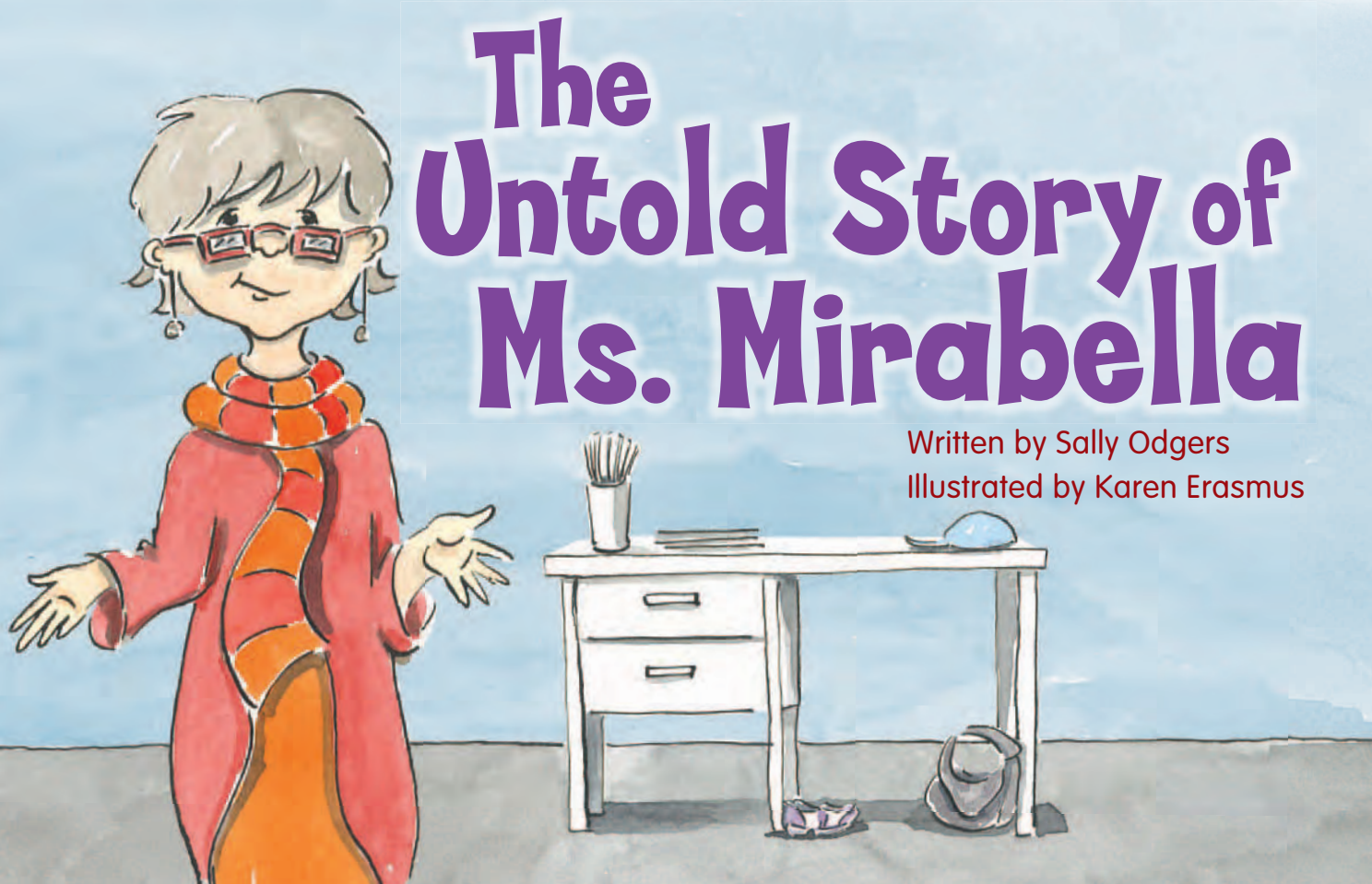
The Untold Story of Ms. Mirabella

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Ms. Mirabella wore sensible shoes, and her hair was gray around the edges. Her favorite word was *interesting*.

"Words are very interesting," said Ms. Mirabella on Friday. "For instance, consider the word *run*. It's very short, but if you add more letters, you can make other words. When I go *running,* I am a *runner*."



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William and Rosalyn laughed. Teachers as old as Ms. Mirabella didn't run. They walked or drove cars.

"Next week, we'll get into pairs and write stories about running," said Ms. Mirabella.

"Cool!" said Rosalyn. She picked up her school bag and turned to William. "We can write about my Uncle Matt. He's going to be in that big race tomorrow."

"Let's go watch," said William. "It will be research for our story."



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When Rosalyn went home, she told her dad what William had said.

"I'll take you two to the park to watch the runners go by," said Dad.

Rosalyn hurried next door to tell William the news. "Ms. Mirabella will be so impressed with our research!" she said happily.

"We'll have to think of an interesting title for our story," said William.

On Saturday morning, Rosalyn put on her tennis shoes to walk to the park. "Uncle Matt will be so surprised when he sees us!" she said.

"He might not notice," warned Dad. "He'll be focusing on the race."

The park was crowded with people. Most of them had come to watch the race. The competitors wore shirts with numbers pinned to the front of them.



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