

Wonderfully, Marvelously BROWN

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**When God created mankind, he made them
in the likeness of God. He created them male
and female and blessed them. And he named
them “Mankind” when they were created.**

—GENESIS 5:1–2

I dedicate *Wonderfully, Marvelously Brown*
to every boy and girl made in God’s image,
especially beautiful Brooklyn.

I’m saying a special prayer for those who,
like me, have struggled with insecurity or
have been made to feel inferior because
of the God-given color of their skin.

I pray you enjoy celebrating the beautiful
hues of brown God used when He made you
and everyone around you with love.

—Xochitl



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Dazzling, glorious,
spectacular **brown**
is the color of people
I see in my town.



Everywhere that I go
I'm searching to see
something **wonderfully,**
marvelously brown
—just like **me!**

Brown like new school desks.
Corkboards covered with tacks.
Brown like paper-sack lunches
stuffed with lip-smacking snacks.



Brown like freckles and moles
and birthmarks on faces.
Brown like teachers with maps
for exploring new places.





Brown like white-throated sparrows
singing loud and off-key.
Brown like cheek-stuffing squirrels
scurrying fast, tree to tree.



Brown like rustic pergolas
and benches crafted from wood.
Brown like hot, fresh-baked pastries
that—*sniff sniff*—smell good.

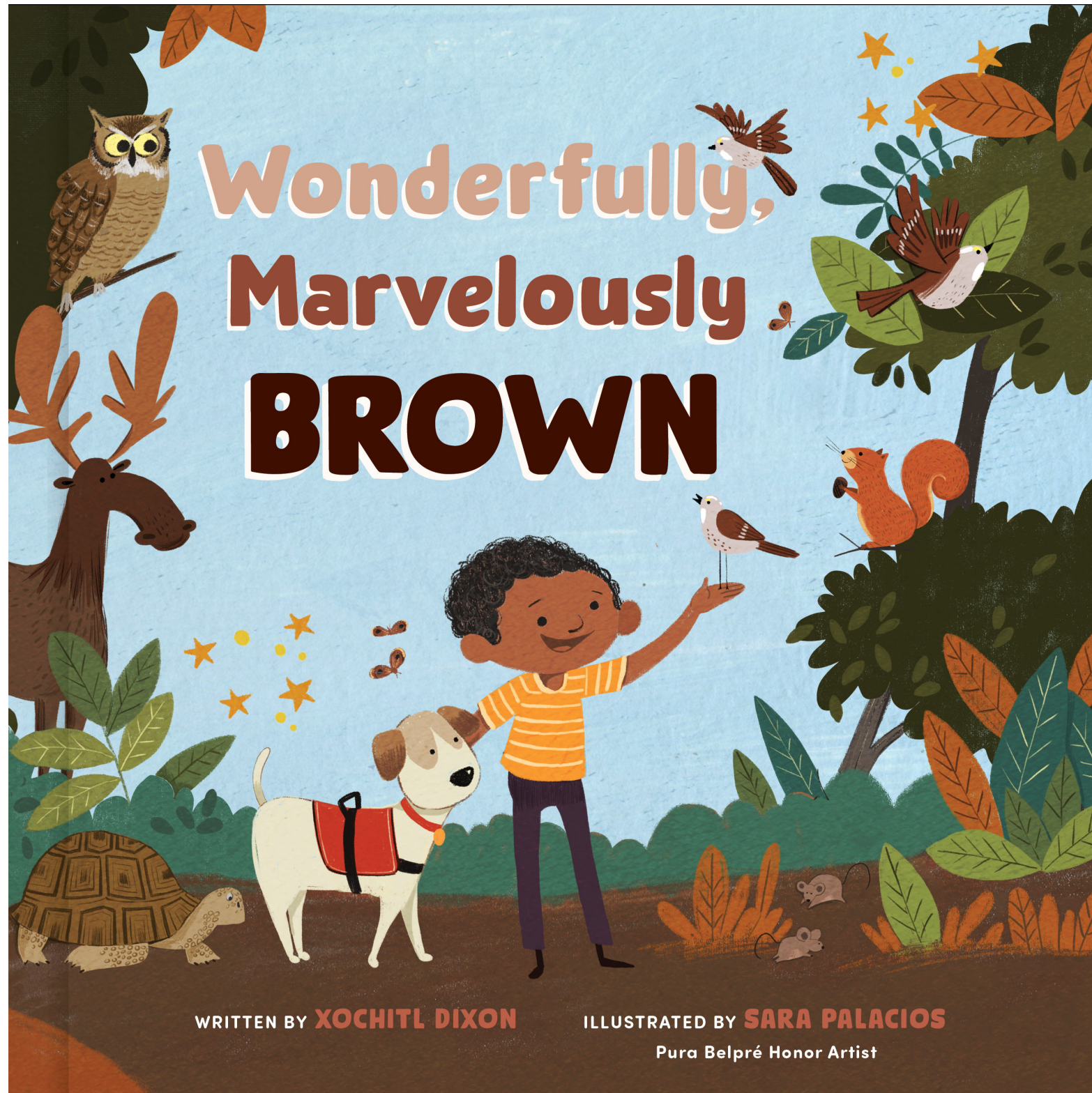
I look up. I look down.
I'm searching to see something

**wonderfully,
marvelously
brown**



—just like **me!**





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