

COVID-19 HELPERS



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In the spring of 2020,
something very
unusual happened.



**Children around the world
stopped going to school.**



**They stopped playing
in the parks. They stopped
going to sports games,**



**and movie theaters, and
birthday parties.**



A stylized, hand-drawn illustration of a city street. In the center, a grey building with a dark roof has several windows. Each window contains a simple drawing of a person wearing a white face mask. The people are drawn in a minimalist, sketchy style. To the left and right of the central building, there are more windows and figures, also wearing masks. The background is a light blue sky. The overall tone is somber and reflective, capturing the essence of the early 2020 pandemic.

In the spring of 2020, it
seemed like kids everywhere
were doing nothing.

But they weren't
doing nothing.

**They were doing
something very
important. They were
helping to fight a brand
new disease.**





**Covid-19 appeared for
the first time just a
few months before.**

**Most people were
not harmed by
the virus.**



**But it made some
people very sick.**



**Because it was new, doctors
did not have a cure.
So people everywhere began to help.**



**Healthcare
workers helped
sick people
recover.**



**Leaders helped
by making
new plans.**



**Researchers
helped to
discover new
medicines.**



**Reporters
helped
share the
news.**





Farmers and grocers
helped by making
sure there was healthy
food to eat.



Truck drivers
helped by
transporting
supplies.



Garbage collectors
helped by keeping
communities clean.



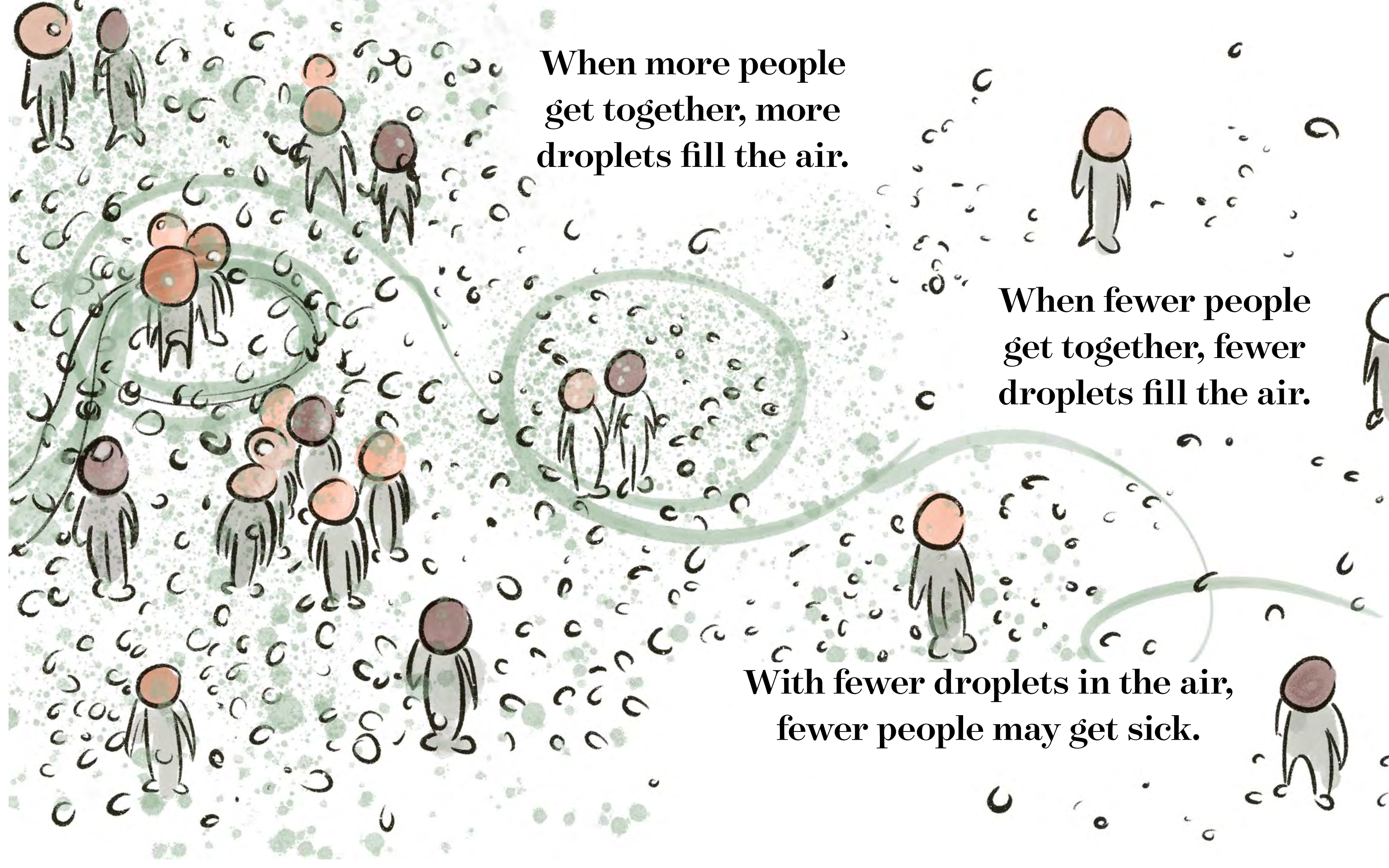




And kids helped, too,
just by staying at home.
It may seem like staying
at home was doing nothing.
But this was an
important job.



Covid-19 is spread by tiny droplets in the air.



**When more people
get together, more
droplets fill the air.**

**When fewer people
get together, fewer
droplets fill the air.**

**With fewer droplets in the air,
fewer people may get sick.**

Soon, researchers will find a cure.



Until they do,
everyone is helping.





**Everyone, including
kids like you.**

FACTS ABOUT COVID-19

- COVID-19 is the short name for “coronavirus disease 2019.”
- COVID-19 may cause a fever and cough. It may give people a hard time taking deep breaths.
- Most people who have had COVID-19 have gotten better. But some people get very ill.
- Doctors and scientists are still learning about the best ways to treat COVID-19.

WHAT CAN I DO TO AVOID GETTING COVID-19?

- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow.
- Keep your hands out of your mouth, nose, and eyes. This will help keep germs out of your body.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If you don't have soap and water, an adult can help you use a special hand cleaner.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

When Beth Bacon was young, she loved to read. Now she loves to write. Her other books include *I Hate Reading*, *The Worst Book Ever*, *The Book No One Wants To Read* and *Blank Space*.

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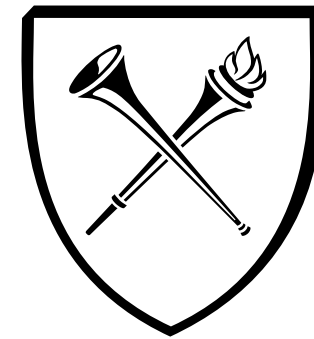
After college, she landed a job as an art director because she liked the bossy part. She took a painting class and won a book illustration award. Five books and a Mom's Choice award later, she's never looked back. Kary lives in Seattle with her husband Charles and a backyard bunny.

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ABOUT THE SPONSOR

Emory Global Health Institute (EGHI) brings together diverse disciplines to tackle global health issues. In 2020, Covid-19 began spreading around the United States. Inspired by his grandchildren's questions about the pandemic, Dr. Jeffrey Koplan, the Director of EGHI and Vice President for Global Health at Emory University, believed children's books could provide answers. So EGHI held an ebook competition. 260 stories were submitted. *Covid-19 Helpers* is the winning book.



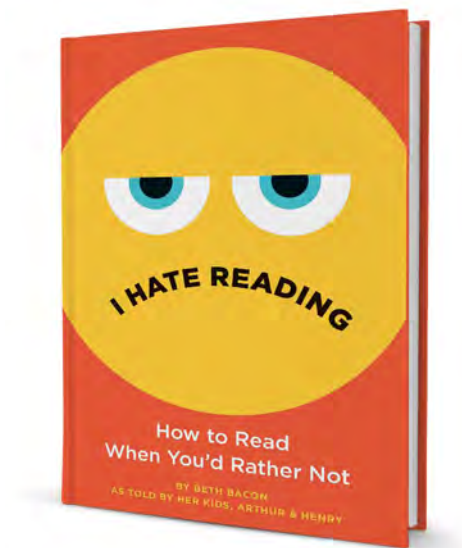
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