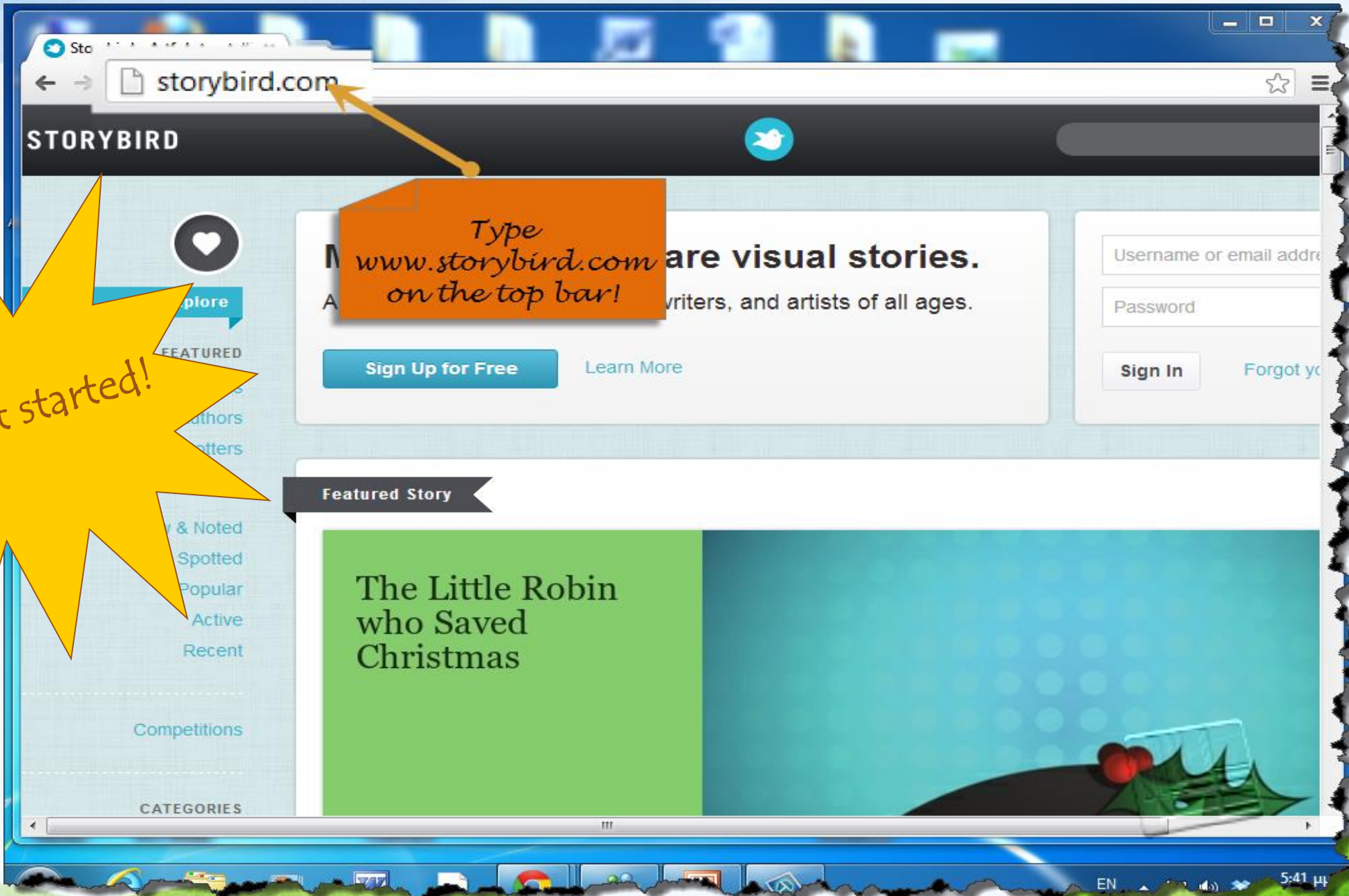
Why use "Storybird"

You are probably in need of a tool to help your pupils explore new forms of creative writing

It's an easy to use and very inspiring collection of artistic illustrations

Your class can work in a safe environment, share their creations easily or even get feedback from other users

Kids can have their work published while parents can acquire a printable version of their little authors' work



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are visual stories.

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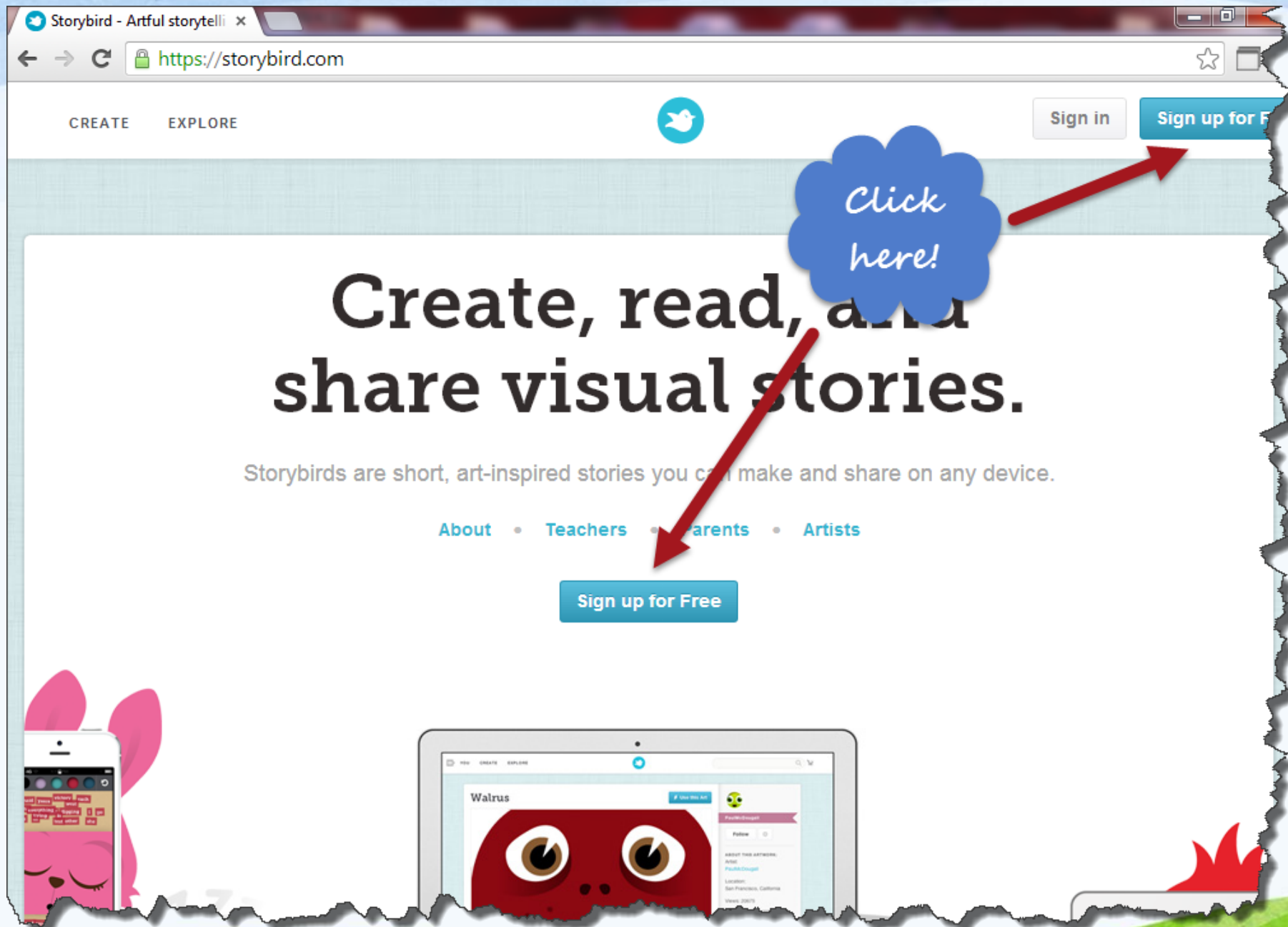
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The Little Robin
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Let's get started!

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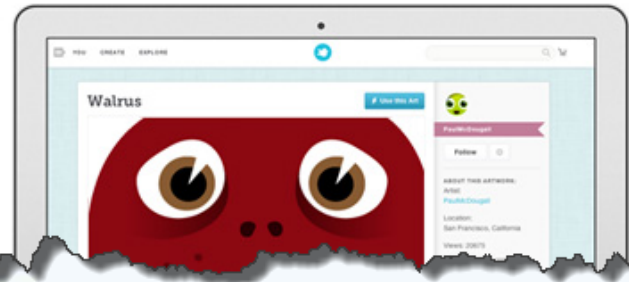
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Activate Your Account

Hi Nellybee,

Click on the link below to verify your email address and complete your Storybird registration.

[Click here to complete your Storybird registration](#)

Didn't register for a Storybird account? Somebody else may have typed in your email address by accident. Feel free to ignore this email.

Questions? Need Help?

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Once your account is confirmed you can log in and start exploring the tool!



Create

Storybird reverses visual storytelling by starting with the image and "unlocking" the story inside. Explore artists, get inspired, and write.

All artwork ▶

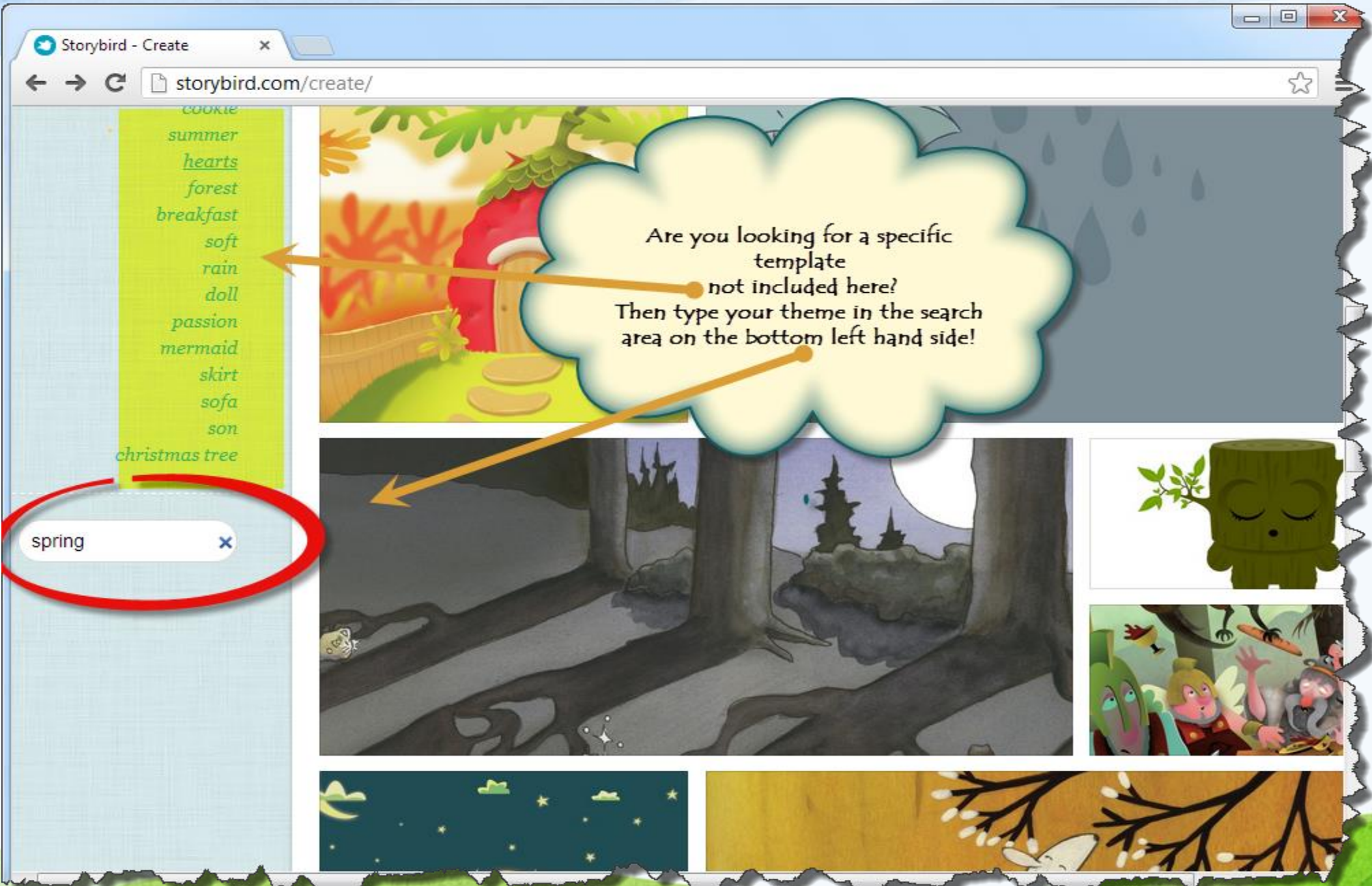
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SOME ARTWORK TAGS:

- crown
- trees
- friendship
- waterfall
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- cookie
- summer
- hearts
- forest
- breakfast
- soft
- rain
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- mermaid
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Spring Air

Victoria Usova



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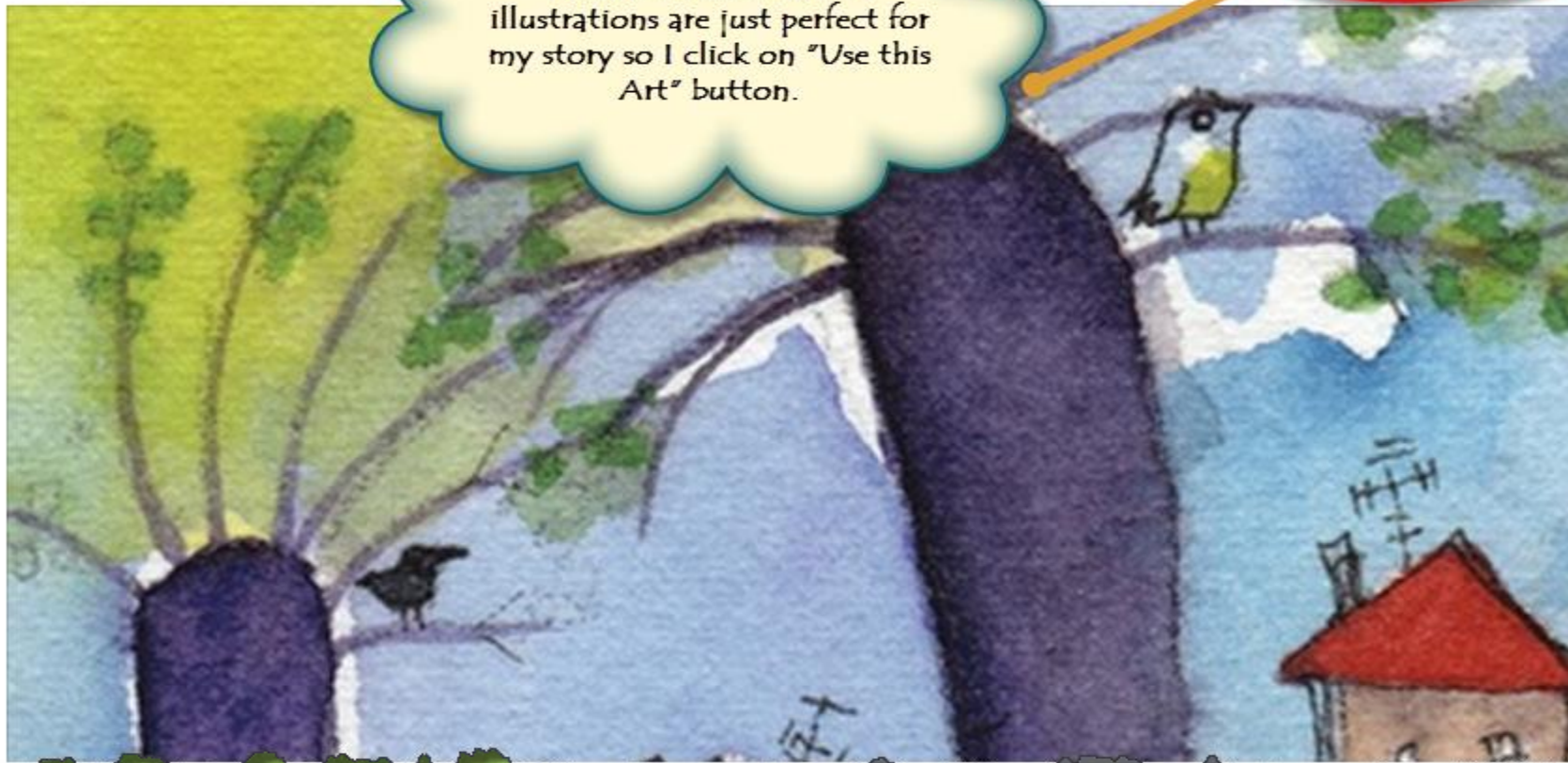
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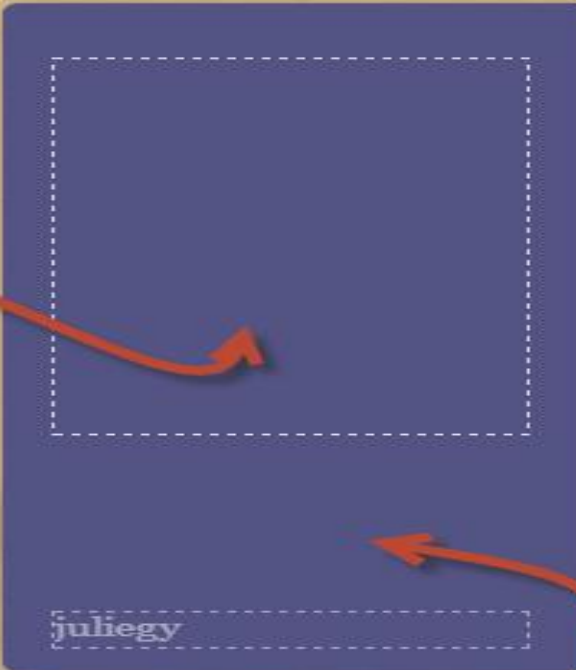
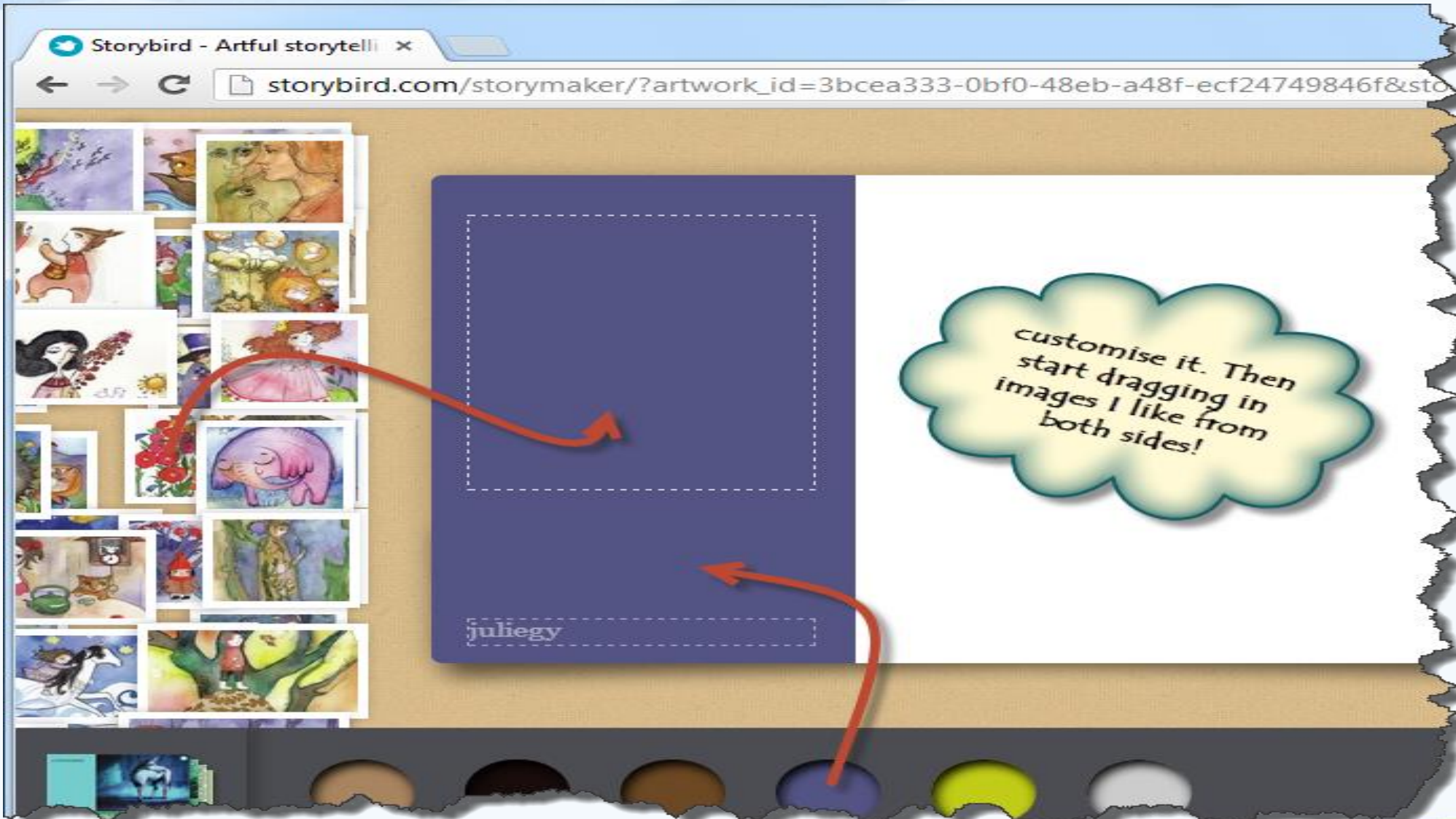
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Choose your cover style.





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start dragging in
images I like from
both sides!*



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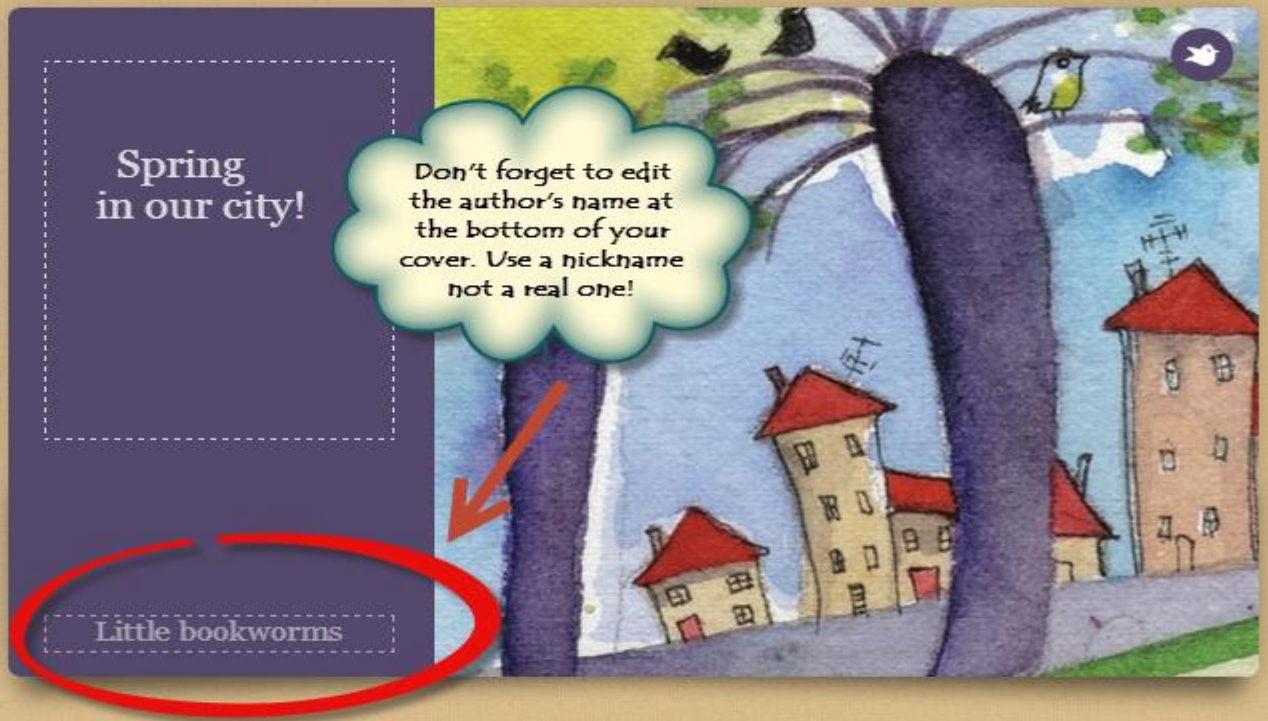
Spring
in our city!

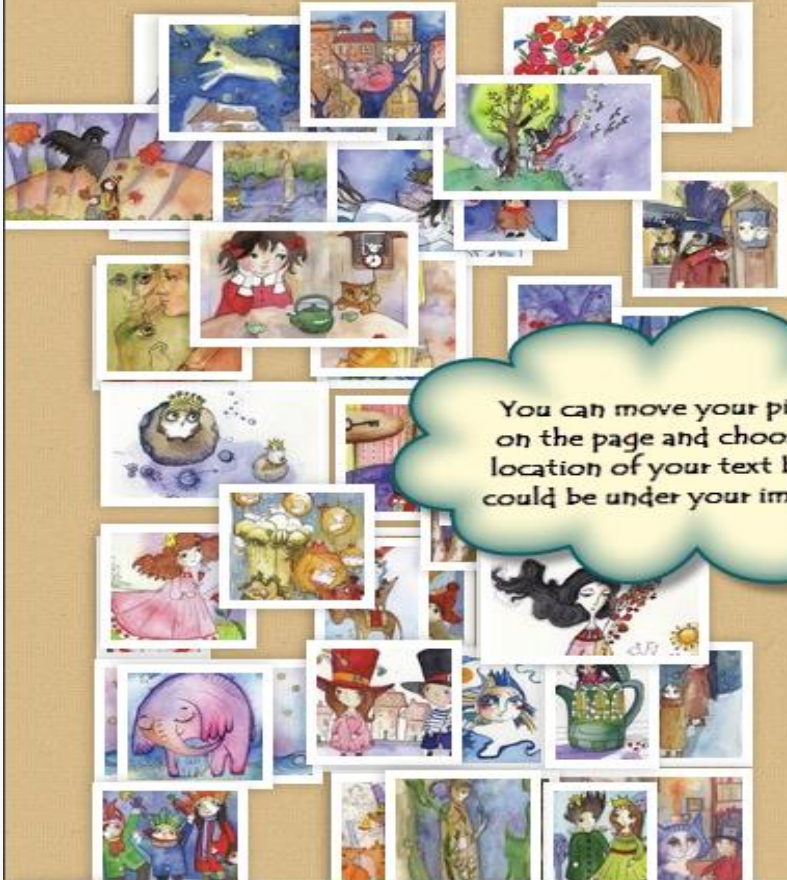
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juliegy

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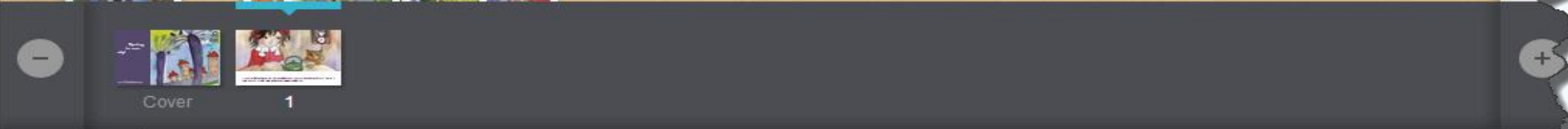




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It's Saturday morning. Kate and her cat, Larry, have breakfast. Kate is sad. Larry is sad, too. They can't go out and play!




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... or on the left of it! Then start typing your story. You can always have an overview of your creation by looking right here!

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have breakfast.
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Larry is sad, too.
They can't go out and
play!



— Cover 1

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The city is beautiful, green and warm.

Build your story page after page, edit whenever you like and save your creation. Until you publish it you can find it on the very first page as soon



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The city is beautiful, green and warm.

Once you have finished editing, click on "Menu" and then choose "Save & close" or "Publish" according to your wish!


- Invite collaborator
- Publish
- Save & close

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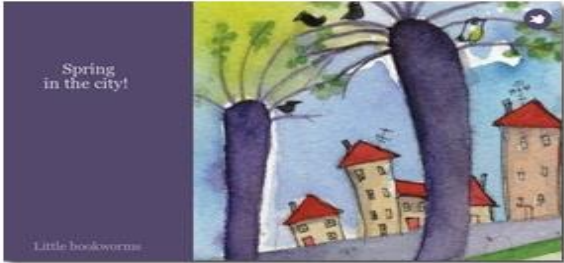
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 **Story details**

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Once you decide to publish your work, you can change the title, provide a short description...

 **Spring in the city!**

Change cover

Spring in the city!

Change title

Summary
OPTIONAL

A short story about the coming of spring.

Change summary

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i This appears with your story and in search results.

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Tags
OPTIONAL

spring, city, story

Written for
OPTIONAL

Preschool (1-4)
 Kid (5-7)
 Tween (8-12)
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Categories are how we organize stories.

Tags are how you organize stories.

... choose the right category, add tags, define the age group of your readers and decide about the profile quality of your publication!

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Artist

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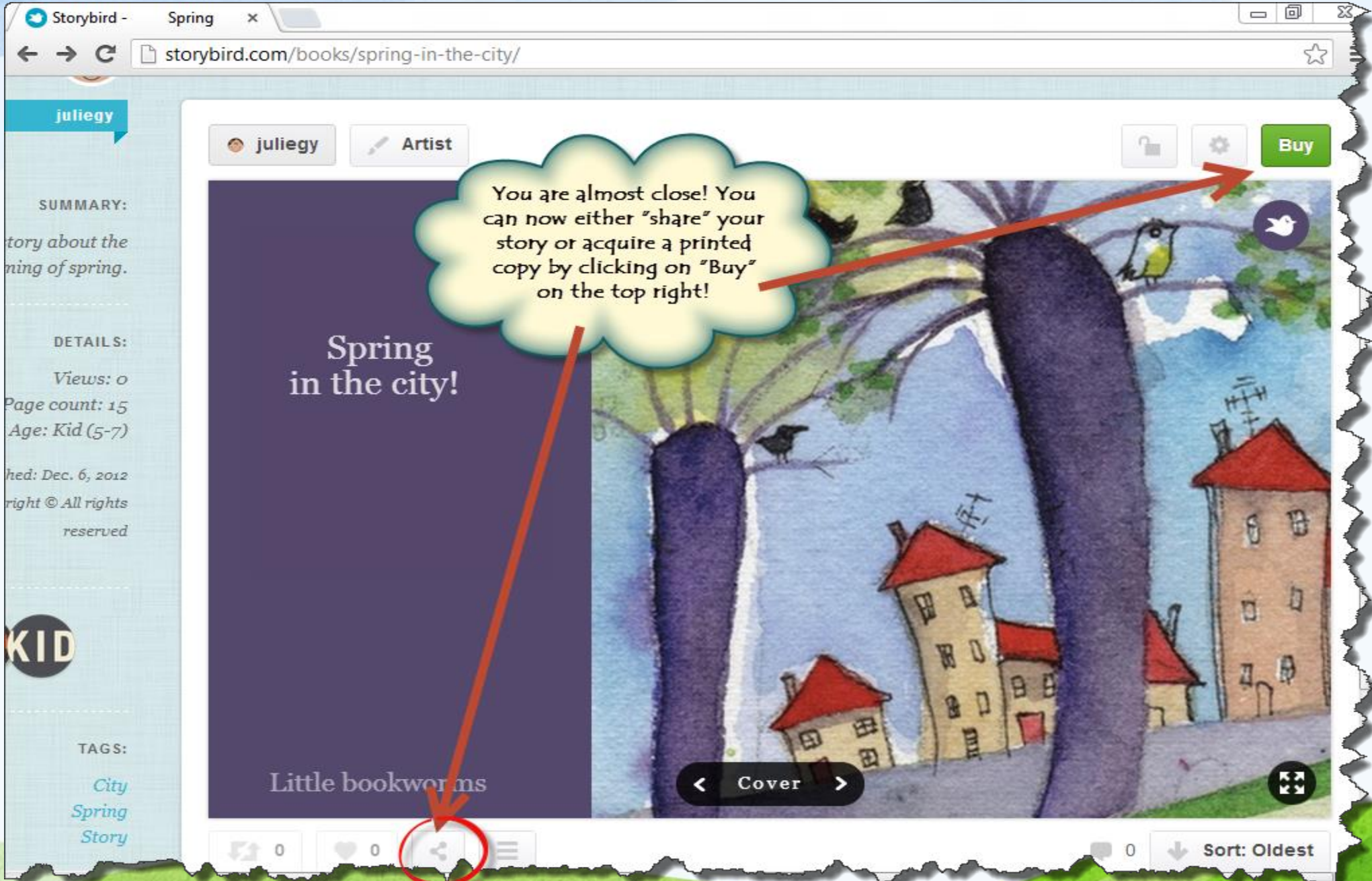
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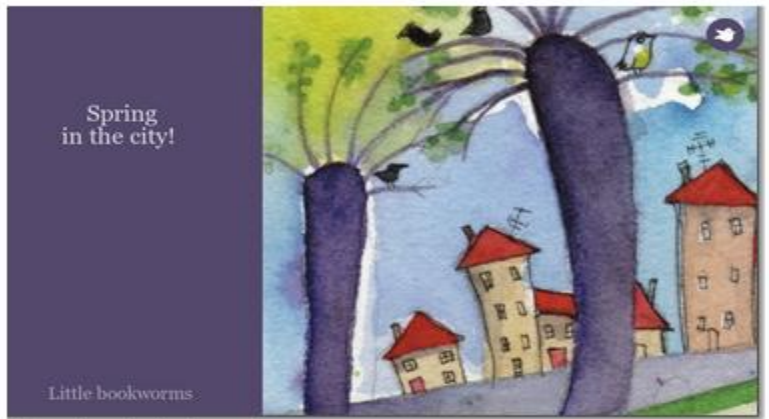
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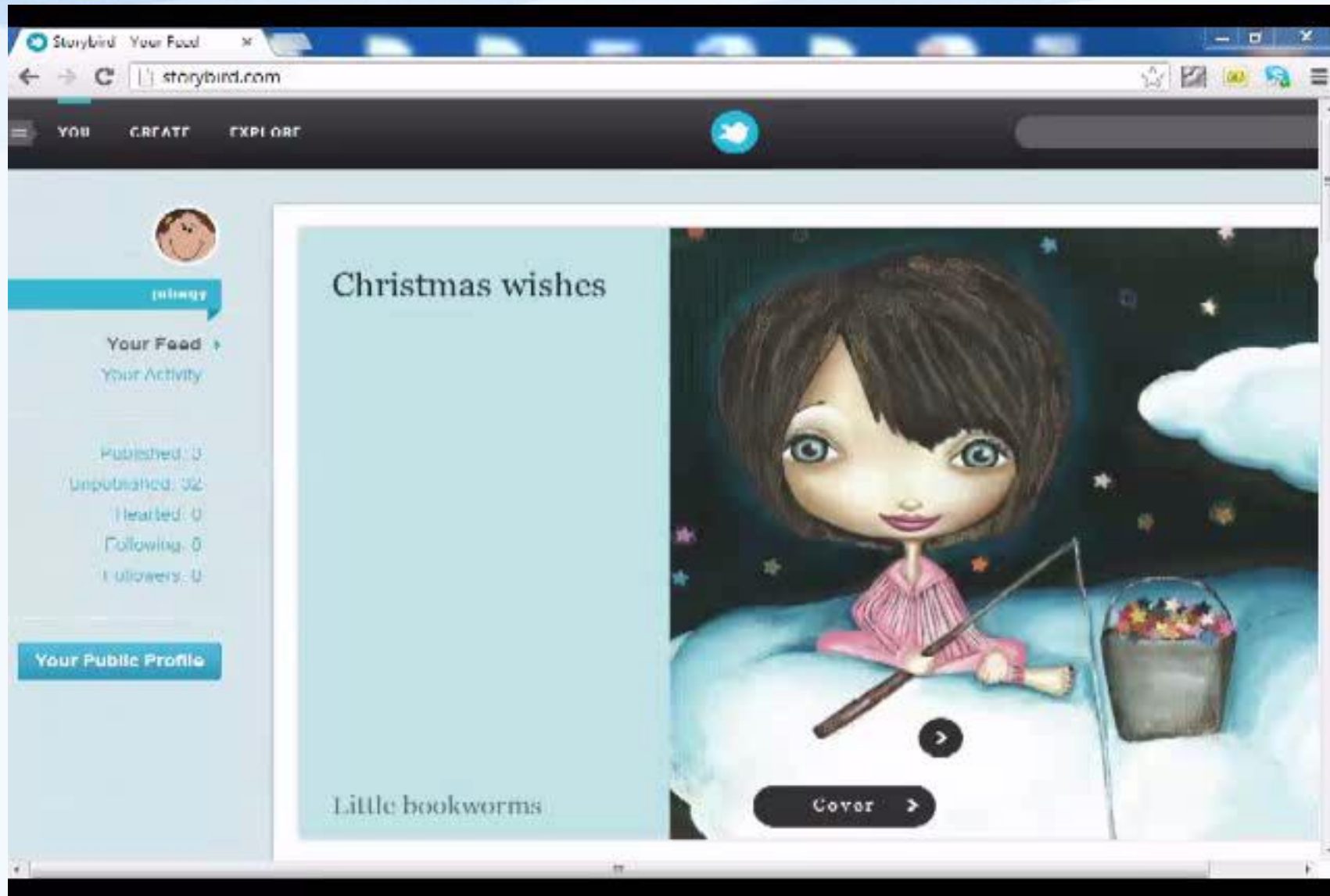
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Anyway, just enjoy a good read by simply turning the pages using these arrows

... or choose full screen for a better view!

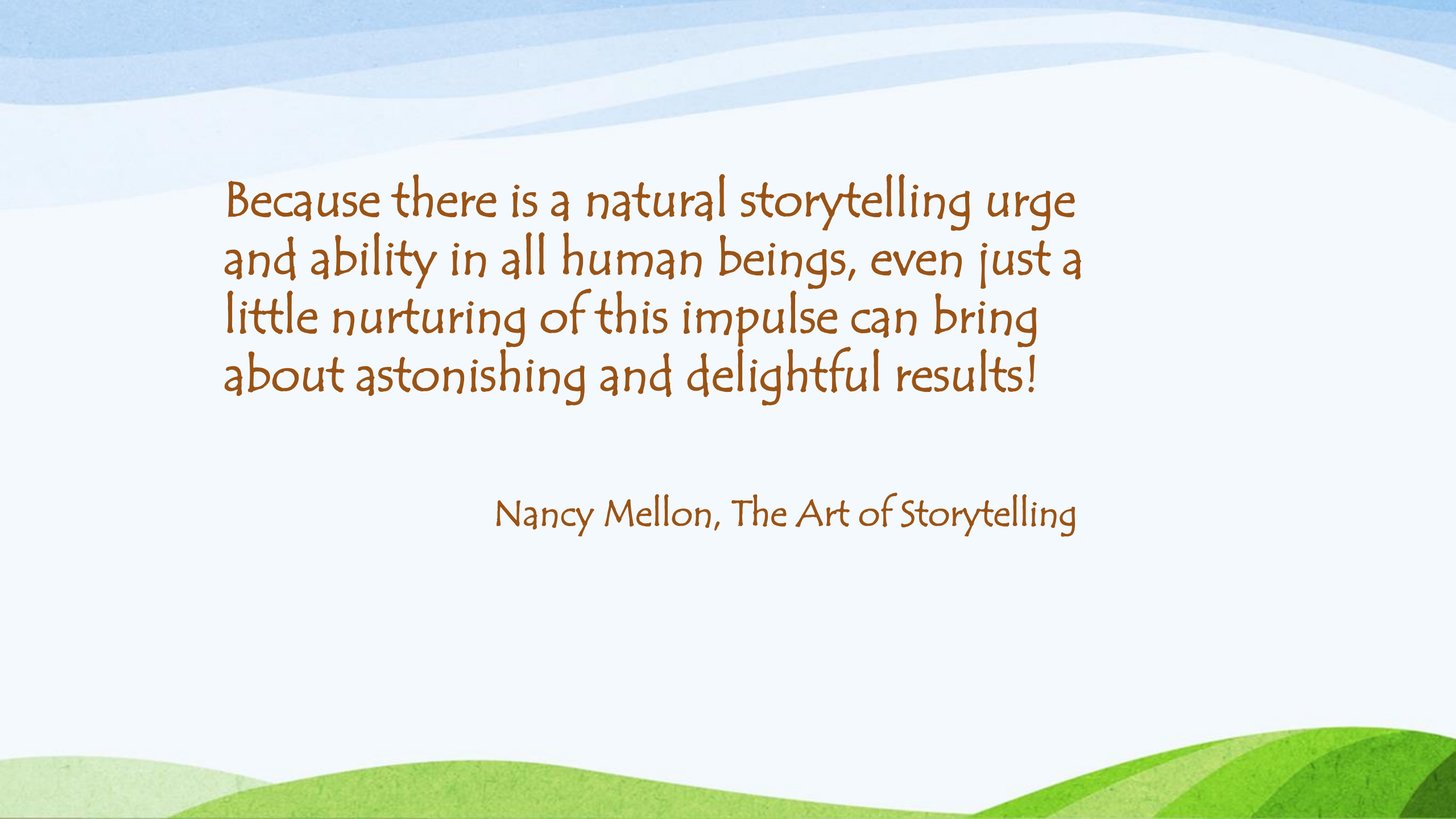


Some last tips for better use

What should you do? Choose images first or write a story?

Choose images first: guided writing activity, save time

Write a story, then illustrate: free writing, more time to spot the right illustration



Because there is a natural storytelling urge and ability in all human beings, even just a little nurturing of this impulse can bring about astonishing and delightful results!

Nancy Mellon, *The Art of Storytelling*

Thank you!

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For more on Storybird watch the video
tutorial at

<http://goo.gl/XKBOQ5>