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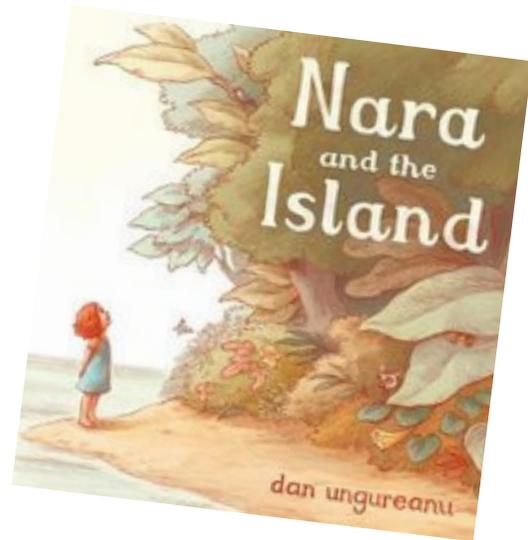
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Book Review

Title: Nara and the Island
Author: Dan Ungureanu
Reviewer: Jess Verzello
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Year: 2016
ISBN: 9781783443420
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Interest Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Excellent



Review

Nara lives with her father on their quiet, small island. She dreams of finding an adventure on the island next to hers, but she would have to find a way to get there first. Then one day her father tells her that he has fixed their boat and that she can explore the other island while he looks for the “big fish.” On the other island she finds a large, green, noisy world to explore and meets a boy named Aran. Together they explore the island, and he shows her his favorite secret place which they now share as friends.

Dan Ungureanu’s debut author-illustrator picture book is stunningly beautiful. Nara has a creative imagination as she dreams of finding a way to the island. Once there, she finds creatures and plants of all shapes and sizes, but her greatest adventure is finding a friend in Aran. They share the same desire to find their own space that is just theirs in their quiet or wild worlds. Ungureanu shares a message that friendship brings new adventures no matter where you find yourself; friendship is the greatest adventure.