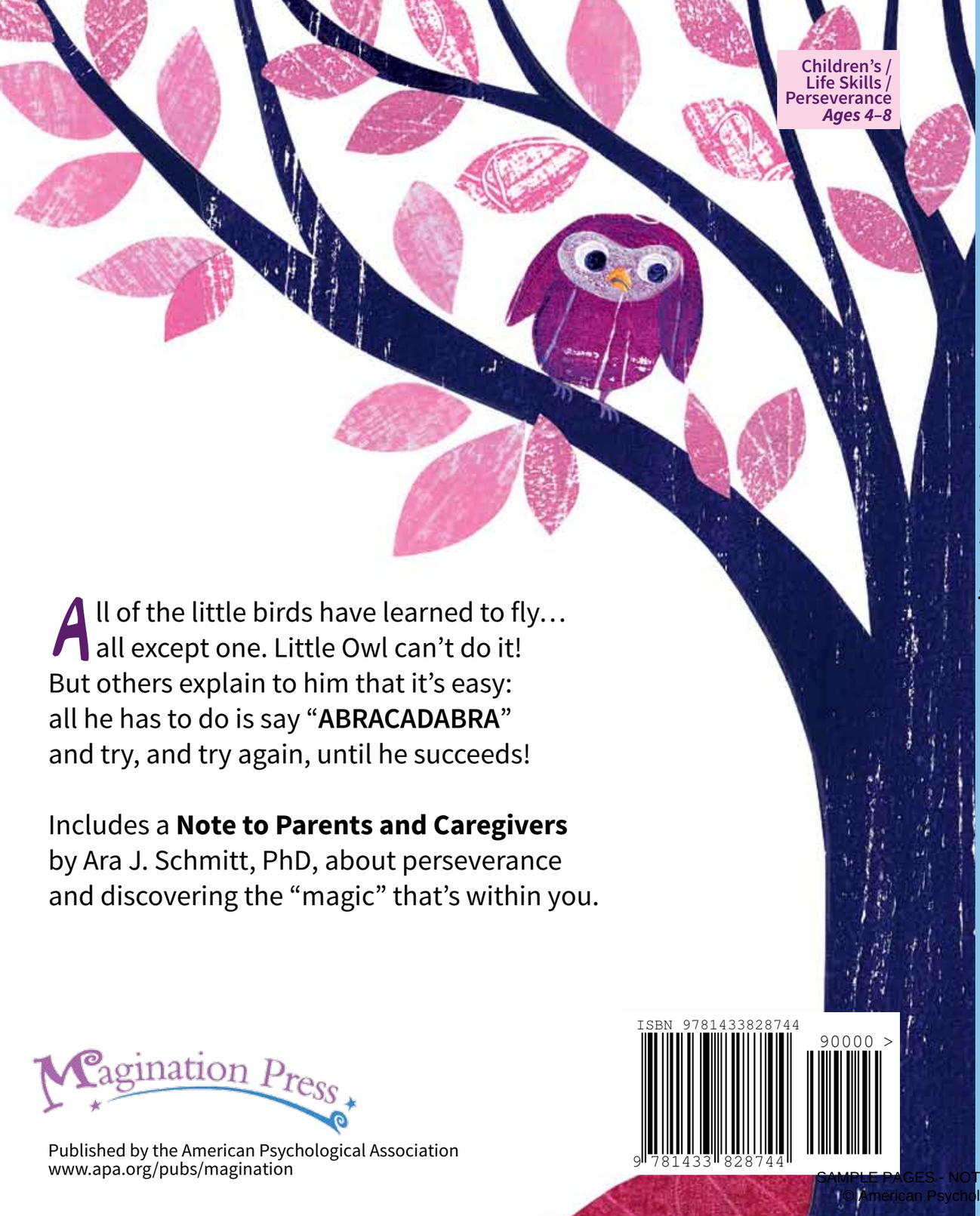


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All of the little birds have learned to fly…
all except one. Little Owl can't do it!
But others explain to him that it's easy:
all he has to do is say "**ABRACADABRA**"
and try, and try again, until he succeeds!

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THE MAGIC OF TRYING

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Today was an important day at
the little birds' school.
Today was the day they all learned how to fly!
They jumped off the branch,
opened their wings, and…**flew!**

The first was Blackbird. He launched himself
into the air and yelled, "Hooray! How fun!"
Next came Robin. "Yippee! How fun!"
Then it was up to Sparrow. "Yay! How fun!"
And then Canary, Swallow, and Hummingbird.

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Only Little Owl was left on the branch,
with his wings closed. Little Owl was too afraid of falling.
“Come on, fly with us!” encouraged their teacher, Mrs. Pigeon.
But Little Owl whined, “I can’t!”
“But if you don’t try, you’ll never do it!”
“I don’t want to! I don’t want to!”

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Out for a walk, Turtle passed under the tree
and saw Little Owl perched on the branch, looking sad.
“Hello, Little Owl. Why are you still here,
instead of flying with the other little birds?”
“Because I am too afraid of falling.”
“Nonsense!” said Turtle. “With a little practice you can do it!”
But Little Owl shook his head.
“No, no! I will never be able to do it!”

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So Turtle thought.
“I know a foolproof way,” she said finally.
“Try saying **‘ABRACADABRA!’**”
“Why?”
“Because when you spread your wings and say it,
you’ll be able to fly without falling.”
“Really?”
“For sure!”



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