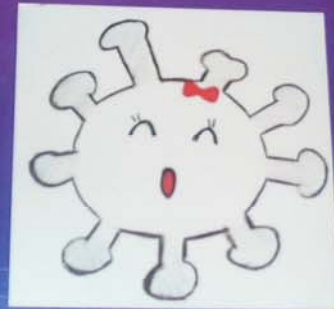
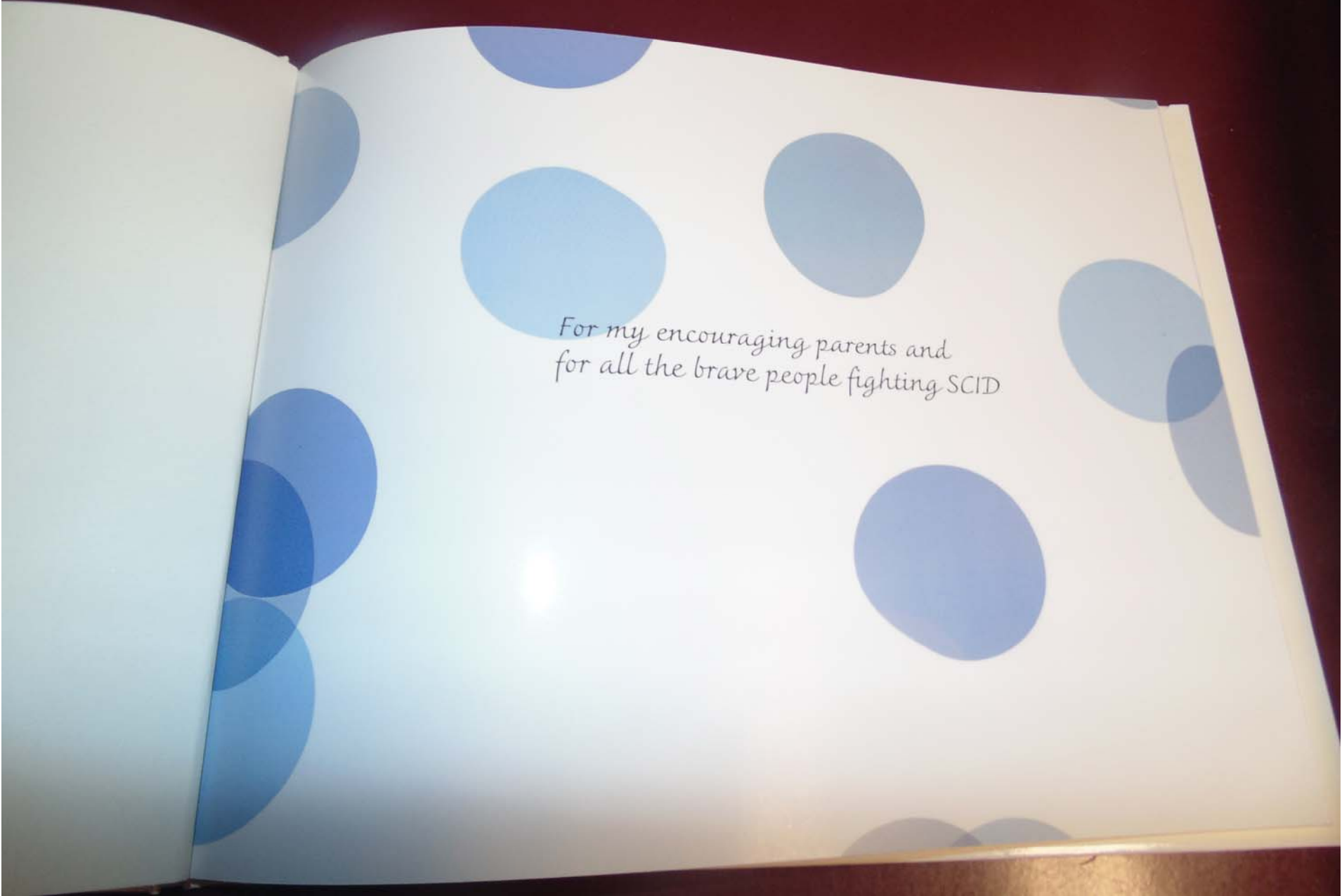




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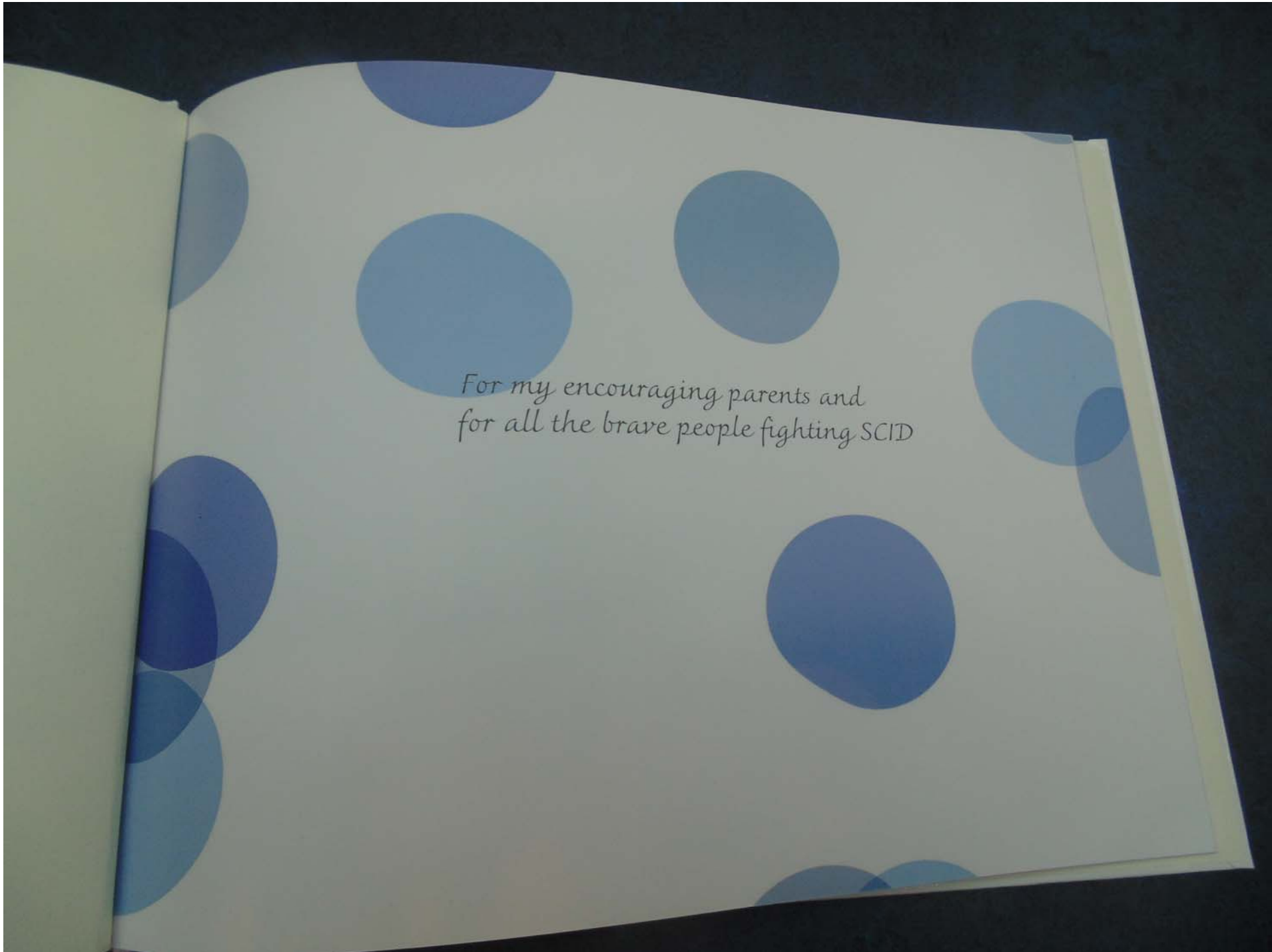
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Hello! My name is Eva and
I am 5 years old. I am very
excited today!

I am excited because my brother is
about to be born!



Hooray! Baby Timmy has finally come home. However, mummy
worried about Timmy - his colds seem to last forever, despite
beautiful summer weather. Daddy is going to take him to the
tomorrow to see the doctor - I hope he is alright!

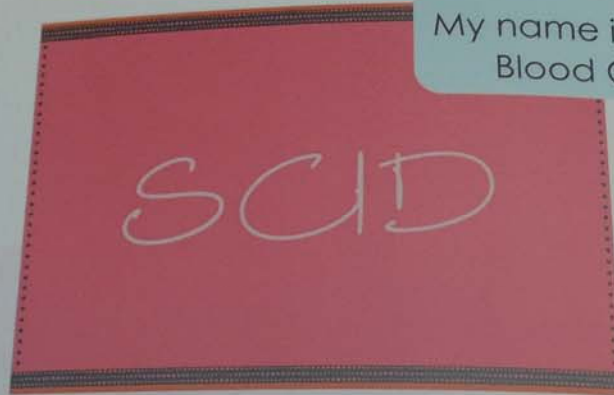
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Bad News!!

The doctor says that Timmy has a disorder called SCID. It means that he does not have enough white blood cells (the good fairies) or that they are not working properly. This means that the viruses and the bacterias (the evil witches) are able to harm him easier than usual.



SCID stands for Severe
Combined
Immunodeficiency.



My name is White
Blood Cell.



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There is a way to help my little
brother though. It is a bone
marrow transplant!

And today I am going to see
I have a perfectly matching
immune system as Timmy!

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I have just had the test! The doctor is going to analyse the results and he will give it to us in about a couple of weeks.

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The results from the doctor are back and I cannot believe it - I will be able to help Timmy! We had a little party to celebrate, (but just Mummy, Daddy and I because Timmy has to stay in a special room with clean air). I suppose that I am a little fairy helper - but not all fairies have to have wings!





Donating my bone marrow is not bad at all! It did not hurt because they gave me a general anaesthetic (you say a-nes-theh-tic). When it was all done I felt so happy! I know that Timmy is not completely well yet but it was one more step ahead to getting him better!



DAD & me

Today Timmy is having his treatment and daddy told me something quite unexpected. I had thought that Timmy would get my bone marrow by having it dissolved into his food. Daddy laughed a bit when I told him that. Actually, Timmy had to have chemotherapy (pronounced kee-mo-the-rapy).

Daddy said that Timmy needed chemotherapy otherwise his remaining cells might destroy my cells. It means that Timmy would be very feeble and I would not be allowed to see him for a few days. I was OK with that because it would help Timmy get better. Then, daddy said they would drip the stem cells from the bone marrow into Timmy's bloodstream.

Daddy's
little girl

xoxo



My name is
Mr Bacteria.

We are very
naughty

Timmy will not get better straight away, of course.
He will have to stay in the hospital for a bit longer in his special
room where the nasty germs will not be able to get him.
Mummy says that he will be very poorly and weak because of
the chemotherapy so he will have to be in isolation (when you
are in a room all on your own).

We are very
naughty!



The nurses say that Timmy is getting a bit better.
The germs are still there, but the good fairies
(the healthy white blood cells) are doing their
best and are working hard, so we will be able to
see Timmy soon!

We were allowed to visit Timmy today! The nurse said that he is 'good as new' and I think she is right - he looks so much happier and any traces of illnesses have vanished.



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Timmy has FINALLY come home for good now!
He is just in time for Hallowe'en too,
which is tomorrow! We had a party with all the
neighbours last night and now Timmy has so many
presents!



It is Halowe'en today and
doesn't Timmy look
adorable in his pumpkin
costume?

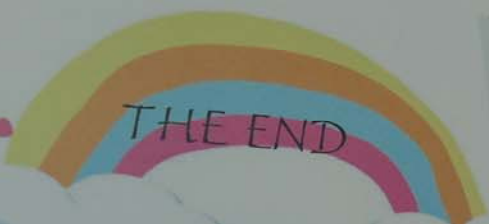


I am so happy that Timmy
is alright, that he is well and
that I was able to help him.
The good fairies have
definitely been working hard.





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About the Author

Atitiya Vichayanrat decided to write this book on the topic of SCID for a project because she was inspired by the book 'The Bubble Boy' and by a documentary she watched about David Vetter- a boy who had SCID and who had to live in a plastic bubble. She also felt how brave these children must be so she wrote a story from the point of view of the donor of the healthy bone marrow who was also the sister of the affected child. This was so that young children with SCID understand what they will have to go through. Atitiya lives in Surrey with her mother, father and a 6-year old little brother who is also called Timmy.



Want to read more?

If you would like to read more books about SCID, why not try....

The Bubble Boy by Stewart Foster
The Bubble Boy is the story of how Joe spends his days, copes with his loneliness and frustrations, and looks-with superhero-style bravery, curiosity and hope-to a future without limits.

Also, why not watch David Vetter's Story:

BodyShock: The Boy In The Bubble-Full Documentary
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adWascowBcBY>

