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To the North End of Winnipeg,  
who raised me to be the person I am today,  
and to all the teachers who shine their  
light in the darkest places.

—MC

For Charlie.

—TB

Gifts!

Everyone has a gift.

Gifts are skills and talents we share with others. Every gift is different, and every gift is special.



But why do we call it a gift? Because a gift is for sharing with others!





When we practise our gifts, we build ourselves up.  
When we share our gifts, we build a strong community.  
Our world needs you to share your gift.

What is your gift? Maybe you don't know yet.

Here's how to find your gift in three simple steps:

**Step 1** Make a list of three things you like doing.

*I like talking,  
I like reading, and  
I like doing cartwheels.*







## Step 2 Choose one thing on your list that you are good at.

*Even though I like doing cartwheels and reading, I am best at talking. I love sharing stories (like the one we're reading), and I can talk all day long.*











## Step 3

**Practise and share  
your gift!**

*My gift is talking! I love talking to others. I even  
practise talking to myself when I write stories!  
As a public speaker, storyteller, and helper in my  
community, sharing my gift helps me and helps  
others too!*





If you still can't think of your gift, ask a friend to help you.  
They probably see talents in you that you haven't yet realized.

It's okay to ask for help. And it's awesome to help people around  
you. Helping people might be your gift!

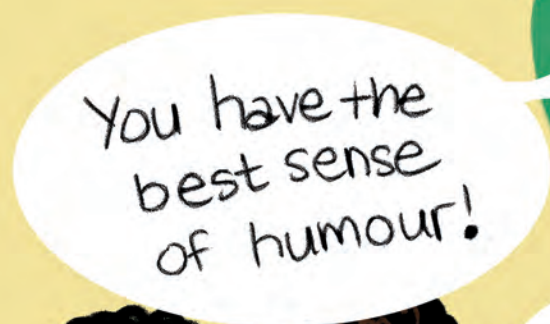
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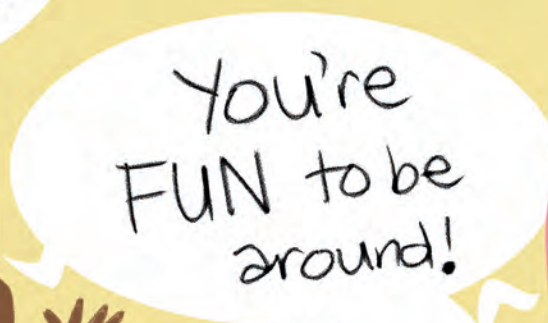




You're an  
**AMAZING**  
friend!



You have the  
best sense  
of humour!



You're  
**FUN** to be  
around!



You  
read  
**SO MANY**  
**BOOKS!**



You know  
so much about  
TURTLES!

You  
have an  
awesome  
attitude!

You are a  
GOOD  
LISTENER!



You give  
the best  
HUGS!



You make  
your own  
lunches!







**Michael Redhead Champagne** inspires every time he speaks to an audience or brings his pen to the page. An Innew public speaker, writer, community advocate, and on-screen personality, his storytelling connects communities across North America and around the world. Michael was born and raised in Winnipeg's North End with family from Shamattawa First Nation. *We Need Everyone* is his first-ever children's book!



**Tiff Bartel** is an award-winning Viet-Canadian multimedia artist based in Winnipeg. Her body of work includes illustration, filmmaking, design, animation, music, sculpture, and more.



**Sushi Meowf** is Michael's beloved cat. He loves to play, and his gift is being a good listener.





*We Need Everyone* echoes a universal truth: we are in this world to be supportive and respectful of each other's gifts and talents. Michael's love for and commitment to this powerful idea is revealed on every page.

—Fred Penner, Juno Award-winning entertainer

Michael Redhead Champagne's words are a gift, a vision, and a reality we can all make possible.

Come read, listen, and learn from one of the most inspiring voices of our generation.

—Niigaan Sinclair, co-editor of *Manitowapow: Aboriginal Writings from the Land of Water*

This is a book that every child, and maybe every adult, needs to read over and over so we learn how to love ourselves and each other.

—Charlene Bearhead, author of the *Siha Tooskin Knows* series

Michael has always been a champion for belonging, and that message comes through loud and clear in this uplifting, encouraging book. Michael has shared his gift, and his voice will inspire our youngest generation to find and share their own gifts. He has my love and respect for telling this story.

—Katherine Hay, President and CEO of Kids Help Phone

My family had a great time reading this wonderful book together. It reminded us about the importance of community and sharing.

—Julie Kim, Comedian



  
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