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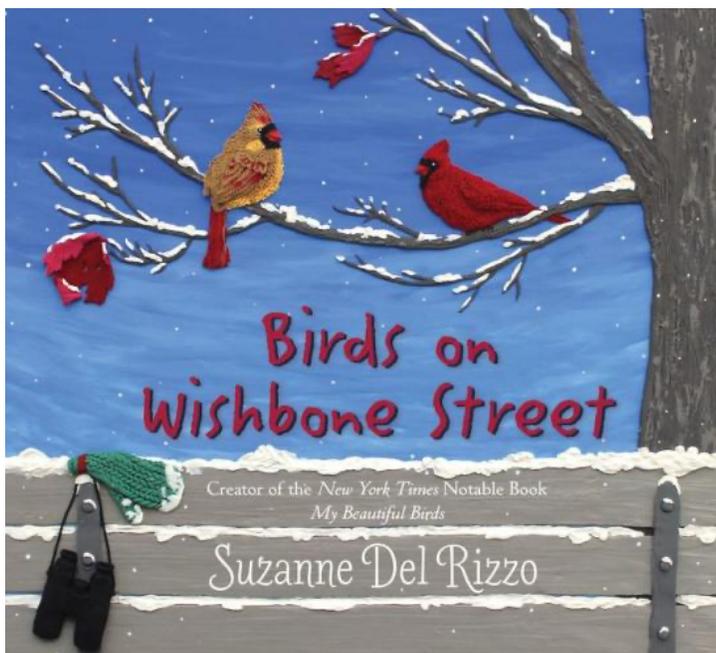
## *Birds on Wishbone Street*

Written and illustrated by Suzanne Del Rizzo

Published by Pajama Press, Toronto



A simple act of neighbourly kindness and a bird that needs their aid helps former refugee Sami settle into his new community with new-found friend Moe



Moe’s neighbours on Wishbone Street come from all over the world, and she’s excited to meet the new boy who just arrived from Syria. Sami isn’t quite ready to talk about his past, but he loves birds just as much as Moe does. And who wouldn’t have fun in a parkette full of packing snow?

When the children discover a female cardinal stunned by the cold, Sami uses his experience taking care of pigeons in Syria to help rescue the bird—an incident that helps Sami to feel more at home.

In “*Birds on Wishbone Street*”, author/illustrator, Suzanne Del Rizzo demonstrates the power of an act of

kindness, telling a story about finding home and making friends in new places. Illustrated with her signature polymer clay art, the story revisits characters from Del Rizzo’s *New York Times* Notable [My Beautiful Birds](#) and reminds us that we’re all more similar than we are different.

### Reviews:

“[A] heartwarming story that brings forth the importance of simple things in life, such as treating one another with kindness and embracing the treasures that nature has to offer....The story, itself, is beautiful, but the immaculately detailed illustrations are worthy of their own praise.”—*CM Magazine*

“This uplifting story will resonate with young readers, especially those who are new to Canada.... Not only are the fall and winter scenes within this book filled with a myriad of delightful details, but one can almost feel the rich textures of what is being portrayed on its pages.”—*Canadian Children’s Book News*

## About the Author and Illustrator



Suzanne Del Rizzo has always loved getting her hands messy. She left scientific research to make children's books, creating dimensional illustrations with polymer clay, acrylic paint and other mixed media. Her picture books have won many awards such as the SCBWI Crystal Kite award, IODE Jean Throop Book Award, Forest of Reading Blue Spruce Honour, the Malka Penn Award for Human Rights in Children's Literature and have been shortlisted for the Ezra Jack Keats Book Award, Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Children's Book Award, and Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award.

This is not the first trip to the IODE Jean Throop Book Award circle for Suzanne Del Rizzo. Many will remember that in 2018, Suzanne was awarded the IODE Jean Throop Award as the illustrator, in collaboration with author Deborah Kerbel, for their winning book *Sun Dog*, also published by Pajama Press.

Her latest picture book, *Birds on Wishbone Street*, published by Pajama Press, demonstrates the power of an act of kindness, telling a story about finding home and making friends in new places. This story revisits characters from Suzanne's author-illustrator debut, the New York Times Notable, *My Beautiful Birds* and reminds us that we're all more similar than we are different. Suzanne lives with her family in Oakville, Ontario. Congratulations to Suzanne Del Rizzo!



### **Birds on Wishbone Street** by Suzanne Del Rizzo

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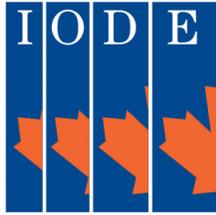
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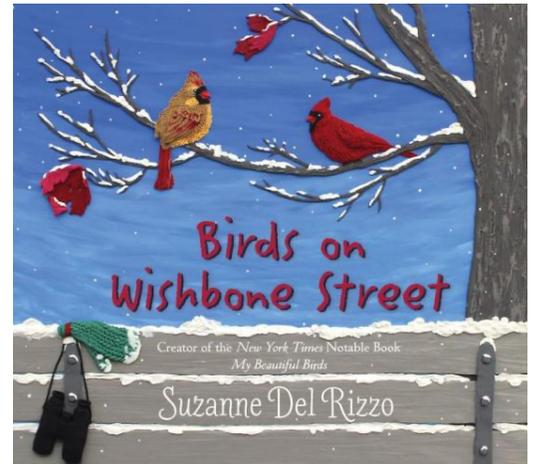


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