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**“Bringing all of God’s creatures home”:**

***The Great Big Ark in the Sky***

**story by Liz Ballard Hamm & Andrew Ballard**

**illustrated by Lucy Koo**

**On sale April 2, 2019**

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“The most significant relationships of a child’s life can be those they share with their pets. This book honors these relationships while illustrating the importance of giving kids language to talk about loss and death. I’m thankful that this book continues to expand the options parents have to explore these topics with their children.”

—Joy Brock, LCSW and Therapist

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[Belle Isle Books](#) of Richmond, Virginia, is proud to announce the upcoming release of the touching children’s picture book [The Great Big Ark in the Sky](#), written by Liz Ballard Hamm and Andrew Ballard and illustrated by Lucy Koo. This book will release on April 2, 2019.

Where do animals go when they leave this world? After losing their family dog, a little girl and her brother embark on a magical voyage on a flying ark to seek the answer to that question. Come aboard this adventure into the great beyond!



**About the Authors:** [Liz Ballard Hamm and Andrew Ballard](#) grew up in rural Virginia. The siblings shared a passion for storytelling from a very early age, and both went on to study theatre. Today, Andrew is a writer, actor, and teacher, and is currently engaged in postgraduate studies at the University of Virginia. Liz is a student at Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing, and enjoys exploring with her family.

**About the Illustrator:** [Lucy Koo](#) is a South Korean-born artist who creates detailed illustrations inspired by her childhood living in Seoul. After moving to the States, she studied communication arts and developed her skills as an illustrator at Virginia Commonwealth University. Her portfolio can be found on her website, [lucykoo.com](http://lucykoo.com).

**Interviews available upon request.**

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