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Angela loves creating illustrations that are colorful, bold and full of texture. To Angela, the best mediums to use are the messy ones, especially collage and pastels. But Photoshop always helps put her illustrations together. Her most influential illustrators are Eric Carle, Rafael López, Ezra Jack Keats, Vanessa Brantley-Newton, Yuyi Morales, David Diaz, Raul Colón, Amy June Bates, Leo Lionni, and Denise Fleming.

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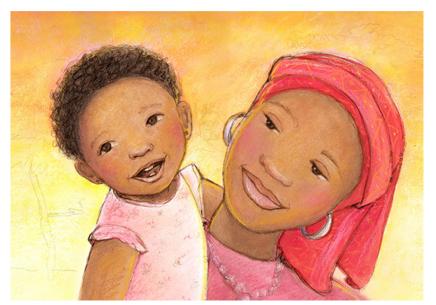
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