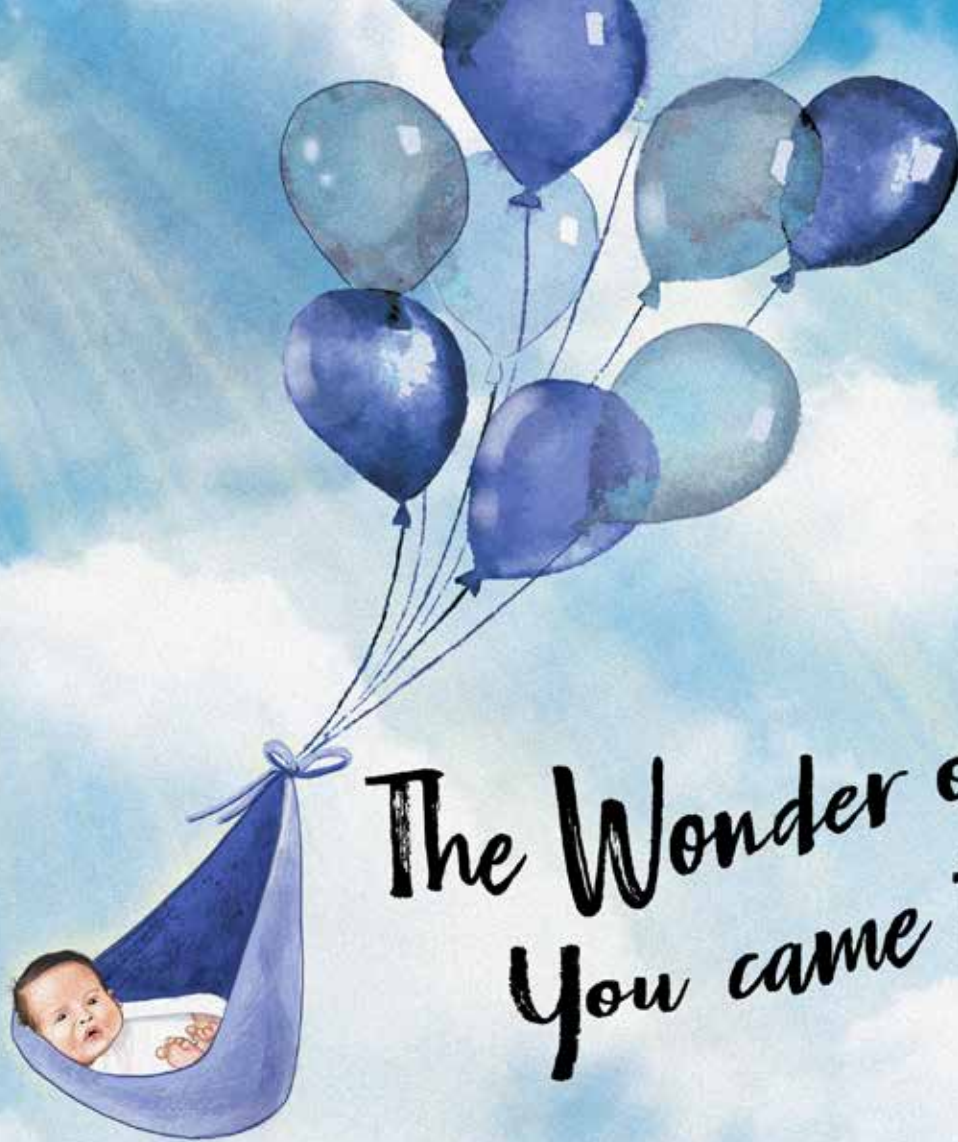




*The Wonder of how
You came to be*

Romi Israelsohn



This book is written in honour of our precious son

Hunter Keane Chaim Israelsohn

Preface

After suddenly being diagnosed with cancer and immediately thrown into the world of infertility, as a 34-year-old wife and mother to an 18 month old little boy. I needed hope.

*I needed hope that that I would survive and hope that one day,
I would be able to have another child.*

Personally, this book has been authored for our miracle child. It is our hope, that it will forever serve as a loving reminder, that his parents did all they could to have him. This book details every miracle that happened along the way for him to join his family. It acts to show that despite all odds being stacked against him, he bravely fought his way into this beautiful world. It acts to remind him, that his family will love him eternally and that we will always sit in awe of him.

Publically however, this book has also been written as a source of hope. Hope to anyone who is contemplating having a child with the help of a surrogate. Hope to those who have already started on their journey and hope for those who need reminding, that with strength and courage, what may seem impossible, is unequivocally possible.

With faith, determination, inner strength and a lot of guts, extraordinary miracles do happen.

Thank You

We live humbly with eternal gratitude to all who were instrumental in giving Hunter a chance at life.

With specific thanks to:

Dr Angela Ferruccio – a doctor so comprehensive in her practice as a General Physician, that she found Romi's cancer against all odds.

Dr Tom Manolitsas – the only oncologist globally, who not only saved Romi's life but gave Hunter a chance at life.

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Dr Said Daneshmand – an IVF doctor with a unique ability to instill hope, who delicately placed Hunter into Aubrey's womb to grow so perfectly.

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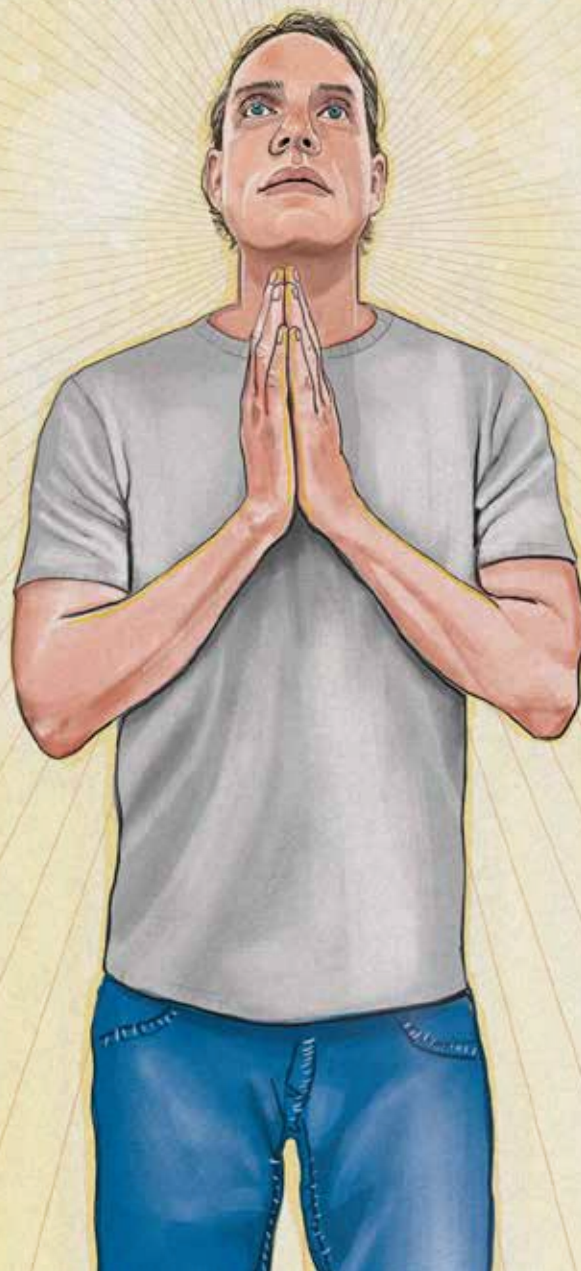
Aubrey Ulloa & her children – for all her time, effort, consistency and love. From start to finish, she carried Hunter with such grace and dedication.

Every mashgiach, nurse, administrative assistant, ultrasound technician, IVF scientist, laboratory manager, IVF courier, family and friends.

*A little while ago, mum and dad,
dreamt every night of the baby they would love to have.*



*But hold on a second...there was something missing,
to have our little baby, we needed a little blessing.*





One day mummy became very ill,

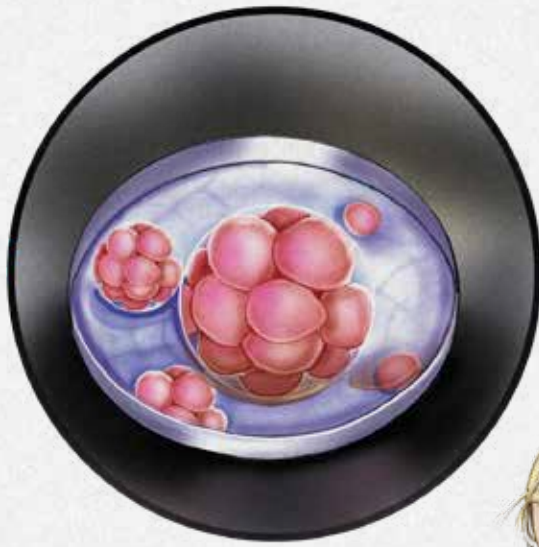


but sadly the doctor could not give her a pill.



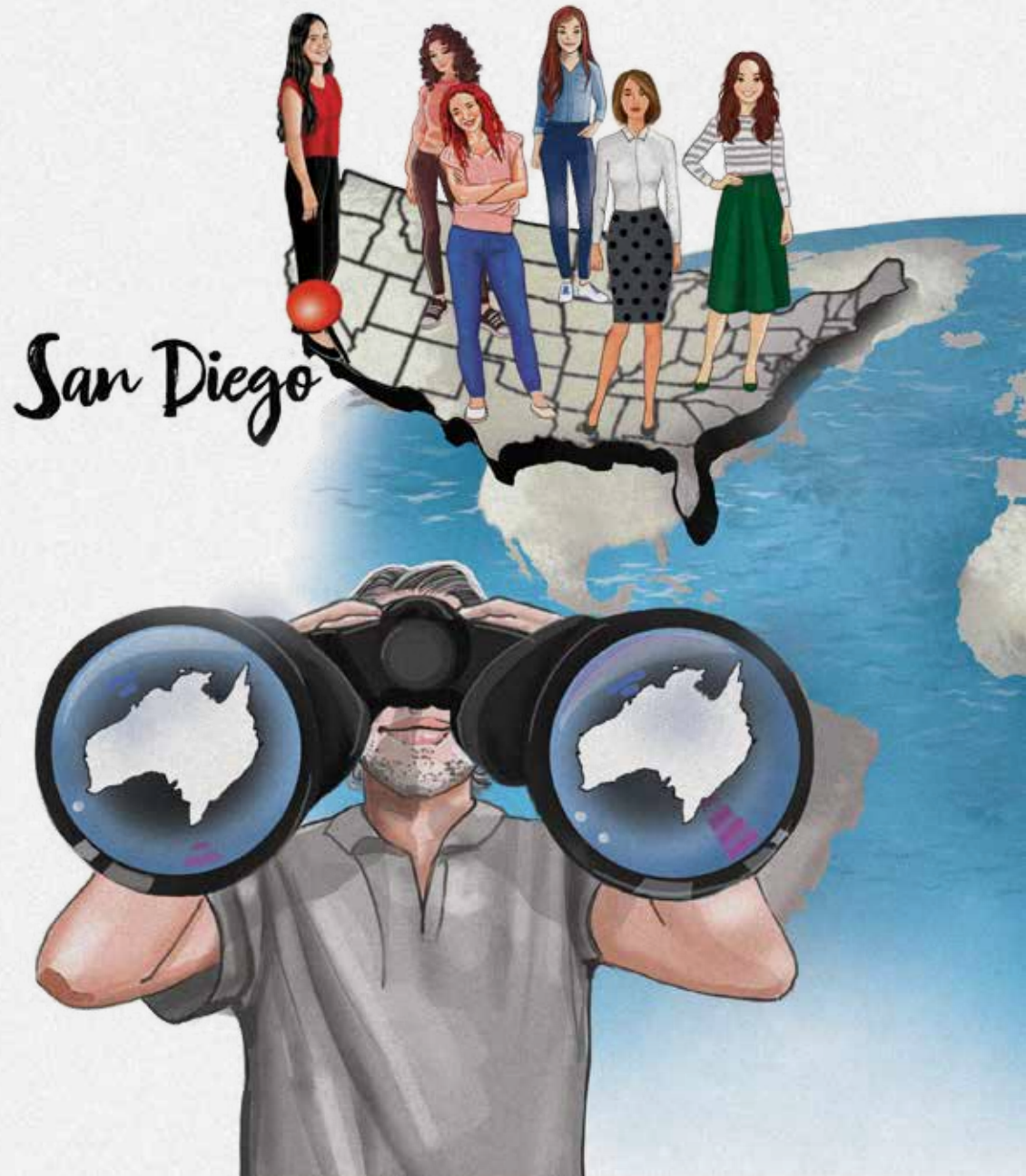
*He needed to take out her broken tummy,
to make sure she was healthy to be your mummy.*

For many months, mum and dad
created tiny embryos,



that would grow into a baby with ten little fingers and ten little toes.

We started a search that went far and wide,



to find the perfect lady who would be by our side.



*You then went travelling across the world,
in a special tank that kept you safe and warm.*





When you finally arrived in San Diego,



we chose you, a tiny embryo, to be our little hero!



*The very special lady helped
grow you in her tummy,
until you were ready to greet
daddy and mummy.*

There were many people who
helped us along the way.
Doctors, nurses and many others
were with us every day.





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When all the ingredients to make you were complete,
we put them all together and waited patiently until we could meet.

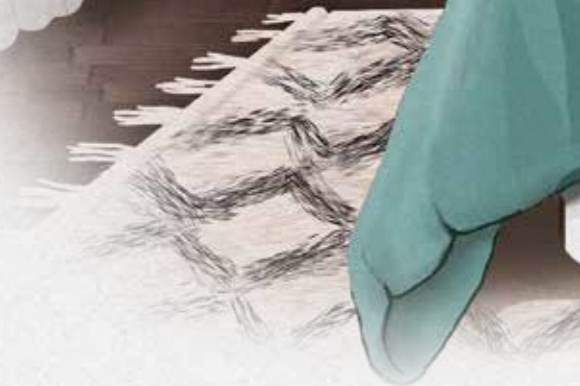


For nine long months we watched you grow,





*and prayed every night that soon we would know,
who it was that we were waiting to see,
the miracle baby who would come to be.*





Then the day came, the one we had been waiting for.





*The day we would hold you in our arms now and
forever, that's for sure.*



*You were everything and so much more,
than what we had been hoping for.*

*We will forever be grateful to the
lady who grew you,
for without her you wouldn't be with us,
that is very true.*





TO:
AUDREY
REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA
THANK YOU!

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our beautiful little person,

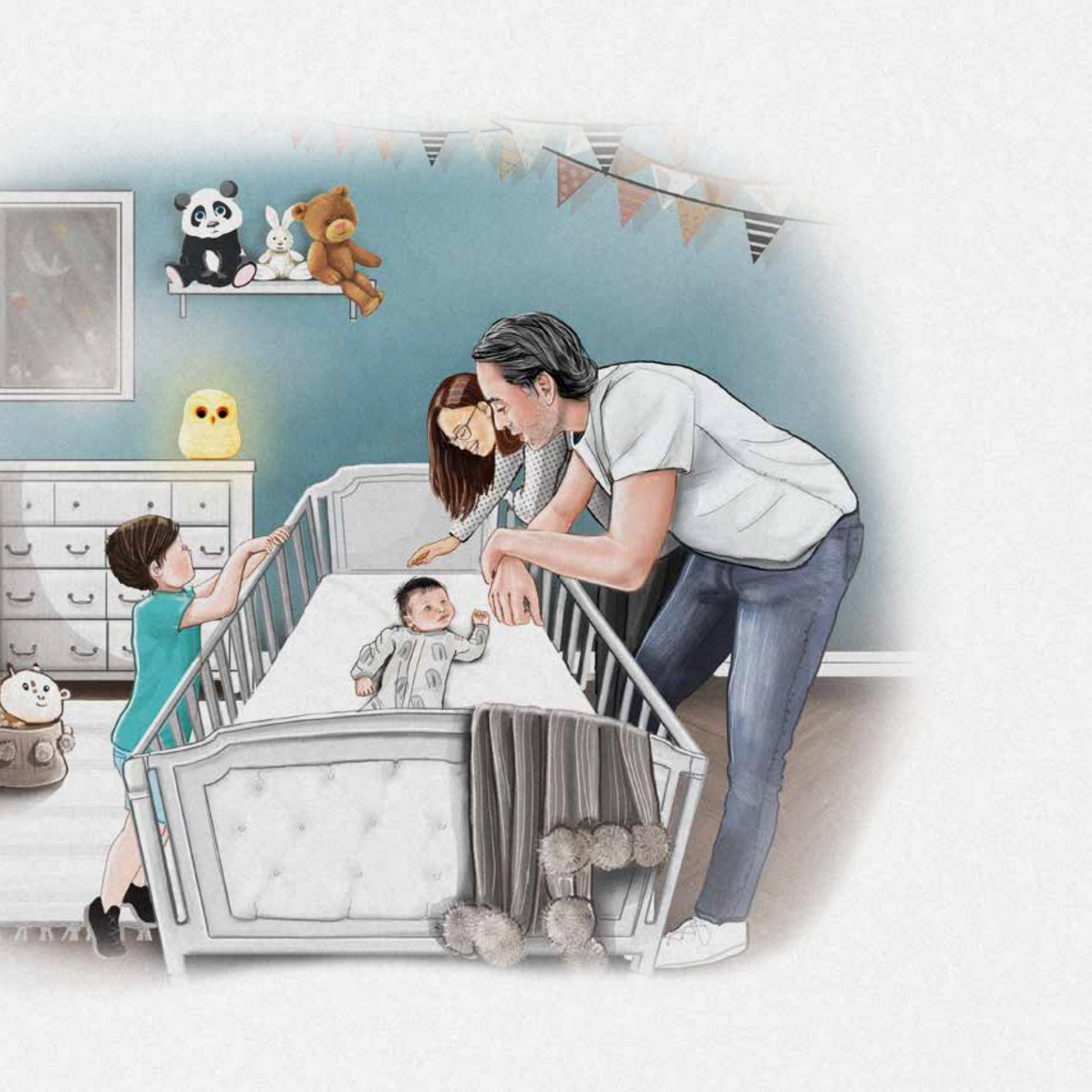


that our life is now complete and that you are the reason.



*So, thank you for choosing us to be your family.
We will love you forever and unconditionally.*





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