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The Wait Is Over for *Waiting for Adeline!*

written by Lauren Oakey
illustrated by Britt Van Deusen
on sale September 13, 2021

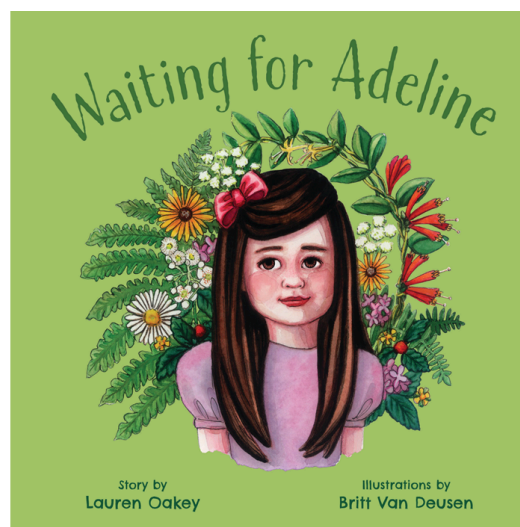
“Meet Adeline: a beautiful child who teaches her family the gifts of empathy, patience, and love—all without saying a word.”

- Lonnie Ali, co-founder of the Muhammad Ali Center

[Belle Isle Books](#) of Richmond, Virginia, is excited to announce the upcoming release of a new children’s book, [Waiting for Adeline](#), written by Lauren Oakey and illustrated by Britt Van Deusen.

“Some days, late on a summer afternoon, a storm will blow in. . . . Adeline was just like that tree-ripping storm—suddenly upon us, shaking our family by the roots and testing our strength to keep standing.” Bringing home a new baby can be anything but a breeze—but with time and patience, Adeline’s family eventually comes to understand their new Baby Love.

A tale warmly told alongside charming watercolor illustrations, *Waiting for Adeline* is scheduled for release on September 13, 2021.



When Mama and Daddy bring home a new baby, Adeline, big sister Alice isn't too sure about her. At first, there's too much crying, and later, Adeline struggles to speak. But as Alice watches her sister grow, she comes to realize that words aren't the only way to understand her. Waiting for Adeline is a story of patience, connection, love, and the bonds that can grow from adversity.

About the Author

[Lauren Tweel Oakey](#) lives in Richmond, Virginia, and is a graduate of the University of Virginia, where she studied world religions and Italian language. She has lived in Italy and Switzerland, worked mostly in nonprofits, and is a lover of language and the rhythm of words. She also enjoys playing piano, practicing yoga, and spending time with her husband, three children, and very beautiful but high-maintenance black Lab. *Waiting for Adeline* is her first book.

About the Illustrator

[Britt Van Deusen](#) is an artist who lives in Richmond, Virginia, with her husband and three girls (two human and one canine). Britt studied painting at the College of William and Mary and the Marchutz School in France, and she has been a portrait artist for many years. When she isn't making art, Britt often reads books that feature both people and animals in starring roles; regularly cooks somewhat fancy meals; occasionally plays silly songs on her guitar; and with stunning frequency, discovers birds' nests left abandoned in nature.

Interviews available upon request.

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Waiting for Adeline (hardcover, 32 pages, \$22.95 / paperback, 32 pages, \$13.95) is available for pre-order from [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), and other fine booksellers. Kindle e-book (retail \$2.99) forthcoming.