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Mr. Fox orders a hot air balloon so that he can fly to the moon. Upon takeoff, he meets his elephant friend who not only wants to come along but wants to stop for some pizza. As the friends rise through the city, they meet more friends with more take-out suggestions. Soon the party consists of a fox, a pizza loving elephant, musical squirrels, a giraffe thirsty for milkshakes, a dancing rhino, and card-playing rabbits. The wind blows, the strings snap, and the balloon heads to the moon as the animals touch ground. But Mr. Fox isn’t mad, he’s too happy having fun with his friends.

Migy offers a delightful rendition of what it is to dream big dreams, and be okay when things turn out differently. Extraordinary plans are full of excitement, and that excitement is contagious! As Mr. Fox shares his dream with his friends and they share what they love with him, they create an unforgettable community that ends up being more important to Mr. Fox than his original space travelling dreams. Vintage looking illustrations reminiscent of old time Paris lure in adults, making it easy to relent when their young charges ask for Migy’s book again and again.