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"The perfect book for young feminists, or really any woman who needs a dose of inspiration in her life . . . Viva la *Gutsy Girl!*" ?*Buzzfeed*

"Part high-energy how-to guide, part hilarious memoir, and part interactive adventure journal designed to help girls of all ages build confidence, pluck, and bravery by venturing outside." ?*Outside Magazine*

"Paul encourages readers--girls, specifically--to pursue lives of excitement in a book that blends elements of memoir, guidebook, and journal." ?*Publishers Weekly*

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About the Author

Caroline Paul is the author of the memoir *Fighting Fire* and the novel *East Wind, Rain*. Most recently she published *Lost Cat, A True Story of Love, Desperation, and GPS Technology*. She is a longtime member of the San Francisco Writers' Grotto. **Wendy MacNaughton** is a *New York Times* bestselling illustrator whose books include *Lost Cat, Pen & Ink*, and *Meanwhile in San Francisco*. They live in San Francisco.

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