



Love of the Half-Eaten Peach: Inspired by a True Story

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Inspired by a true story from Chinese history, this painterly picture book serves as a reminder that queer people—and queer love—have always existed. When Yuan’s advisors tell him he must understand perfection to rule well, Yuan is perplexed, convinced perfection does not exist. His friend, Mi Zi Xia, searches high and low, but Yuan finds fault with even the finest silks and most fragrant teas. Through Zi Xia’s efforts, however, Yuan discovers the closest thing to perfection there is: love.

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