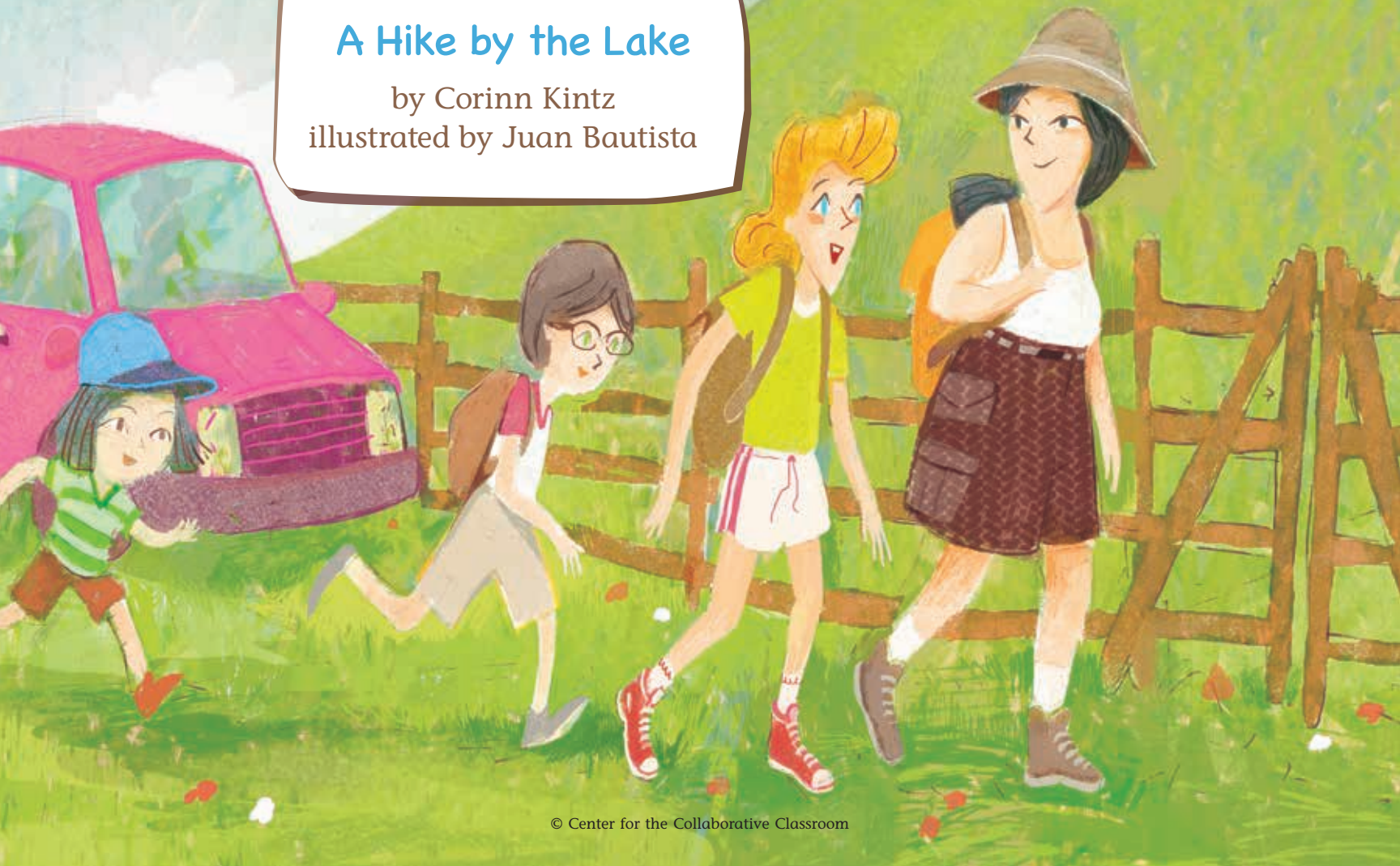


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The background is a watercolor illustration of a natural scene. In the foreground, a sandy, light-brown shore curves along the right side of a body of water. The water is depicted with various shades of blue and green, showing ripples and reflections. In the background, there is a dense line of green grass or reeds, with a few small red and white flowers scattered among them. The overall style is soft and painterly.

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Mother and Dad said, “Wake up! Let’s go on a hike by the lake!”



We jumped up. My big brother said, “I like to hike.
Let’s go!”

My other brother said, “I like to hike! Let’s go!”



My other brother was five. He said the same thing as my big brother every time.



My sister does not like to say the same thing as my brother, but she does like to hike. She said, “Where will we go? Can we camp?”



“No, not this time,” said Dad. “We will take lunch to the lake. We will pack lunch.”



We helped Mother make lunch. “Help me put lunch into this backpack,” said Mother.



“Does every kid have water? Take these,” said Dad, handing water to every kid.



“Pile in!” said Dad. We got into the van to drive to the lake.



We got to a gate. A path went next to a cliff and then by the side of the lake.

We went by a cave by the side of the lake.

Then, my big brother saw a snake by a pile of rocks!

“Look out!” he said. We saw the snake.



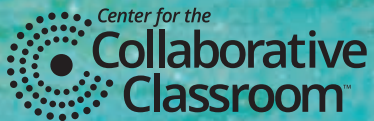
“Look out! Can the snake bite? I do not like it,”
my other brother said. He hid. We were glad to see the
snake slide off into the shade.



In a while, we came to some sand. We made a spot to have lunch. “We like to hike,” said my big brother.



“We like to hike!” said my other brother with a smile. “But I did not like to see that snake.”



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