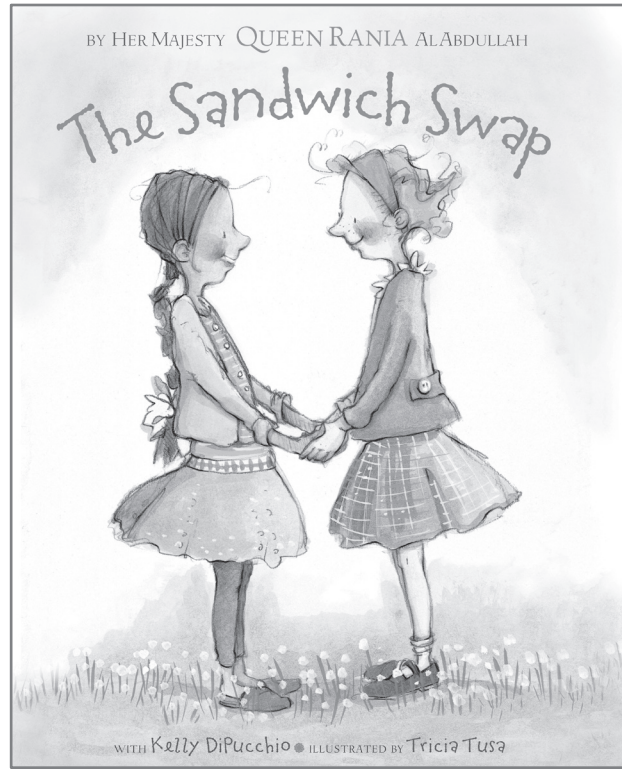


A warmhearted original fable about friendship and tolerance,
inspired by a childhood experience



They jumped rope together.



They drew pictures together.

The Sandwich Swap

By Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah with Kelly DiPucchio
Illustrated by Tricia Tusa

Lily and Salma are best friends. They like doing all the same things, and they *always* eat lunch together. Lily eats peanut butter and Salma eats hummus—but what's that between friends? It turns out, a lot. Before they know it, a food fight breaks out. Can Lily and Salma put aside their differences? Or will a sandwich come between them?

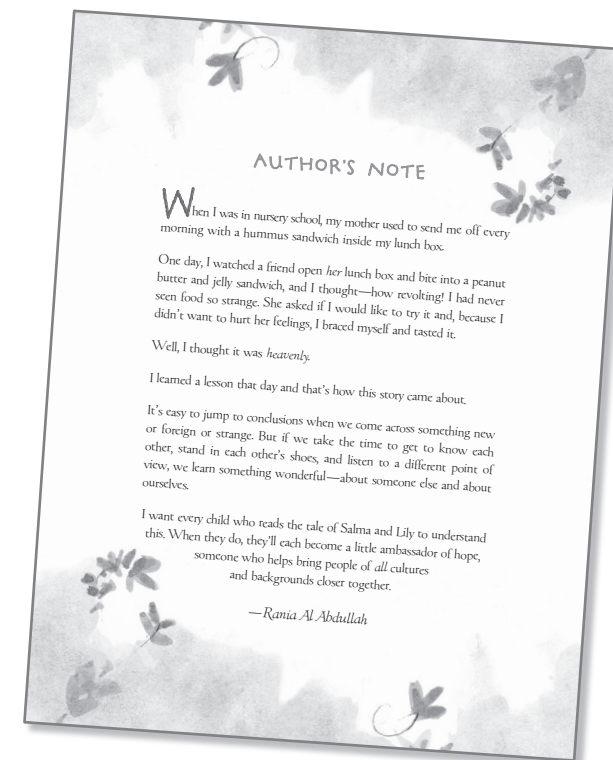
The smallest things can pull us apart—until we learn that friendship is far more powerful than difference. In a glorious three-page gatefold at the end of the book, Salma, Lily, and all their classmates come together in the true spirit of tolerance and acceptance.



Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah (www.queenrania.jo) of Jordan is dedicated to defending the welfare of children around the world: she is UNICEF's Eminent Advocate for Children. Known also as a champion of cross-cultural tolerance and a campaigner for global education, Her Majesty collaborates with international organizations and grassroots projects in these areas.

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AUTHOR'S NOTE

When I was in nursery school, my mother used to send me off every morning with a hummus sandwich inside my lunch box.

One day, I watched a friend open *her* lunch box and bite into a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, and I thought—how revolting! I had never seen food so strange. She asked if I would like to try it and, because I didn't want to hurt her feelings, I braced myself and tasted it.

Well, I thought it was *heavenly*.

I learned a lesson that day and that's how this story came about.

It's easy to jump to conclusions when we come across something new or foreign or strange. But if we take the time to get to know each other, stand in each other's shoes, and listen to a different point of view, we learn something wonderful—about someone else and about ourselves.

I want every child who reads the tale of Salma and Lily to understand this. When they do, they'll each become a little ambassador of hope, someone who helps bring people of all cultures and backgrounds closer together.

—Rania Al Abdullah

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