



Pip the Plover and the Dune Grass Path

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A heartwarming story about a young shorebird teaches nature conservation and empathy.

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Pip is a piping plover chick who spends his first days learning from his mama how to stay safe, when to hide, and how to play with his brothers in the sunny and sandy beach that they call home. When their nesting area is accidentally disrupted by children playing at the shore after their ball knocks down the protective signs and ropes, Pip faces fear and uncertainty as he bravely finds a new path through the dune grass. Understanding the importance of co-existing, the children learn how to share the shore and protect these remarkable birds.

The debut in a series, the book combines storytelling and science, gently introducing readers to coastal conservation, the impact of human activity on wildlife, along with empathy for nature's creatures. Through beautiful earth-toned painterly illustrations and a gentle, pedagogical text, young readers are treated to a feast of sensory descriptions. Extra back of book matter provides knowledge about plovers, how to help them, and where to learn more.

About the Author



Kate Powers is an author, early childhood educator, and speaker, who lives in Boston, Massachusetts. Through books, storytelling, and speaking, she creates space for

emotional honesty, especially for those navigating parenting, neurodivergence, and the messy beauty of being human.