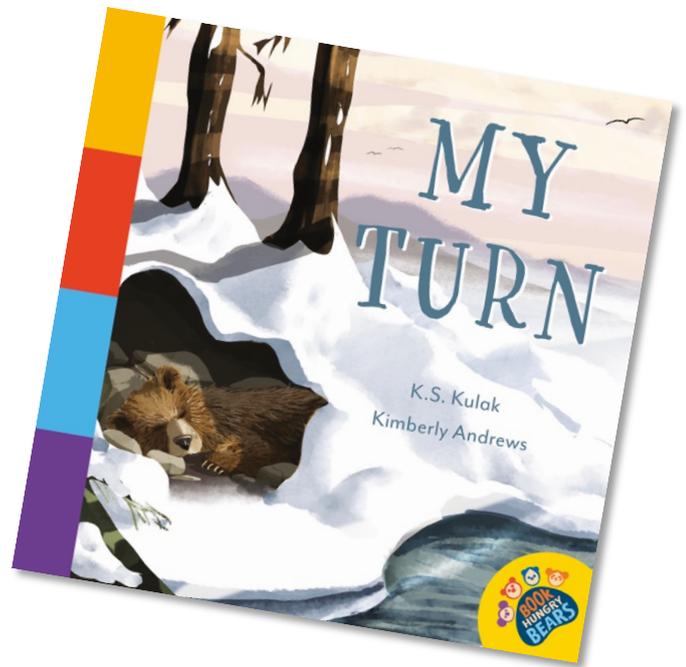


## TEACHING NOTES: MY TURN

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Illustrated by Kimberly Andrews  
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### SYNOPSIS

Learning to take turns is a challenging idea. So is change. In this gentle and enchanting story, the two concepts are woven together in a lyrical narrative about the passing seasons.



### ABOUT THE SERIES

The NEW Book Hungry Bears book collection features topical and imaginative stories used in The Book Hungry Bears TV show. From acceptance of diversity to blended families, this delightful series brings together compelling narrative to engage children in their emotional journey as they make sense of the world around them. These bears LOVE picture books and especially love reading them with each other. Sharing their delight and engagement with the books, they ask each other questions, point to the illustrations and get caught up in the story.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

K.S. Kulak is a writer of fiction for children based in Wellington, New Zealand. She spent four years working in a bookshop before she turned to writing her own fiction and enjoys crafting heartfelt stories inspired by nature, magic, and the magic of nature. As a writer and marketing professional, she has worked in the theatre, film and video game industries across three continents, and has had the pleasure of working on some of the world's most respected and well-loved entertainment companies including Disney, DreamWorks, Fox and Cartoon Network.

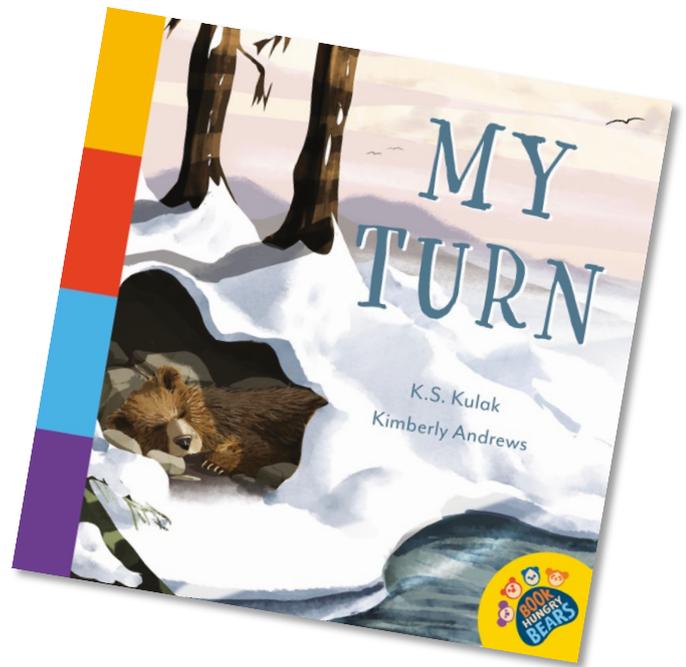
### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Kimberly Andrews trained as a biologist and geologist and grew up in the Canadian Rockies. She has lived and worked in New Zealand, Borneo and the UK. In London, she worked for The House of Illustration (whose main ambassador is Quentin Blake) and The Natural History Museum. Kimberly's picture book illustrations have been widely acclaimed. She was awarded Storylines Notable Book Awards for *Tuna and Hiriwaby* by Ripeka Takotowai Goddard (2016) and *Song of the River* by Joy Cowley (2019). In 2019, she wrote and illustrated *Puffin the Architect*, which won the Russell Clark Award for Illustration and was a finalist for Best Picture Book in the New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults. She has created 3 more books in this series, including *Hound the Detective*, *Moose the Pilot* and *Goose the Artist*. Kimberly lives with her family in a small shipping-container house near Wellington, where she illustrates and writes, and runs her business Tumbleweed Tees, screen-printed clothing featuring her illustrations of New Zealand plants and wildlife.



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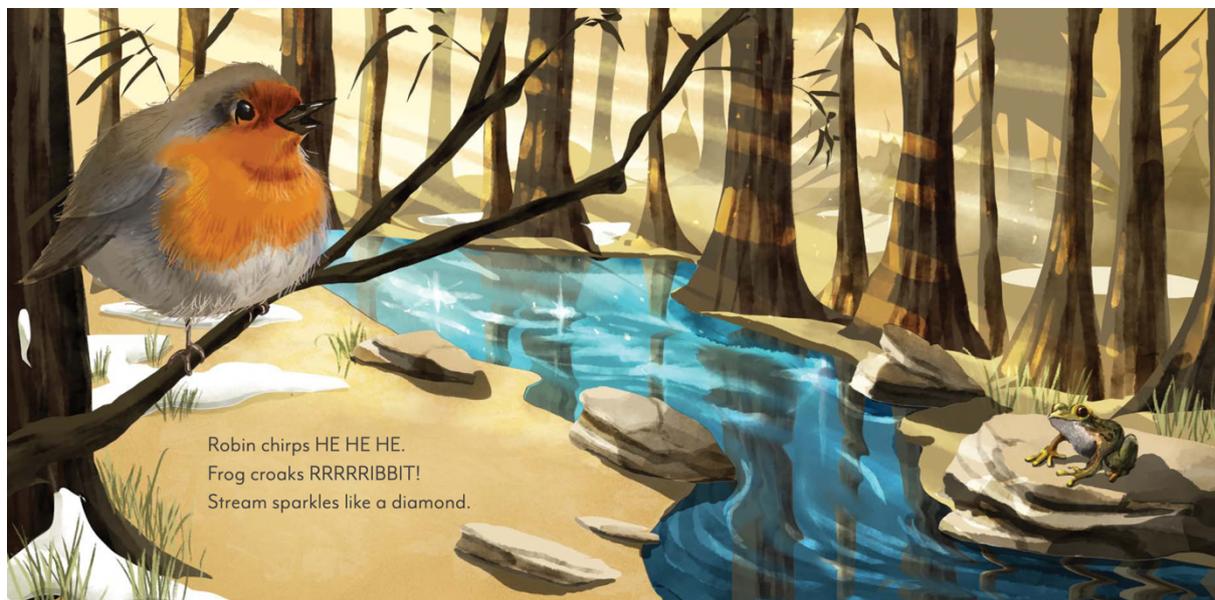
### EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

*My Turn* is a magical story about change and learning to take turns. These are challenging concepts for children, and in this story, the two themes are woven beautifully together in a lyrical narrative about the passing seasons.

### DISCUSSION TOPICS

Read the book together, asking questions throughout.

1. Look at the cover of the book together. What do you think the story might be about?
2. Ask the children what their favourite season is?
3. Why do we have different seasons?
4. What are the characteristics of each season?
5. List all the flora and fauna mentioned in the story. Can you name more for each season?
6. Each season has to wait for its turn. Talk about patience and learning to wait to take turns.
7. The story is full of onomatopoeias. Write them all down. Can you think of some more words?
8. Can you think of another title for the book?
9. What did the children think of the book? If they liked it, why did they like it? What was their favourite part?



## SUPER SEASONS

Look at all the words below. Can you put them into the season mentioned in the story? This might depend on where you live!

Tulip

Snowflake

Red leaves

Frog

Robin

Bear

Butterfly

Squirrel

Wind

Acorns

Snake

Snow

Ice

Bee

Geese

Bats

Sun

SPRING

SUMMER

AUTUMN

WINTER

# MY TURN WORDSEARCH

Find all the words in the *My Turn* wordsearch.



## MY TURN

Y L F R E T T U B  
I E R E K A T R N  
C R O T A U S O A  
E R G N L T U B C  
N I A I F U M I O  
V U P W W M M N R  
O Q S I O N E O N  
G S N G N I R P S  
L D R E S E E G Z

ACORNS  
AUTUMN  
BUTTERFLY  
FROG  
GEESE  
ICE

ROBIN  
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SUMMER

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WINTER



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FUN  
ACTIVITY!

## DRAWING ACTIVITY

Draw a picture about your favourite season. What animals and plants will you include? What's happening?



A large empty rectangular box for drawing.

