



Pansy Boy

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An origin story for the Pansy Project, a movement that plants pansies at sites of homophobic acts around the world, this picture book follows an unnamed boy as he struggles through and rises above homophobic bullying. The gentle boy finds comfort in flowers and birds on holiday but dreads returning to school and facing his tormentors; his quiet rebellion sparks lasting change. Rhyming lines stack and swirl through layered illustrations that place nature at the forefront.

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