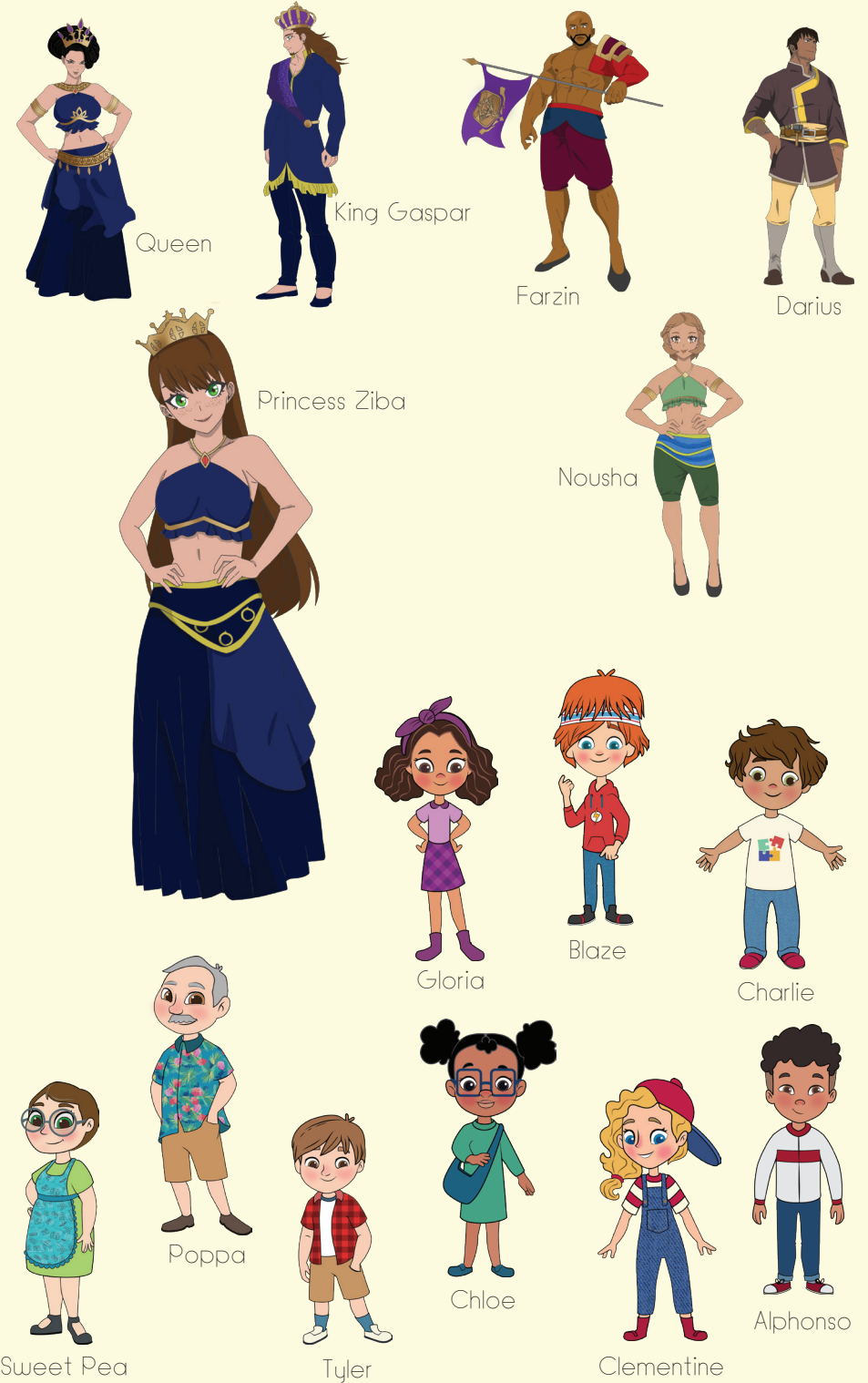


This Book Belongs To



PART ONE





FUN SUMMER DAYS, STARRY BEACH NIGHTS

This summer is one of the best summers Traveling Teresa can remember. There are lots of fun times with her best friend Chloe and her other friends Clementine and Gloria. They spend many nights on the beach marveling at the beautiful starry formations in the night sky. They sometimes sit next to the fire pit and roast marshmallows for their delicious chocolaty s'mores. Some nights the girls enjoy sleeping in tents in their backyards, telling stories about the boys they like, and laughing at the funny hairstyles they create. Oh, how they love these summer nights and being able to stay up late.

There are long days spent with Charlie, Sweet Pea and Poppa's autistic neighbor, at the park and riding bikes with their friends on the crazy sidewalk that weaves its way all through the town. Teresa has a younger brother named Tyler. He loves to spend time with Poppa in his workshop, learning woodworking skills. Tyler is always ready to be Sweet Pea's cookie taste-tester. He thinks he is the fastest bike rider, but their friend Blaze has him beat by a long shot. Blaze can outrun everyone in their school, so he should be the fastest on a bike. When Tyler and Blaze get together, they can get up to some mischief. Overall, Tyler is a whole lot of fun.

Teresa and Tyler both enjoy spending time with Sweet Pea and Poppa on their back porch. They also enjoy watching the sun create spectacular colors as

it goes down slowly on the horizon over the ocean. Teresa, Tyler, and their friends sometimes sit on the back porch where they can swing their legs over the edge. Sweet Pea and Poppa always have fresh lemonade and warm oven-baked cookies for snacking. They all love Sweet Pea and Poppa!

For Teresa, the only thing better than time with friends is being in the attic at Sweet Pea and Poppa's house. Teresa loves the old clothes, hats, photo albums, and treasures up there, but she is more curious about that Little Red Suitcase. That little suitcase she found tucked behind the old antique trunk. Ever since she just happened to find it a few weeks ago, she can hardly think about anything else.

This one particular Saturday starts like most of the

others. Teresa and Tyler are spending the afternoon at Sweet Pea and Poppa's house. Sweet Pea and Teresa are baking cookies using a long-forgotten recipe Sweet Pea found in one of her old recipe books. Poppa and Tyler are going to be the tasters. If they like these cookies, then Sweet Pea and Teresa will bake more later in the summer to take to the family reunion. Teresa always looks forward to baking time with Sweet Pea. Today, Teresa hopes they will go to the attic because she wants Sweet Pea to tell her more about the Little Red Suitcase. Teresa wants to know the whole story. She wants to know who else knows about the magical trips it can take you on. Teresa has so many questions for Sweet Pea. She knows Sweet Pea might not have much time to share the story because Chloe, Gloria, Clementine, and Blaze are coming over for cookies and lemonade later. Teresa

has to find a way to get Sweet Pea to the attic, so maybe Sweet Pea will tell her the beginnings of the story of the Little Red Suitcase.