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Some words from the author

Drawing and writing are two of my passions. Inspiration springs from the depths of my soul. The trigger? Simple, everyday, little things. This is the spirit of *Stories for the Innocent Soul*. Whenever you open these pages, I hope your senses come to life and you rediscover the magic of a walk in the forest, the smell of the sea, the taste of hot chocolate or the warmth of family life. Whenever in need of a stroll through beauty and fresh air to comfort your soul, just nestle in your favourite armchair and breathe: this book is where you want to be.

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*The
Shell*

We have a family tradition that we follow throughout the seasons. Every summer, as soon as we arrive at the seaside, we rush to the beach.

Its sound and haze lure us into endless strolls in search of a special treasure.



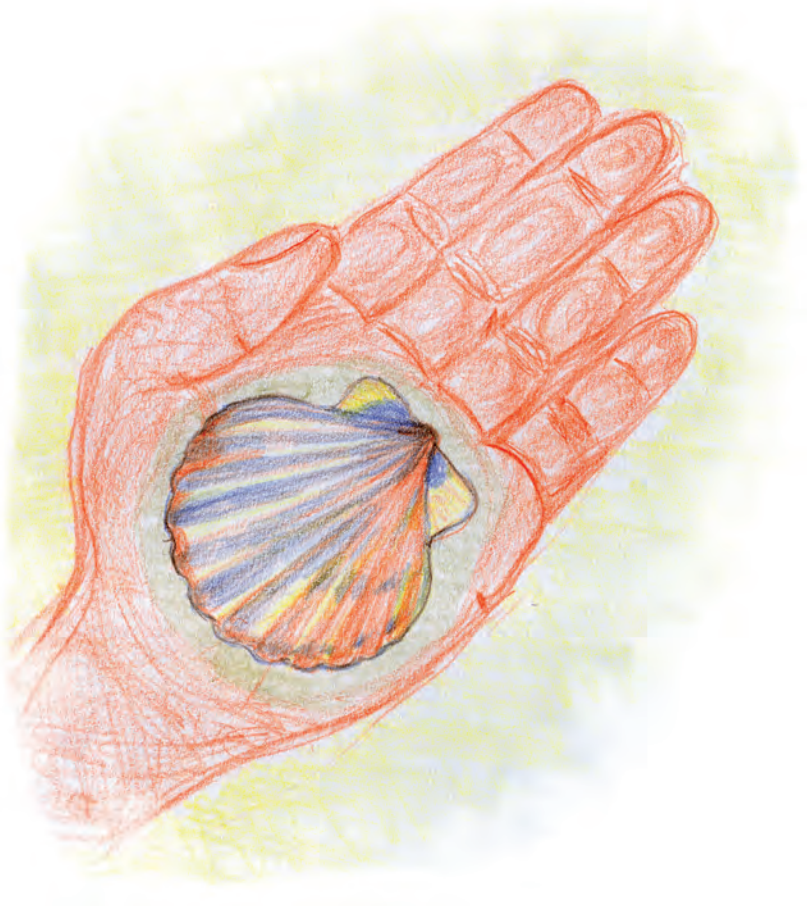
It's true that the sea has a vast variety of special gifts to offer: shells, seaweed, crabs, starfish, twirly-shells, rocks and pebbles...



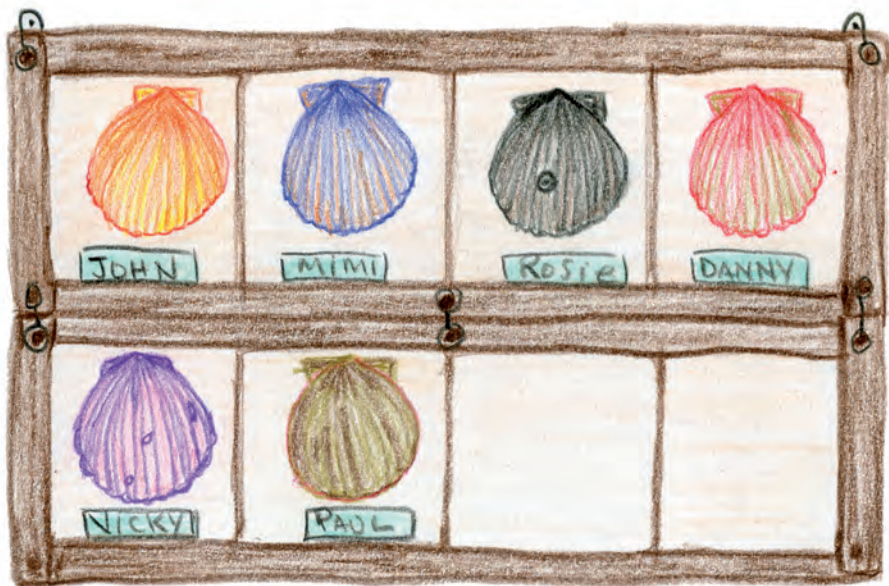
But there is only one type of shell
that we seek.



The one that the sea seldom gives... since,
if found, it turns the seeker into the
winner of the summer seashell hunt.



And that shell will then become part of a collection of many other summer shells, that will bear the happy memories of our family holidays by the sea.



the
forest

Every autumn, we visit one of our favorite places in the world: our cottage in the forest. As we arrive, our senses are immediately exhilarated and we are flooded by the **MAGIC OF THE FOREST.**



What a wonderful earthy scent! When we walk around, we are surprised by a variety of sounds because the ground is covered by a crunchy mat of leaves, oak acorns, pine cones and twigs.



We may also hear the rocking branches,
dancing and cracking in the soothing breeze,
together with the whistling pine needles and
the clapping of poplar leaves.



The shades of green and ochre offer a genuine pallet that uniquely colours the natural scene. The sunshine is feeble as it leaks through the trees.



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