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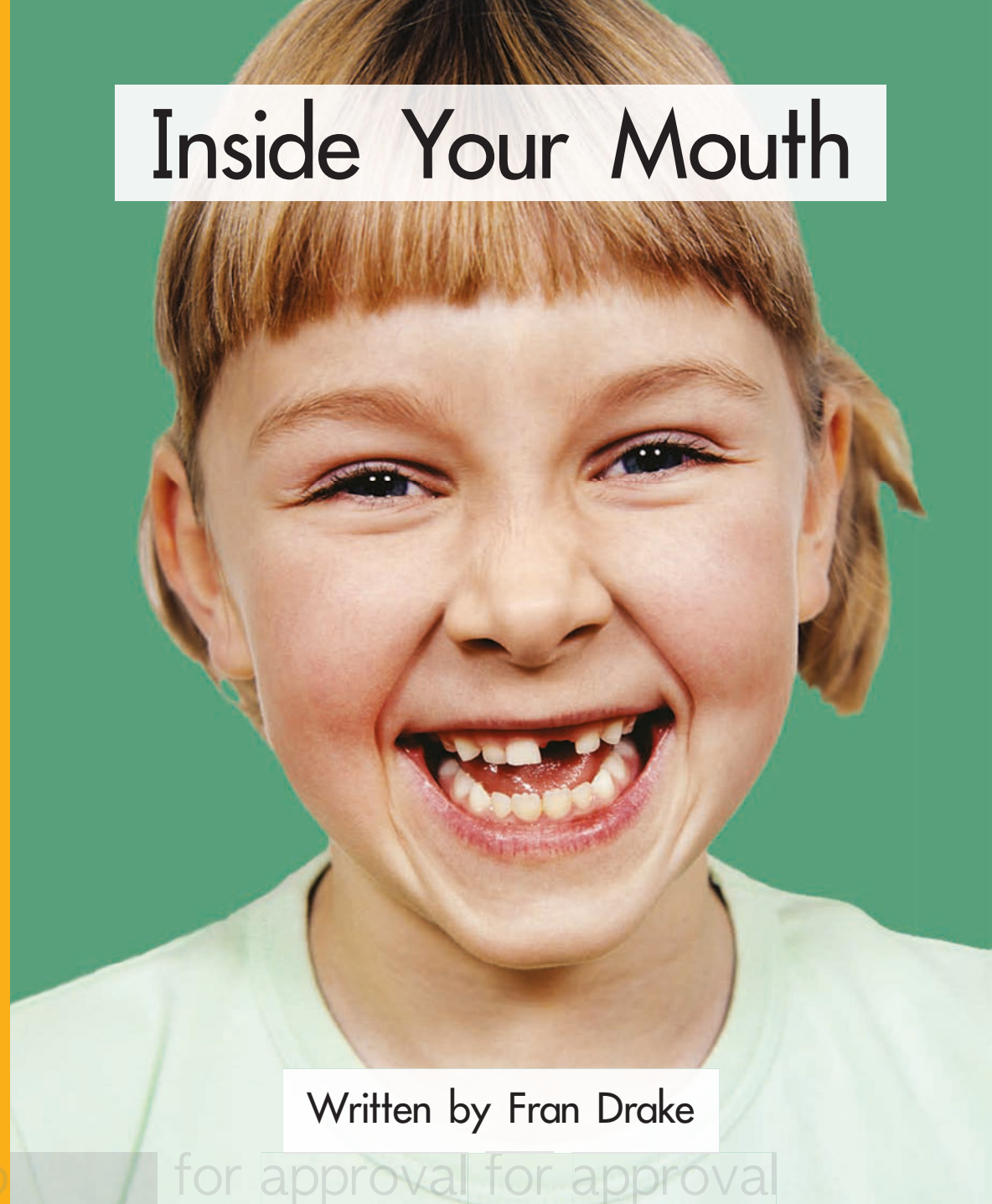
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Introduction

Open wide.
Take a look inside your mouth.
You have different kinds of teeth.
They are different shapes and sizes.

Your teeth do not
all look the same.



Have you ever taken a look
inside your mouth in a mirror?



The Inside of Your Mouth

There are different parts to your mouth. The inside is covered in soft, pink tissue. The tissue wrapped around your teeth is your **gums**.

The big piece of muscular tissue in the middle of your mouth is your tongue. Your tongue helps you taste, chew, and swallow your food. It also helps you speak.



Your tongue is a big piece of muscle.

Your mouth makes a thick, colourless fluid called **saliva**.

As soon as you eat or smell food, you make saliva.

Saliva makes food easier to chew and swallow.

Saliva also helps keep your teeth clean.

It kills tiny things that can make you sick, or **bacteria**, that live in your mouth.

Without **saliva**, it would be very difficult to eat food.

