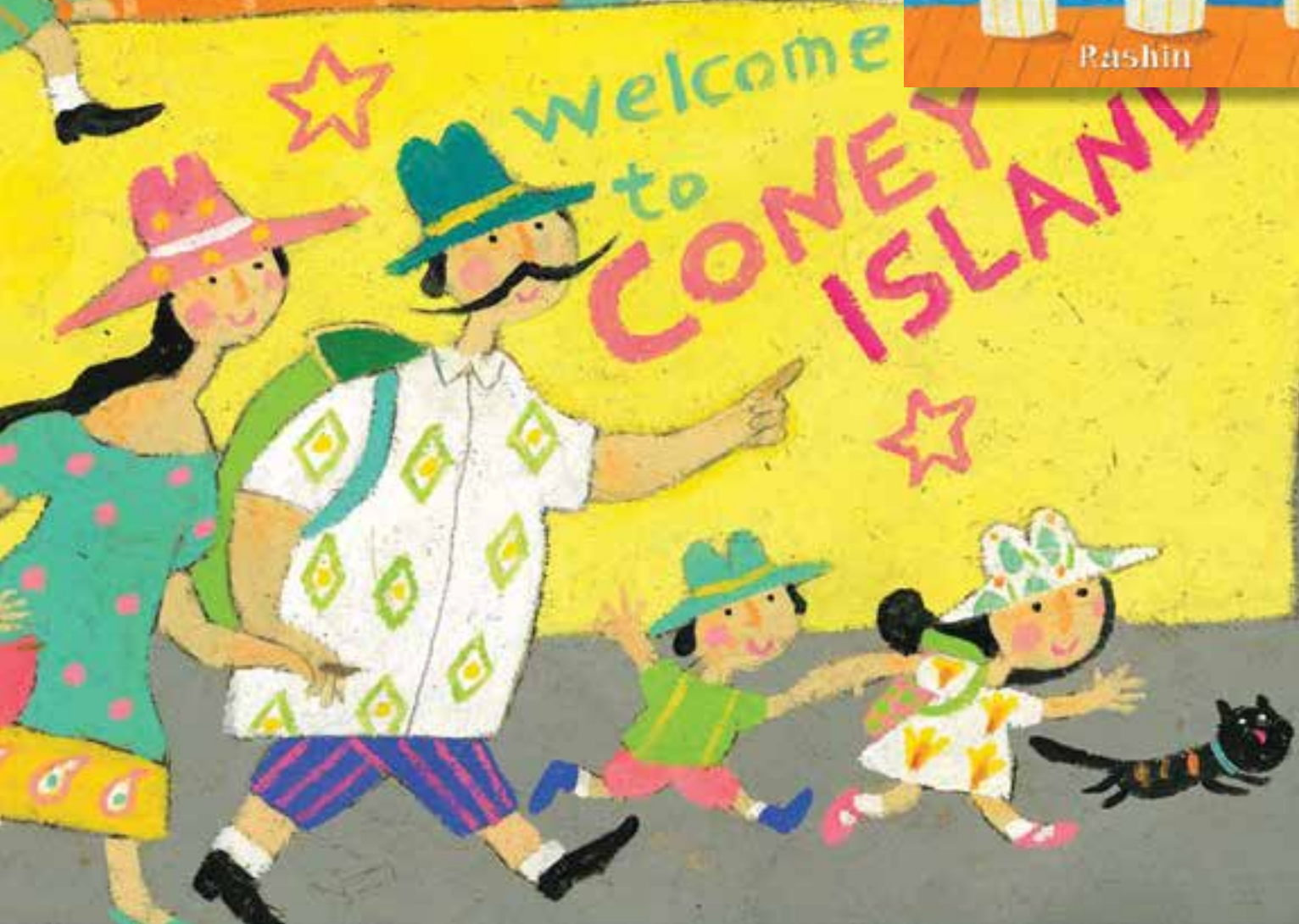
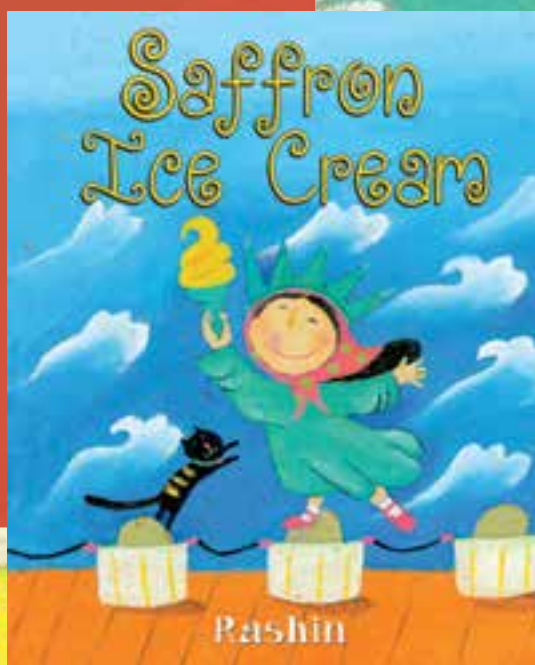


**Saffron Ice Cream**

by Rashin Kheiriyeh

As she and her family head to Coney Island for the first time, Rashin remembers the fun and ice cream she used to share with her best friend Azadeh when she and her family lived in Iran and took trips to the beach.

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As Rashin discovers, making new friends adds flavor to life! Discuss how making friends can be difficult in a new school, new neighborhood, and new country. Have students brainstorm and practice ways to meet and start conversations with people new to their community. As they practice and feel empowered to meet new people, have your class form a welcome team to greet students and families that are new to your community. Students can volunteer to give tours of the school and introduce new people to different clubs, sports teams, and neighborhood activities. Everyone in the class can contribute to making a map of the neighborhood featuring places friends meet—from the park to the ice cream parlor—to hand out to new families.

**Share additional titles about finding new friends in new countries:**

- The Seeds of Friendship* by Michael Foreman
- My Two Blankets* by Irena Kobald
- Here I Am* by Patti Kim
- I'm New Here* by Anne Sibley O'Brien
- King of the Sky* by Nicola Davies

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