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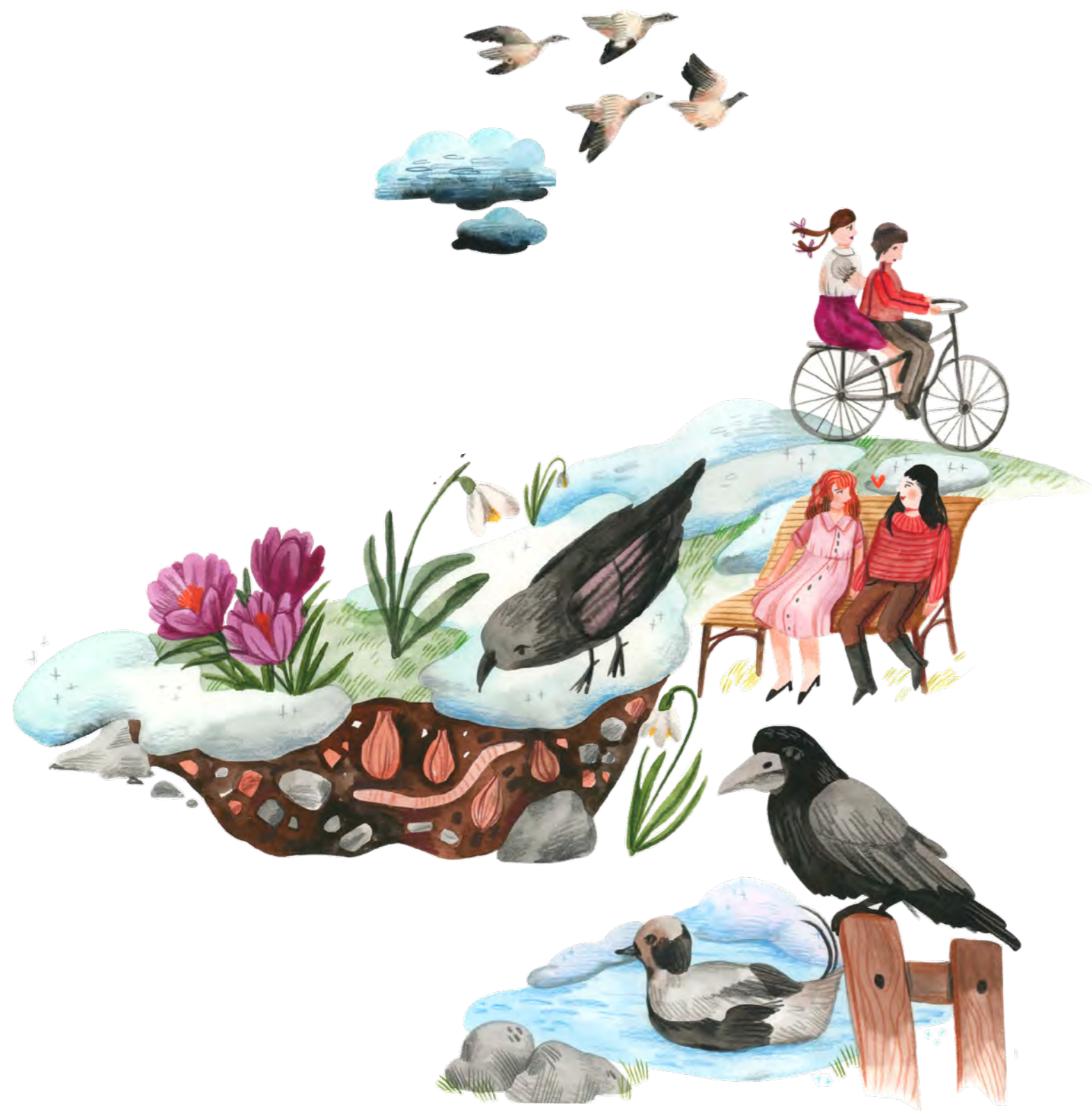
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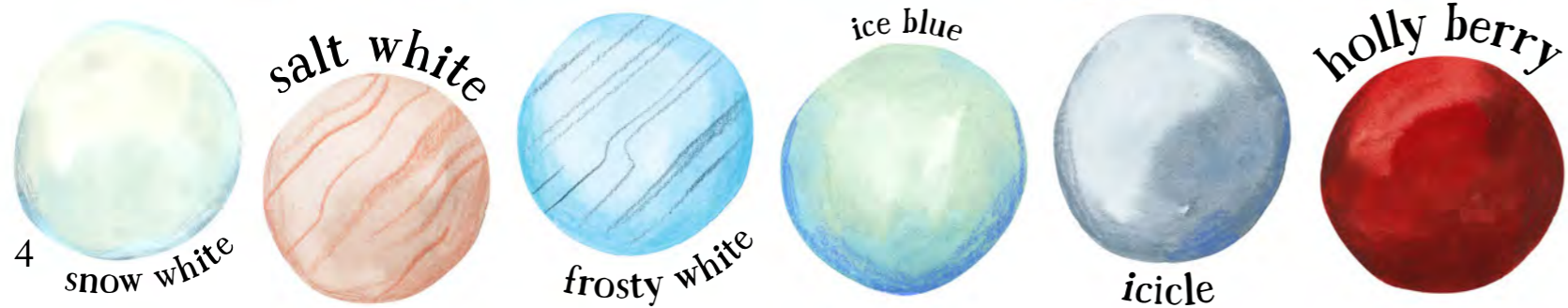
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FEBRUARY

The frozen ground begins to thaw. Timid buds peep through a *blanket of snow*—then presto! The first *snowdrops* magically emerge. Curious *crocuses* open a loving embrace to the sun's rays. "Brr, but it's still cold! Let me warm you up," urges the winter-coated *ermine*. "Coo, coo! Not even for a *chocolate*!" replies the shrewd *white pigeon*.



6 candy pink



dark chocolate



milk chocolate



pigeon white



pink



lovers' red



snowdrop



Japanese cherry



crocus



frozen earth



jay blue



7 raven black



spring equinox

gardening

forsythia

horseshoe

swallows flying in from warmer climes

first rays of spring

Bullock's oriole

wood thrush

birch in flower

sowing seeds

bellflower

lungwort

pansies

daffodils

young nettles

badger

waking bear

well

International Women's Day

four-leaf clover

horned lark

St Patrick's Day

melting snow

floods

World Water Day

melting icicles

purple martin building a nest

sweet violet

cowslip

morning dew

lesser celandine

MARCH

The bells have sounded winter's end. On a *branch*, a *wood thrush* starts singing, and the *song sparrow* and the *horned lark* join in. It is time to gather twigs, weave *nests*, and welcome spring at the top of your voice! Playful chatter brings out the biggest winter sleeper of all, the *bear*. *Strawberry seeds* wait to be awakened by water from the *well*.

little bittern

sprouting acorns

ants

snail

sun yellow

spring green

daffodil yellow

sky blue

well-water blue

bellflower blue

violet

morning dew

clover

horned lark brown

song sparrow gray

seedbed



young birds
learning
to fly

beehives

leopard frog

World Turtle Day

beaver building a dam

spring
cleaning

MAY

Sweet-smelling *flowers* entice *bees* and *bumblebees* to drink their fill of scented nectar and fill the park with cheery buzzing. A few more trips to the *strawberry plant* and they will have carried enough pollen to bring forth fruit and enough nectar to create sweet, sweet, golden *honey*.

cat with kittens

picnic
in the
country

Day of Families

Mothers' Day

carabid

bee

honeycomb

asparagus

cherry blossom

strawberry
plant

spinach

radish

beekeeper

peas

rocket

vegetable
beds

lettuce

flower markets

honey

watering can

soft pink

honey yellow

honey orange

bumblebee brown

beetle green

beaver brown

grass green

turtle green

spinach

asparagus

radish



DECEMBER

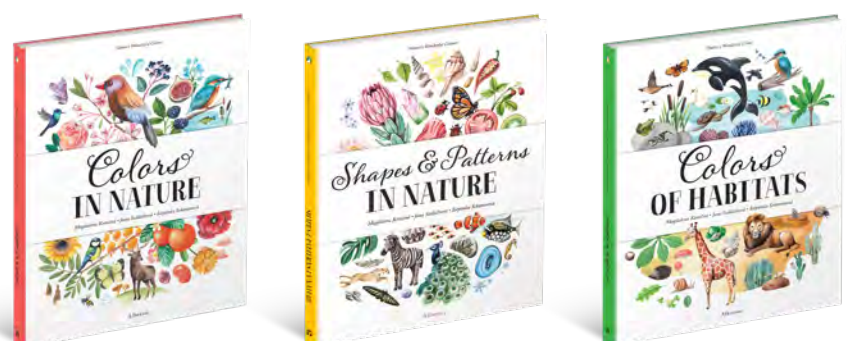
Flour-covered hands making fine things to eat. Fragrances of *vanilla* and *cinnamon*. The soft purr of a *cat* curled up in a ball, savoring the smell. Overnight, *frost* painted icy designs on the windows. *Bells* on doors jingle joyously, "Come home!" Home is where we are *together*.



Have you noticed how the colors around you change throughout the year? Each new month presents a fresh and captivating palette. Close your eyes. When you think of January, do you think of the frosty white of a snowball? Does your mind fill with images of apple-blossom pink or froggy green when you think of April? What color is July? How is it different from October? And then, before you know it, it's the last night of December, and the wheel of colors turns again.

This lavishly illustrated book for nature lovers, artists, and keen observers presents many unusual colors that epitomize our surroundings at different times of the year. As you search for the italicized items on each page—*kittens* or *cobwebs* or *cranberries*—you'll be reminded of the days and colors of each month. Maybe you'll be inspired to search for your very own colors of the year.

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