



# A Bike Like Sergio's

## by Maribeth Boelts

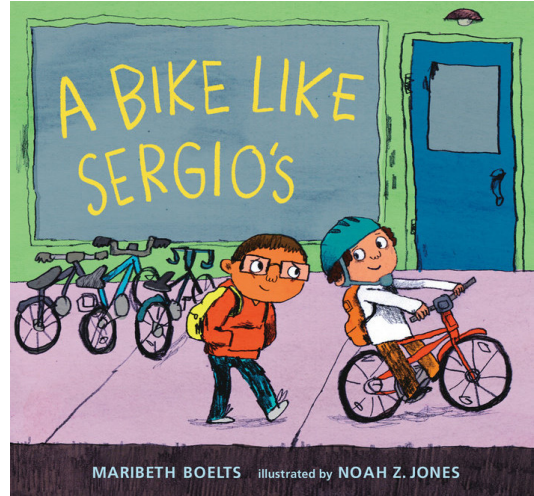
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### **Publisher Book Description:**

In *A Bike Like Sergio's*, Ruben feels like he is the only kid without a bike. His friend Sergio reminds him that his birthday is coming, but Ruben knows that the kinds of birthday gifts he and Sergio receive are not the same. After all, when Ruben's mom sends him to Sonny's corner store for groceries, sometimes she doesn't have enough money for everything on the list. So when Ruben sees a dollar bill fall out of someone's purse, he picks it up and puts it in his pocket. But

when he gets home, he discovers it's not one dollar or even five or ten—it's a hundred-dollar bill, more

than enough for a new bike just like Sergio's! But what about the crossed-off groceries? And what about the woman who lost her money? Presenting a relatable story told with subtlety and heart, the creative team behind *Those Shoes* pairs up again for a satisfying picture book.



### **About the Author**

Maribeth Boelts has always loved books. She has been writing stories since she was in kindergarten, and she wrote stories for her own three children when they were young. Her books draw from her experience raising her children and interacting with her grandchildren. Maribeth Boelts is the author of the picture books *Those Shoes*, illustrated by Noah Z. Jones, and *Happy Like Soccer*, illustrated by Lauren Castillo, as well as easy readers, a novel, and nonfiction. She likes to visit schools to explore reading and writing with students from preschool through high school. She loves nature, and she and her husband enjoy beekeeping. Maribeth Boelts lives in Iowa.

### **About the Illustrator**

Noah Z. Jones has illustrated many children's books, including *Those Shoes* by Maribeth Boelts, *Not Norman* by Kelly Bennett, *The Monster in the Backpack* by Lisa Moser, and *Welcome to the Bed and Biscuit* by Joan Carris. He also does animation for television, including Disney's *Fish Hooks* series. Noah Z. Jones lives in California.