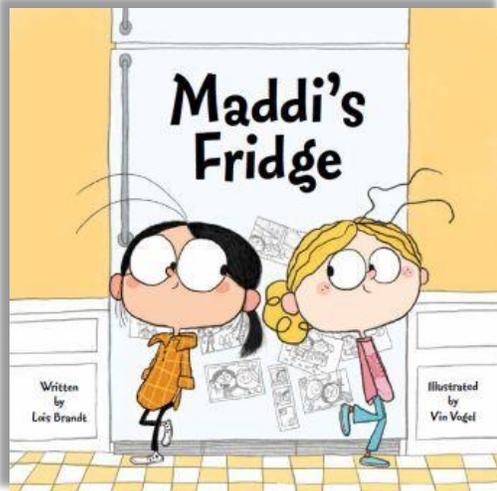




Food for Thought



After playing together in the park, mini-BFFs Sofia and Maddi race to Maddi's apartment. Sofia wins and reaches into Maddi's fridge to grab a snack, but the fridge is empty – white empty. Ashamed, Maddi begs Sofia not to tell anyone.

Sofia promises but is still determined to help, so she sneaks food to school for Maddi. There the girls discover that while fish and eggs are good for people, they aren't very good for backpacks. Yuck!

Despite Sofia's very best efforts, Maddi's refrigerator is still empty, and Sofia realizes that some secrets must be shared with a trusted adult –

especially when keeping them does more harm than good.

“...16 million children in America live in households struggling with hunger That means that more than 1 in 5 children may not always have enough to eat...”
–Feeding America,
 the nation's leading hunger-relief charity

In an inviting urban setting created with digital pen and ink and sprinkled with comical details, *Maddi's Fridge* honestly and sensitively addresses hunger, friendship, empathy, and trust.

“I really admire Lois Brandt for writing about those in need without making this an ‘issue’ book. It’s first and foremost a story – and a good one!”
–Kirby Larson, Newbery-winning author of *Hattie Big Sky*

“A book that transforms the world.... lovely, engaging, and important.... with characters you fall in love with instantly, with illustrations that draw you into the children's lives, their neighborhood, their homes, and most importantly, their story.” –Craig Wiesner, Reach and Teach Bookstore, San Mateo, CA



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