

Where is Jazz?



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**Illustrated by
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This is a story about a little boy and his desperate attempt to find the family's beloved pet. He cannot understand what happened to his gato. When he visits his grandparents' house, as usual, he looks for his cat. He checks the T.V. room, outside in the garden and in the kitchen but cannot find him. Jazz has crossed the Rainbow Bridge but this is hard for such a young child to understand. Then the inevitable happens. The little boy asks his grandpa "Where is Jazz"? And grandpa answers simply; "Jazz went bye, bye."

While vacationing with her husband in Puerto Rico in the summer of 2010, Maria Retana took a large number of photos of Fort San Felipe del Morro. This old sea fort is also known as Morro Castle or Castillo San Felipe del Morro in Spanish. Through these pictures, the author creates a maze and invites the little boy to search for his beloved pet. In a dream the little boy finds himself at Fort San Felipe accompanied by his friend Mr. Owl. Together they enter the maze with only one thought in mind; find Jazz and see him one more time.

The illustrator, Diane Fahrner, is primarily a sugar artist who uses various graphic programs to create designs to apply to cakes using an airbrush. To create the illustrations for the story, Diane used a combination of several graphic programs to cut and paste images from various family photos into the photos from Puerto Rico.

The author and illustrator hope that this story can help comfort a child who has lost a beloved pet. At the end of the story, the poem "Rainbow Bridge" from an unknown author has been added in hope that it will also help with the process of acceptance and allowing the pet to become a loving memory.



In memory of Jazz, our family pet and for all our beloved pets and the families that will hold them forever in their hearts!





**Oh, if
only I
could see
Jazz one
more time.**



Where are we Mr. Owl?
It looks like a good place
for a gato to hide.
Maybe he is around
here somewhere.

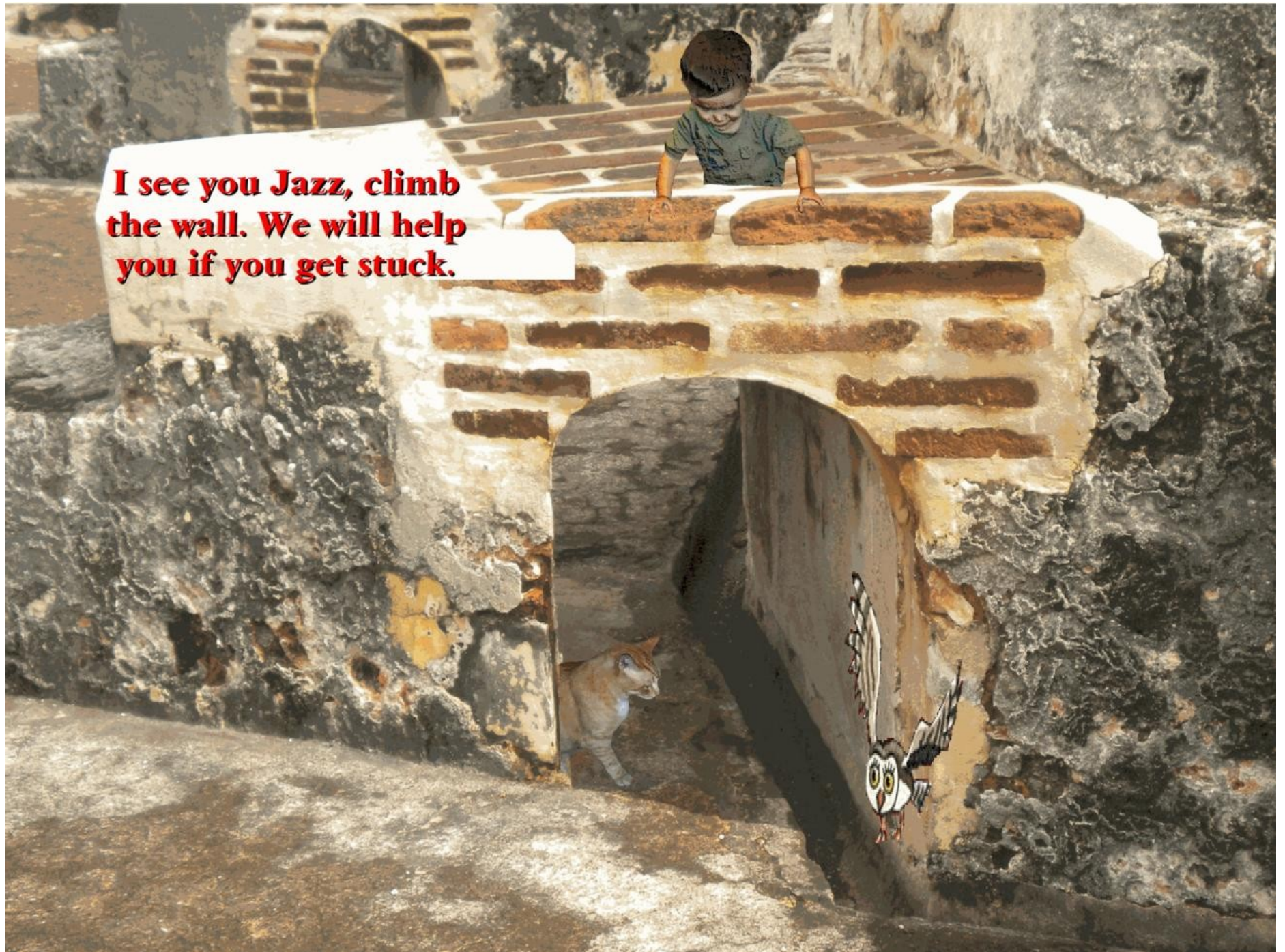






Jazz wait!
Jazz come back!
Mr. Owl and I miss
you very much.

**I see you Jazz, climb
the wall. We will help
you if you get stuck.**





**I see your tail again. Stop playing
hide and seek.**

**Mr. Owl, I do not see Jazz
anymore. There is a big lizard,
do you think he could help us
find Jazz?**



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