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Growing at Our Own Pace: *It's My Time to Fly*

written by Julie Conner
illustrated by Emily Row
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"The character Caterpillar Number Five reinforces a singular truth that every parent or teacher of a child with special needs must finally embrace: that to love that child fully means to meet them where they are each day in their journey with the message, 'I am here . . . right beside you, lifting you up, clearing the path . . . trusting that whatever pace you take on this journey is the right one for you.'"

—Christine Jones, parent, educator, child advocate

[BrandyLane Publishers, Inc.](http://BrandyLanePublishers.com) of Richmond, Virginia, is proud to announce the upcoming release of *It's My Time to Fly: The Story of Caterpillar Number Five* written by [Julie Conner](#), illustrated by [Emily Row](#). Five caterpillars hatch and grow, but one is just a little bit behind the others, waiting for his time to fly. *It's My Time to Fly* is scheduled for release on March 5, 2021.



Five baby caterpillars grow and grow. They hang upside down, tuck themselves into cozy chrysalises, and wake as beautiful butterflies. But Caterpillar Number Five is just a little behind the rest. When will it be his time to fly?

About the Author

[Julie Conner](#) has been a special education teacher for eighteen years. She has taught students at various age/grade levels with a wide range of abilities, in multiple school settings, including public schools, a psychiatric care facility, and a school for the deaf and the blind. She has received national recognition from the Council of Schools and Services for the Blind as an Outstanding Teacher of Students who are Blind/Multiply Impaired. Julie lives with her husband and their two children.

It's My Time to Fly: The Story of Caterpillar Number Five was inspired by a butterfly kit gifted to her son. In observing the caterpillars, Julie was amazed to notice that one caterpillar was developing exactly one day later than the others—doing things in his own time, as she had observed was often necessary for her own students and children. She truly hopes this book will be an inspiration to others, imparting the message that it is okay for metamorphosis to take place at an individual pace!

About the Illustrator

[Emily Row](#) is an illustrator and garden educator living in the Shenandoah Valley. Her work aims to highlight the beauty in everyday life and objects. Themes of nature and wit are prominent in her illustrations, which are carefully inked or digitally rendered. Her work can be found in local shops around Staunton, Virginia, as well as her [online store](#).

Interviews available upon request.

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