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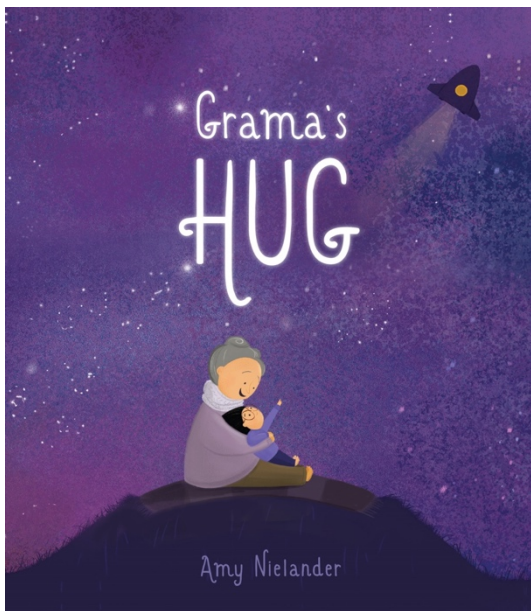
★ "This incredibly tender story packs a lifetime's worth of emotion into 40 pages."
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"Nieler creates a lovely story focused on a girl in STEM and the family who supports her...
Heartwarming and encouraging for both children and adults." —*Kirkus Reviews*

GRAMA'S HUG

By Amy Nieler | January 7, 2020 | ISBN: 9781624149269

The story of the bond between a science-loving girl and her grandmother, and what happens when it's time to take off—literally—on her own.



May and Grama are a team. They do everything together, from inventing creative projects to going birdwatching to preparing for the annual space fair. And they never, *ever* say goodbye without a hug. May's love of science takes her far as her inventions win year after year, helped by Grama's support, effort, and love. She travels to space camp and eventually beyond, earning her spot as the first kid astronaut to journey into space. As May prepares for her mission to explore the cosmos, she seems ready to go without looking back, making Grama worried that she will leave without a hug. But May would never do that.

This beautiful picture book explores the importance of treasuring even the smallest moments with people you love with heartwarming illustrations, expressive characters, and delightful touches of whimsy.



Amy Nieler graduated from the College of Creative Studies in Detroit and has worked as a product designer and digital sculptor in the automotive industry. Her debut book, *The Ladybug Race* (PomegranateKids), was a finalist in the Silent Book Contest in 2014 and won the IPPY Bronze Medal Book Award in 2017.