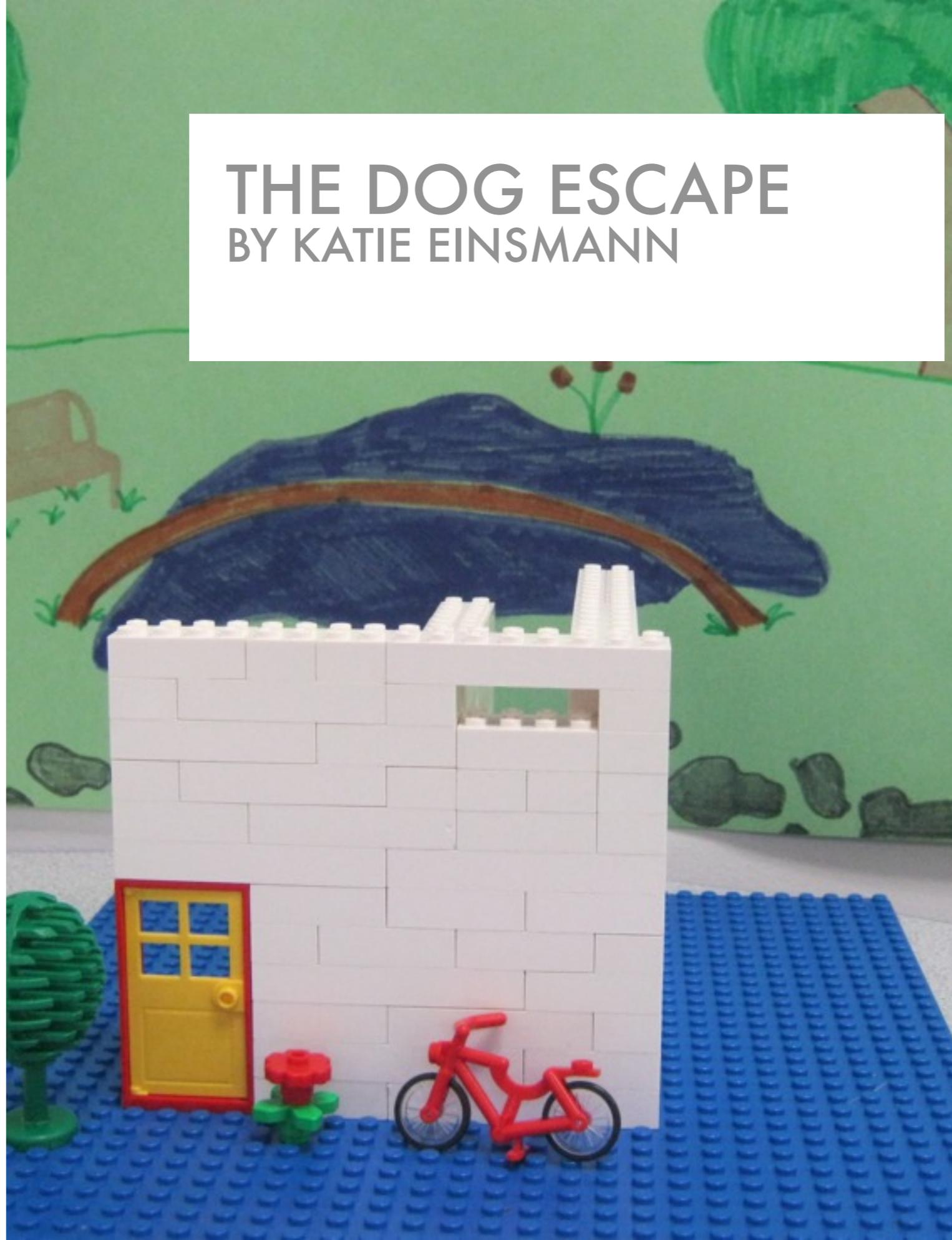


THE DOG ESCAPE

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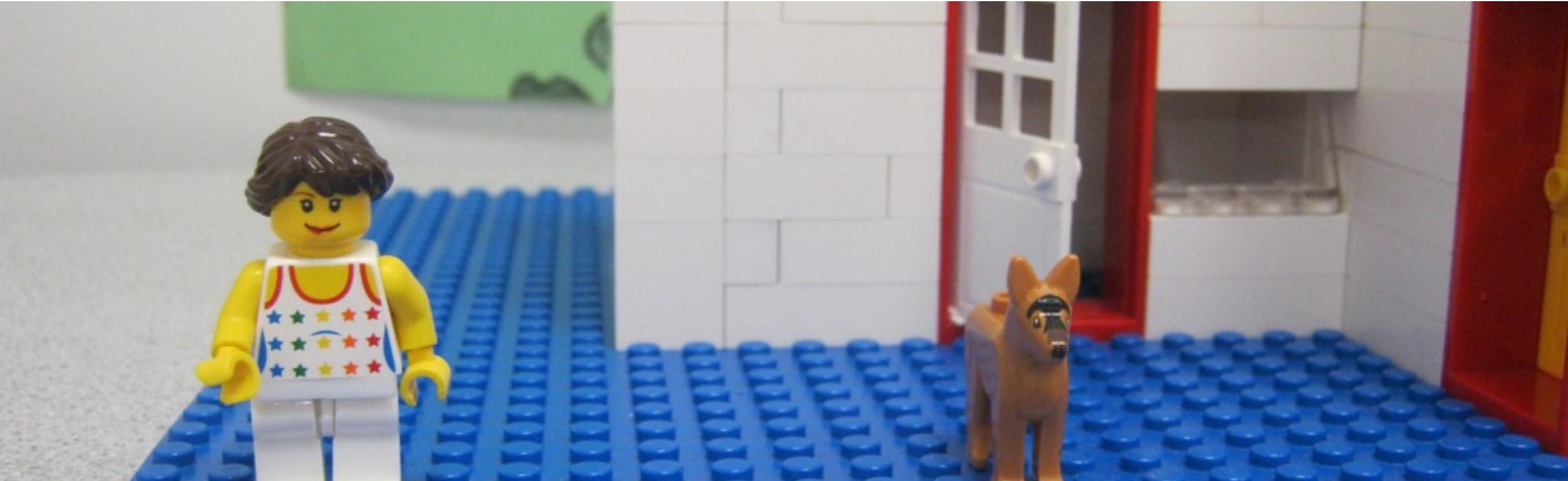
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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my brother Matthew who loves to run and escape and we can almost never catch him.



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GOING TO THE SHELTER



This is Harper and Andy. Harper has been helping her grandparents at their animal shelter for a year. She loves animals and is sad to leave in 2 months to go back to Texas her home town. Harper is graduating in a year and can't wait to get a dog because her mom is allergic to dogs and her dad thinks it's a waste of money.

Andy is a puppy and he loves to run. He was treated badly by his owner and when the police found him and his owner, he went to the pound. The pound was about

to put him to rest because there wasn't a lot of room left and no one would adopt him. The pound asked people if they wanted Andy but, no one would take him. Harper who always wanted a dog was willing to take him and keep him in the shelter until she went off to college.

When Harper brought Andy to the shelter her grandparents didn't want to take Andy because there was no room. Later, they realized how badly Harper wanted to keep him so they had a sale on all the dogs so there was a chance for more room.





2

THE ESCAPE



The next morning Harper woke up when she saw a dog outside chasing a bird. She went back to bed and then almost had a heart attack! Andy was outside and she remembered, he's a runner! She quickly ran down stairs and out the front door ignoring her grandparents asking her "Do you want some breakfast?" and "Why are you running?" Her heart was beating so fast and she was in a panic. When she got outside she stopped and looked at Andy. Andy stopped and looked at Harper.



3

THE CHASE



Suddenly, Andy started running fast like it was a game. Harper knew that it was foolish to chase after a dog because you will never catch it. Then, she noticed her bike leaning against the side of the building. She quickly got on and rode as fast as the little red bike would go. Every once in a while Andy would stop to see if Harper was still chasing him. When Harper saw him doing that her frustration got worse. She knew that Andy was playing with her but, Andy wouldn't stop running.

Soon Harper had an idea. She was going to mimic Andy. She hit the breaks so hard she left a mark on the street. Andy once again stopped to see if Harper was still chasing him and saw that she wasn't. He then tilted his head like he was confused. Harper was sitting there not moving a muscle and then, she got pushed over by a slobbery pink thing. She felt so happy that her plan had worked and Andy was with her.

Andy and Harper went off to college together and as a result, she never saw her mom much. Only on special holidays. When that happens Andy goes and visits Harper's grandparents and Harper always wishes that Andy won't run away from her grandparents like he did with her.



I have always liked to write and I have always found it interesting. I grew up in Cary, North Carolina and my teacher has inspired me to write the best I can. I love to draw and sometimes in a writing assignment, I think about the illustration piece more than the writing. When I started writing in kindergarten I was finishing my assignments faster than the other kids so my teacher had me write another project because she knew that I would be able to finish and get a good grade. I like to read fantasy more than any other genre so in my free write I like to only write fantasy.