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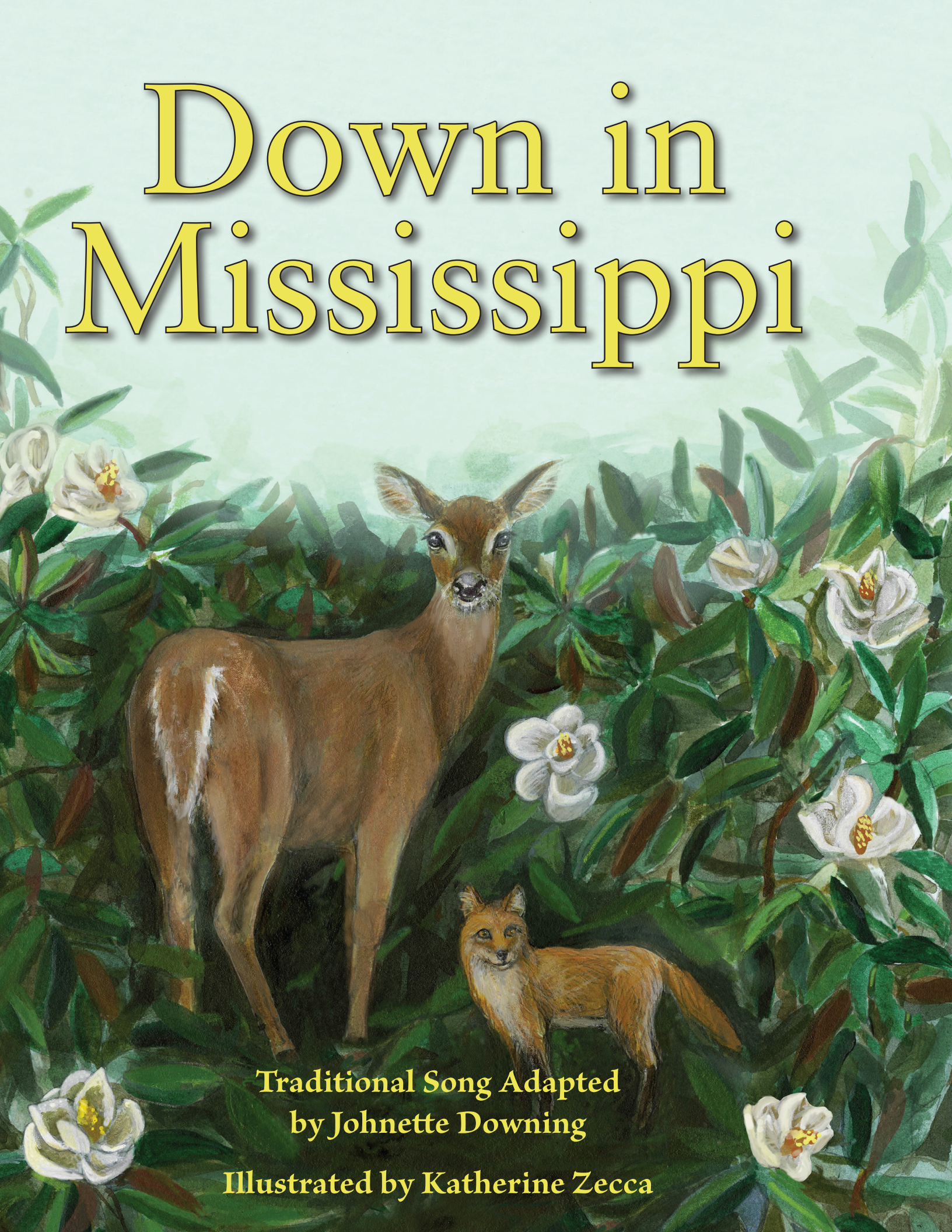

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"With its compelling cadences and celebration of the Magnolia State's bountiful natural beauty, ***Down in Mississippi*** evokes the richness, expressiveness, and rejuvenating qualities of another of the state's treasures—the blues."

—Scott Barretta, coauthor of the Mississippi Arts Commission's Blues Trail Curriculum and recipient of a 2016 Mississippi Governor's Award for the Arts

Acclaimed children's-book author Johnette Downing pays homage to the cultural legacy of Mississippi in this charming book that incorporates many of its native flora and fauna. Her delightful text, adapted from a traditional song, presents a lyrical and visual tribute to the many iconic images and symbols to be found in the state. From dolphins splashing in the surf along the coast to adorable ducklings in the wetlands, this commemorative picture book serves to introduce children to many unique facts about Mississippi. An author's note gives interesting details about each creature's habitat and behavior.

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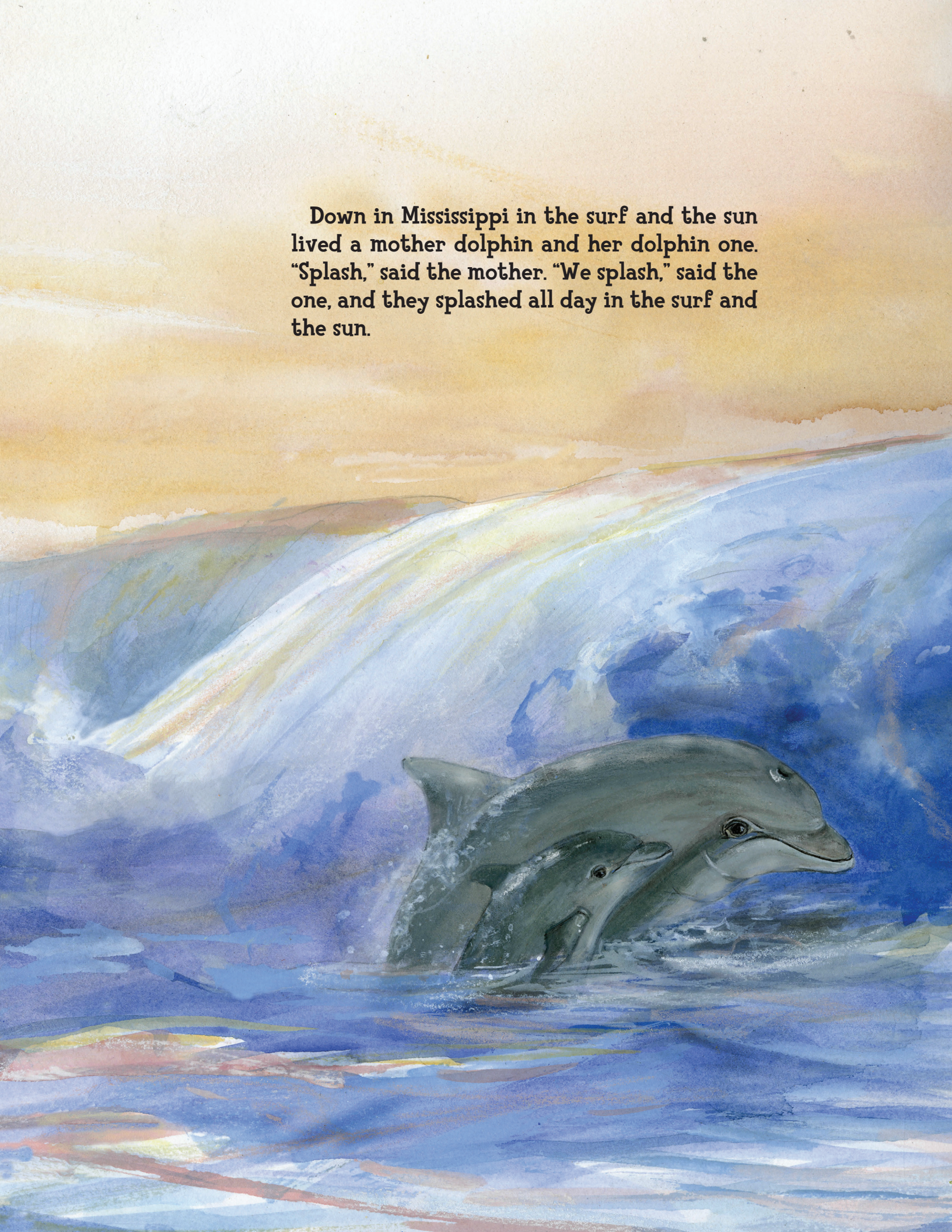
Down in Mississippi in the surf and the sun lived a mother dolphin and her dolphin one. "Splash," said the mother. "We splash," said the one, and they splashed all day in the surf and the sun.