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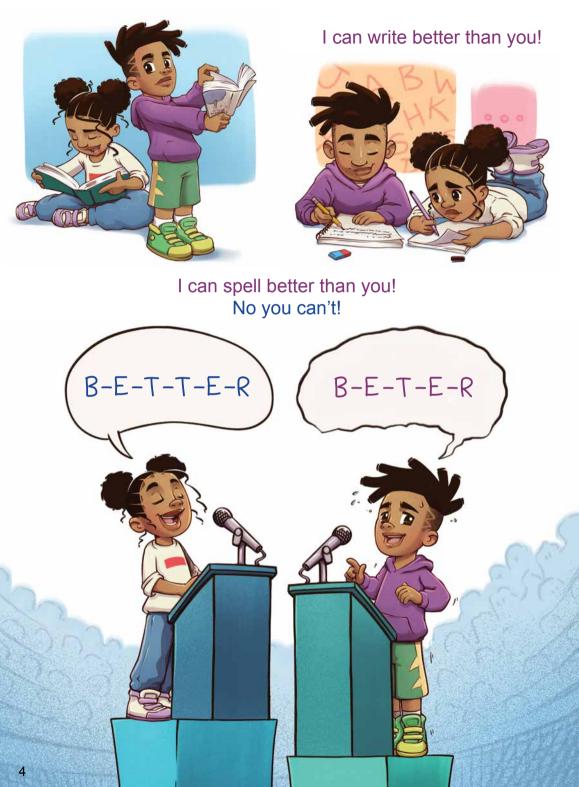
Melissa and Michael are siblings and they're always competing to see who's the best.

I'm better than you! No, I'm better than you!



Note: Melissa's lines are in blue. Michael's lines are in purple.

## I can read better than you!



I can count to a hundred.I can count to a thousand.I can count to infinity.I can count to infinity two thousand.

I can eat more than you! No, I can eat more than you! I eat two hamburgers! I eat three! I eat four! I eat five! I eat six! I eat ten!

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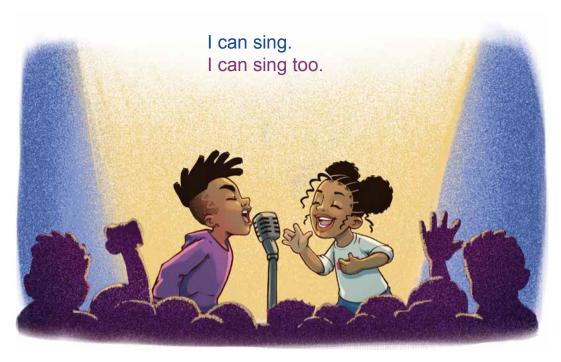
I eat more!

I have ice cream with three scoops! I have it with ten scoops! I have it with two hundred! I have it with five hundred!

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I've got more toys than you! No, I've got more than you! I've got money! I've got money too! I'm rich! I'm richer! You don't have any money, you spend it all on sweets. No, I don't.





I can dance. Son can I. I can dance better than you!



I can jump higher than you! No, I can jump higher! I can jump on one foot! So can I.



I can jump rope! So can I. I can jump faster than you! No, I jump faster than you!



I run faster than you! No, I'm the faster! Want to see?





Nobody can find me at hide and seek!

# No-one can catch me at tag!

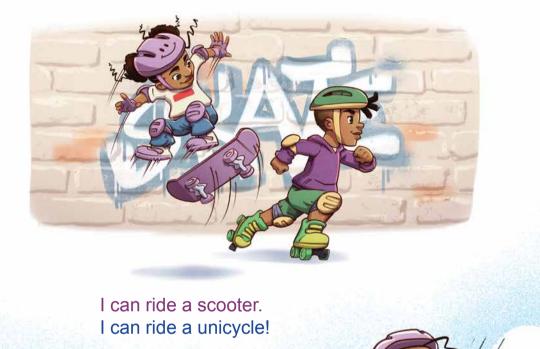


No-one can hit me at burnout!

Nobody can catch me at blind goat.



I can ride a bike better than you! I can rollerblade. I know how to skateboard.



l'm better at volleyball. I'm better at handball.



I'm better at basketball. I'm better at football.



I know how to ride a horse. I know how to ride a camel. I know how to ride a bull. I know how to ride a unicorn!

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I know how to drive a motorcycle.I know how to drive a car.I know how to drive a truck...



I know how to command a ship.I know how to fly an air plane.I know how to fly on a rocket.I know how to fly on a dragon!

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I know how to walk on a tightrope.
I know how to swing on a trapeze.
I know how to tame a lion.
I can spit fire.
I can be a clown.
But nobody laughs at you.

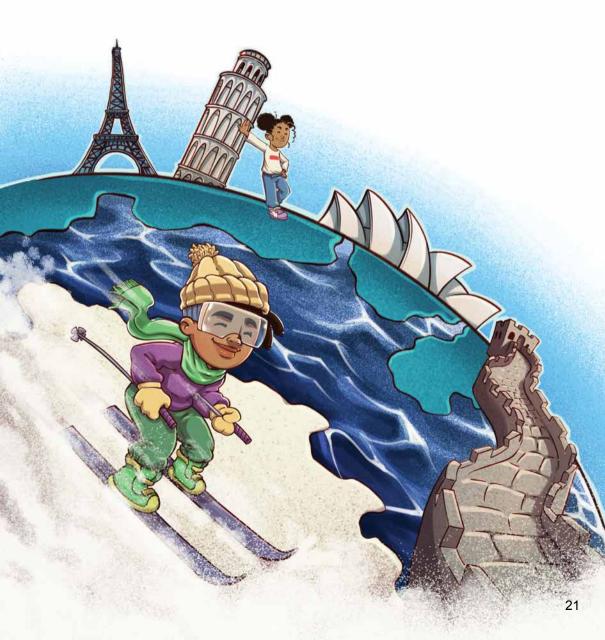
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I can climb a wall. I can climb a tree. I can climb a building. I can climb a mountain. I've climbed the highest mountain in the world! I've climbed a ladder to the sky... I can swim. I can dive. I can fly. I can fly higher! No, I can fly higher!

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I've been to France. I've been to Italy. I've been to Australia. I've been to China. I've been to Chile.

# I went to the end of the world! I went to another world!



I went to the moon. I went to the sun. I went to the stars. I went to other galaxies. I dived into a black hole and I wasn't even scared.

- I took a nap on a cloud.
- I slided on a rainbow.
- I rode on a hurricane.
- I caught a lightning bolt with my hand.

I have parachuted. I surfed a giant wave. I swam with a giant octopus. I swam with whales. I turned into a mermaid. I turned into a mermaid-eating monster!

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I rode an elephant. I flew with a falcon. I played with a bear. I kissed a shark. I brushed an alligator's teeth.



I turn into a werewolf. I'm a vampire. I'm Frankenstein. I'm a witch. I'll work some magic and make you tiny!

No, I'll become a giant and

step on you slowly!



I know judo. I know boxing.



I know tae-kwon-do. I know kung-fu.



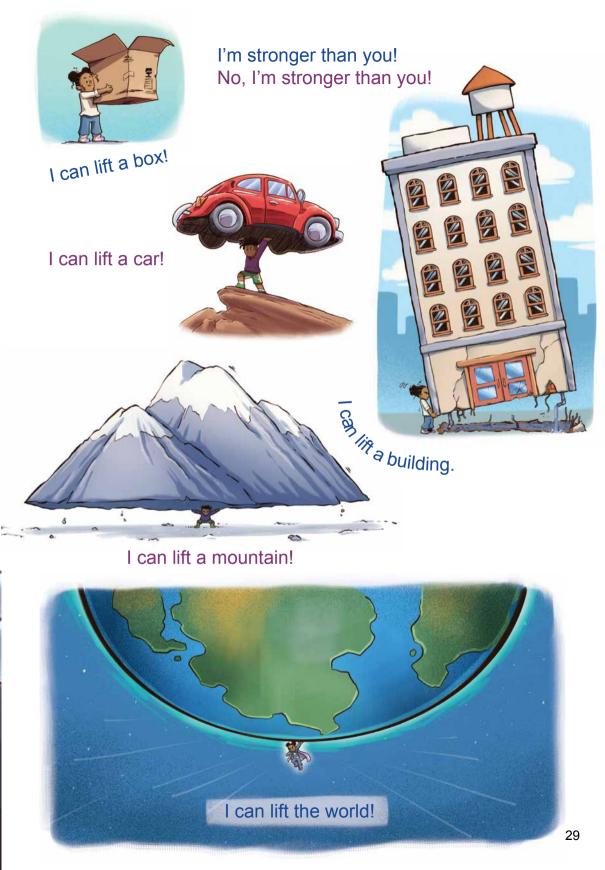


I know jiu-jitsu. I know all that!



I already fought a monster. I've beaten a dinosaur. I kicked Godzilla! I punched King Kong!



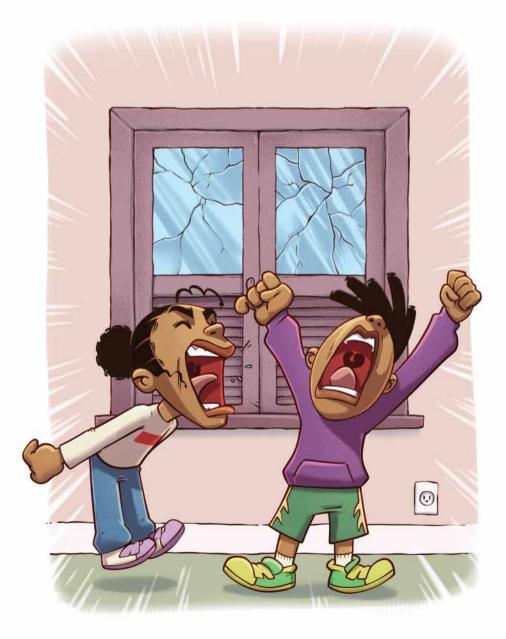


I can spit farther than you!

I can burp louder than you! My nose turd is more disgusting than yours! Ew!



My fart is louder than yours! My fart is stinkier than yours! No, it's mine! No, it's mine... I can whisper quieter than you. You want to hear it? I can scream. I scream louder than you! No, I scream louder! Aaaaaah! AAAAAAAAHHH...



Suddenly, their mother arrived and said: Stop competing! You're both great at everything! Each of you is special in your own way.

No, I'm more special! No, I'm more special! You like me better, don't you, Mom? No, you like me better, don't you, Mom?

I love you both very, very, very much, too much, a lot, infinitely and equally. And the most important thing: each of you is super special to me. I love you both the same way!



The two children smiled and hugged their mom.

You're siblings. You don't have to compete with each other. You can support and value one another.

Then Melissa and Michael hugged each other.

Okay, little brother, I'll tell you the truth: you're better than me. No, sis, you're better than me. No, you're better than me. No, you're better...



## Writer



Flávio Colombini

When I was a child, I wanted to be better than my brother, but he was better than me in almost everything, because he's two years older. I was frustrated. It wasn't until I was a teenager that I managed to beat him at two sports: BMX and kung-fu. By then, however, we were more mature and didn't compete anymore, we were simply happy with each other's talents and qualities.

In this book, I wanted to take the disputes between brothers to the limits of children's imagination, seeking a comic effect. But the subject is serious. Competition can be good if it encourages children to overcome limits and make progress, but it can be bad if it's exaggerated and leads to arguments and fights. This book can stimulate a conversation on this subject with children. If you'd like to see the other books I've written, visit my website: www.flaviocolombini.com/english.

## Illustrator



Hugo Gherard

I'm from Brazil and studied in graphic design in college. Since I was a child, I've always shown an interest in art, but it wasn't until I was 29 that I had the opportunity to take a break from working in mining to devote myself entirely to digital design and illustration.

Today my projects focus on advertising illustration and children's books. I also work in the communications field as a designer. If you want to see my artwork, visit my Instagram @ugu.ilustra.





Melissa and Michael are brother and sister. They are always competing to see which of them is the best. Who will win this great competition?

