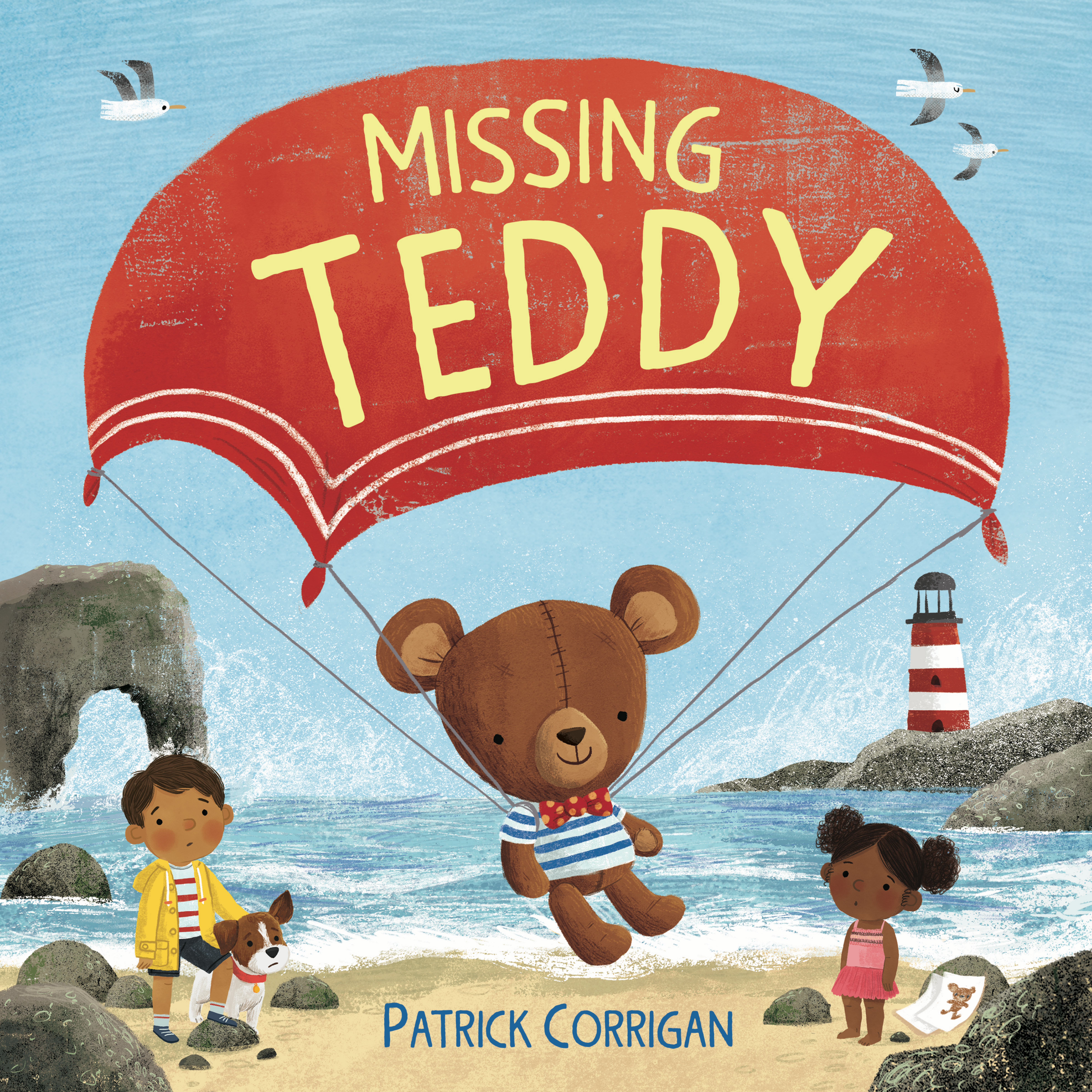


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Every summer, Toby went to visit his Grandad, who lived in an old cottage by the sea.



He always took his two best friends – Teddy the teddy bear and his faithful dog, Spike.



In the afternoons, Toby and Spike
liked to go on adventures by the sea.



trekked up steep
mountains. . .



They built giant
sandcastles. . .



and searched for crabs
in the rock pools.



But what they liked best was when Grandad took them out on his boat to fish for **mighty** sea creatures!



One afternoon, they got so carried away that they didn't notice dark clouds gathering overhead. . .

... Before they knew it, **huge** waves
were **crashing** all around the little
boat, tossing it back and forth!



By the time they made it
back to shore, Teddy was
nowhere to be seen!



Toby and Spike searched up and
down the beach, and in
the back of **dark,**
dark caves...



But Teddy
was
LOST!

So they set to work on making posters. Then they stuck them up all over the village.



Toby even spent some of
his pocket money to use the
telescope by the pier.



No...



No...



Bingo! Teddy was on
the other side of the beach.
But who was that he was with?





Toby had to get Teddy back!
So he and Spike planned a rescue
mission to save Teddy from the little girl.



When they were ready,
they both got into position.
Spike cleverly distracted the girl,
while Toby swung down his fishing rod. . .



. . . It took a few attempts, but in no time
Toby and Teddy were reunited!

The three friends went for ice cream to celebrate.



But on their way home, they saw the little girl
from the beach. She looked. . . lonely.
That made Toby feel **sad**.



That night, Toby couldn't sleep. He was too busy thinking about the sad little girl. While he had Teddy and Spike, she was all alone. He **had** to put things right!



The next morning,
Toby hatched a new plan.
He dressed Teddy up in his best
clothes and made one of Grandad's
old hankies into a parachute.

Then, the three friends
headed back to the hilltop.
It was time to say goodbye
to Teddy for the last time.



Teddy

glided

towards




the

beach...





... And floated right to where the little girl was sitting. The girl looked up and was amazed by what she saw!

An illustration showing two boys, Toby and Spike, looking over a high, light-colored cliff edge. Toby is on the left, wearing a red and white striped shirt, and Spike is on the right, wearing a blue shirt. They are both looking down at a girl and a bear on the ground below. The background shows some sparse, dry vegetation and a blue sky.

When Toby saw the joy on
the little girl's face, he knew that
he had done the right thing.



Toby and Spike would miss Teddy,
but they would always have each other.
Now it was time for more adventures. . .
and ice cream, too!

