

# Help Freedom Fly

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*Inspired by true events in our family's lives.*

## About the Book

A gentle, true-story-inspired children's book about a grandfather who rescues a tiny, abandoned bird and helps it grow strong enough to return to the sky.

*Help Freedom Fly* is a heartfelt children's book inspired by a true story experienced by the author's family.

When a tiny bird is found alone on the ground, a grandfather steps in to care for it - feeding it, protecting it and patiently helping it grow.

As the bird gains strength, the time comes for something harder: letting go.

Told in rhyme and rooted in real experience, this story explores care, patience and the quiet courage it takes to give something you love the freedom to find its own way.

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## Where This Story Began



The real-life bond that inspired the story.

This story began with a small bird found alone and a grandfather who couldn't walk away.

What followed was a simple but meaningful stretch of time - feeding, learning, watching and waiting. The goal was never to keep the bird, but to help it become strong enough to live life on its own terms.

*Help Freedom Fly* grew out of that memory - not just as a story about helping something small survive, but about knowing when to step back and let it go.

## About the Author



The author enjoying a day on the river.

Linda Smeck is the author of *Help Freedom Fly*, a children's book inspired by a true story her family experienced firsthand. A lifelong writer, she began writing poetry at a young age and has spent years capturing the meaning found in everyday moments.

After a 40-year career in the high-tech industry working alongside her husband Bill, Linda returned to a quieter pace of life. She and Bill now divide their time between a hobby farm along the Tuolumne River in California and a log cabin on the Grand Mesa in Colorado.

The story behind *Help Freedom Fly* grew out of a real experience in her family - one that stayed with her and eventually found its way into the rhythm and voice of this book. Through her writing, she continues to focus on the small moments that shape how we care, grow and let go.

## About the Illustrator



Cris Tulloch is an artist based in Santa Cruz, California. Her work spans painting, drawing, illustration, and photography. Across mediums, she creates images that explore the stories and beauty found in the world around us.

## Themes in the Book

Caring for something small until it can stand on its own.

Patience, responsibility and quiet commitment.

The balance between helping and letting go.

Trust, independence and growth.

Nature, wildlife and understanding of the larger world.



Interior illustration from the book.

## From the Book

My pop was out working  
On his farm one spring day,  
When his friend, Joe the fence man,  
Drove by to say

He saw a wee bird,  
All alone on the ground.  
His mother and father  
Were nowhere to be found.



Interior illustration from the book.

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