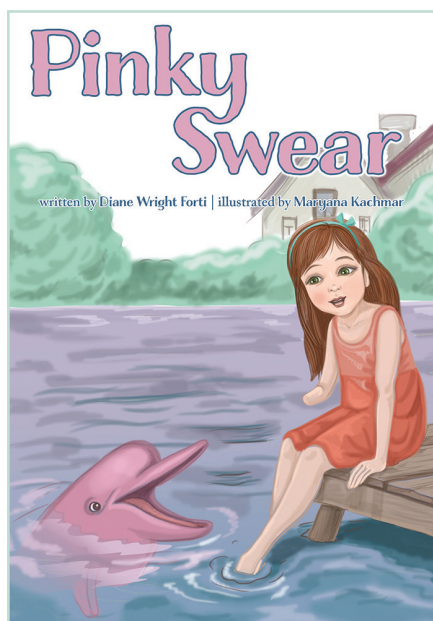


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# Pinky Swear

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When Maggie moves away to Urbanna, she and her mother pinky swear that she will still be able to see her best friend Brooke as often as possible. But Maggie was born with only one arm, and nobody in Urbanna understands her. When Maggie discovers a lost pink dolphin living in the river by her new house, she learns that she is not the only one feeling lonely. She names the dolphin Paddy and visits her every day. But when the weather turns cold and Paddy gets sick, Maggie must choose between keeping her new friend close, and letting her go. Join Maggie in this story of acceptance, faith, and friendship, and learn about the many ways that we can all reach out to save each other!



## About the Author

Diane Forti has been an RN for twenty-nine years. She was born and raised in Richmond, VA, where she still lives today with her husband. They have a combined family of six grown children and nine grandchildren, who all live within babysitting distance. *Pinky Swear* is her first book. Diane is currently working on her next children's book, based on her true-life adoption story.



## About the Illustrator

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