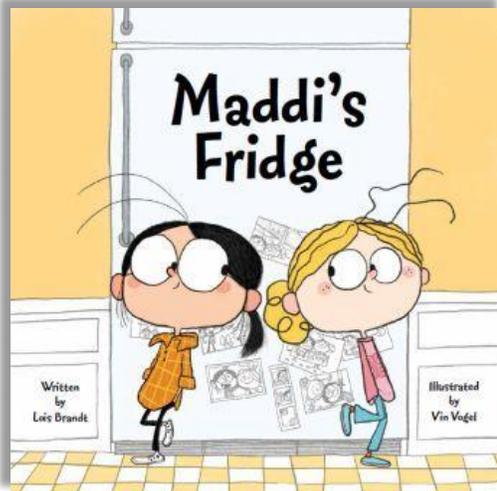




Food for Thought



After playing together in the park and working up an appetite, best friends Sofia and Maddi race to Maddi's apartment. Sofia opens Maddi's fridge to grab a snack, but the fridge is empty – white empty. Ashamed, Maddi begs Sofia not to tell anyone. Can Sofia help without breaking her promise?

Sofia sneaks food to school for Maddi, but 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. Sofia realizes that some secrets have to be shared with a trusted adult – when keeping those secrets does more harm than good.

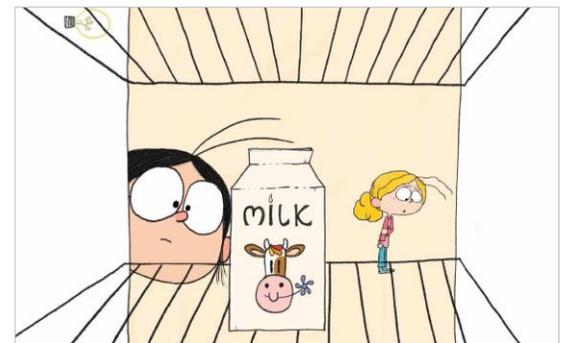
“...16 million children in America live in households struggling with hunger.... That means that more than 1 in 5 children may not always have enough to eat...” – **Feeding America**, the nation's leading hunger-relief charity.

In an inviting urban setting filled with amusing details, *Maddi's Fridge* honestly and sensitively addresses hunger, friendship, empathy, and trust.

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