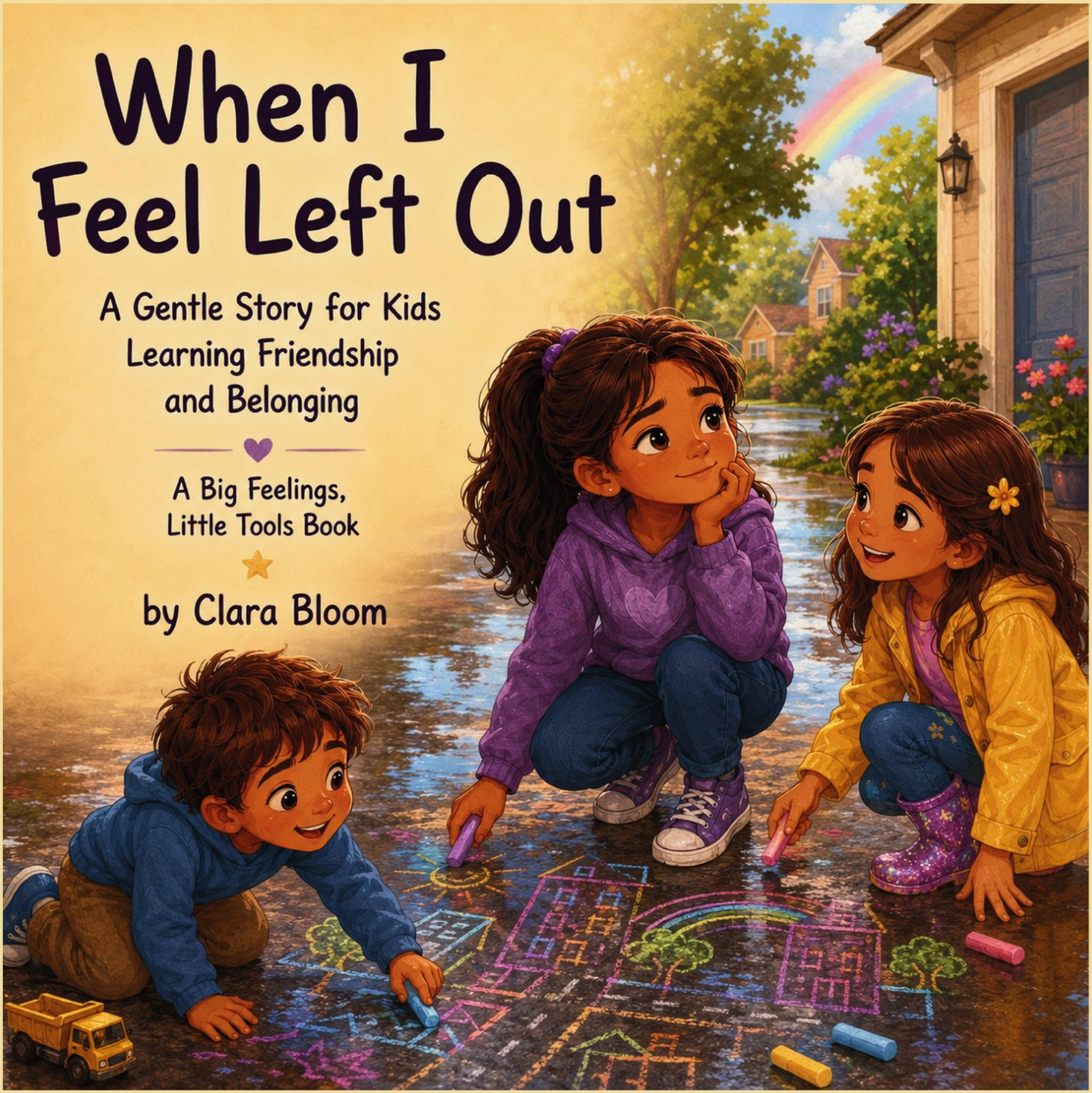
When I Feel Left Out
A Gentle Story for Kids Learning Friendship and Belonging
A Big Feelings, Little Tools Book
by Clara Bloom

For every child who has ever wondered,

‘Do they still want me?’

And for every grown-up helping them
feel seen, steady, and brave enough
to reach again.



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The sun came out after
a long gray morning.

Mia pressed both hands
to the window.

“The puddles are still here,”
she said.

That meant one thing.

Perfect sidewalk
chalk weather.



Mom carried the chalk bin outside.

Sam carried two little trucks.

Mia carried the biggest idea.

“We can make a whole city,”
she said.

“A chalk city with roads and
shops and secret paths.”



Soon the driveway bloomed with color.

Mia drew a library with tall purple doors.

Sam made bumpy roads for his trucks.

Mom drew one tiny flower, then said,
“I will let the city planners work.”



Mia added a bakery
beside the library.

Then a rainbow bridge.

Then a little park with a
pond shaped like a jellybean.

The city was just beginning
to feel real.



Lily from next door came over in sparkly shoes.

“Can I play?” she asked.

Mia smiled and handed her a piece of yellow chalk.

“Yes,” Mia said.
“You can help make the city.”



END OF SAMPLE

Three kids, one chalk city. Find out how everyone learns to make room.

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