

As My Breath Fills My Lungs



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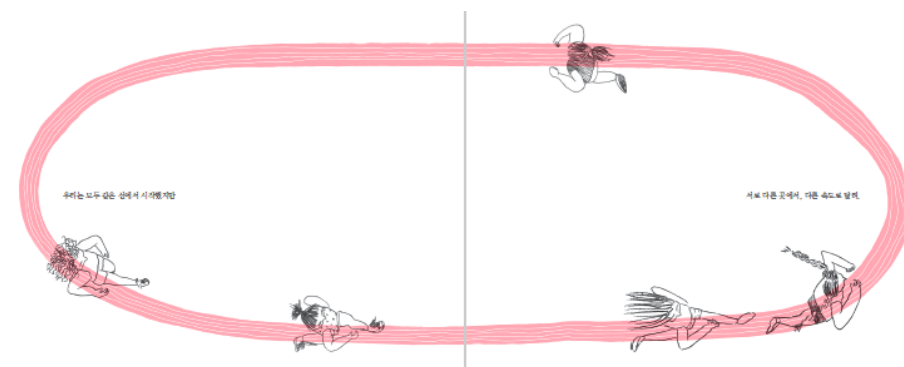
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The author/illustrator Bora Jin described long-distance running as a part of growing up. The runners in this picture book are ordinary children. While running, feeling like the lung is going to explode, they never give up and strive to overcome the hardness. Perfectly encapsulate the idea that everyone keeps moving forward at different rates even though we struggle from time to time. And this book encourage readers not to give up and keep trying it again and again until you accomplish it.

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Just like in long-distance running, that is how I want to make my illustrated books. I want to cheer for all those people who runs every day at their own pace. With < As My Breath Fills My Lungs > I was selected as this year's illustrator in Bologna's Children's book fair 2020, selected for 2021 Nami Concours, and selected for Woongjin Junior Illustration 3rd annual contest.



Translation in English:

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We are doing the long-distance running today.
This time it's the 1200 meter run.

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One lap is 200 meters.
So we have to do 6 laps.

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Can I really do this...?

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Bang!
Run!

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Breathe through the nose twice, huff huff.
Breathe out long through the mouth, then heave.

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Keeping my own pace.
There is only two ways to finish this run.

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The runner in front ran like a cheetah, swoosh.
Runners behind using their long legs, hop hop.

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Even if they are falling back, they run one step, two step with constant speed.
A little bit at a time, going forward.

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We may all start from the same start line.

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But all from different places, with different speeds, we run.

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Maybe we are about half way?
Are everyone also as tired as me?

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The runner that was running constantly slowly, now overtakes me.

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Step step, swish swoosh.
One, two, overtakes me.

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Legs shaking, head dizzy.

My body is not moving as I command.

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Huff huff, heave.
Drops of perspiration falling on the floor.

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The track turning like sticky mud.

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If I stop now, I may not run again.
So let's just go a bit more!

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Just one more lap!
Just a little bit more!

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Getting out of breath.

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Feel like my lungs is going to explode.....

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The cool air surrounds me.
While my heart still pumps hot.

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I did it!

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All of us, with all different speeds.

