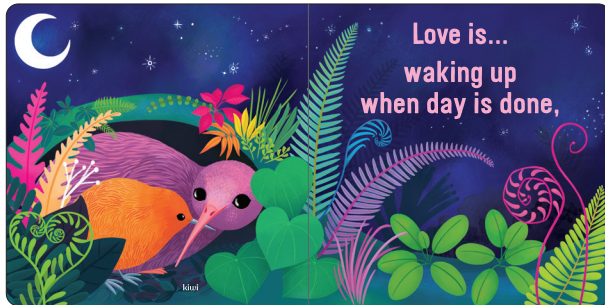# LOVE UNDER THE STARS

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Creatures of all stripes, sizes and colors celebrate love by day... and by night!
Life and love on our planet are incredibly diverse, and nighttime animals are no exception.
Our animal relatives remind us to be kind to others and most importantly—to ourselves.

Love is...
waking up
when day is done,

Kiwis: Kiwi parents work together to keep their egg safe and warm. Because of this attentive care, a chick is ready to leave its burrow just a few days after hatching.

flashing lights
to find the one,

Fireflies: Fireflies use specific light patterns to search for an ideal mate. They have flashing "conversations" until they find each other.

forest walks,
linked
end to end,

sharing food
with a hungry friend,

Shrews: Baby shrews form a train to follow behind their mom.

Vampire Bats: Female bats share food with close female friends.

teaching cubs
to hunt
by night,

Jaguars: Jaguar moms stay with their cubs for about two years in order to protect them and teach them how to hunt for food on their own.

a special coat
so beasts don't bite,

Slow Lorises: Slow lorises spread venom on their coats which may help deter predators. Slow loris moms may also use venom to protect their babies.

holding close
on a starry glide,

munching flowers
side by side,

Colugos: Baby colugos hold tight to mom's belly as she glides high up between treetops.

Night Monkeys: Night monkeys forage as a family with baby riding on dad's back.

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Pangolins: Pangolin moms curl into balls around their babies, using their hard scales to protect them from predators.
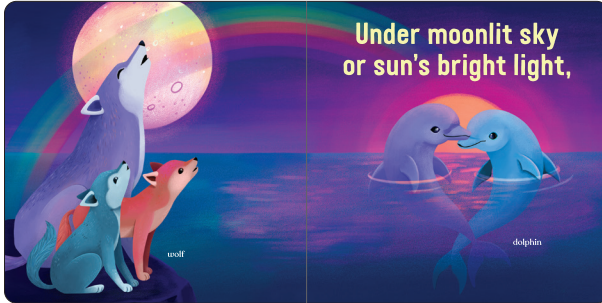

Barn Owls: Owlets practice flying in their nest and hopping around the nest entrance to build up confidence before taking their first flight.

Red Foxes: Foxes rub their noses together to show affection.

Porcupines: Porcupine families sleep all together in their burrow.

Wolves and Dolphins: Wolves and dolphins are both highly social animals who may form strong bonds with both opposite-sex and same-sex members of their pack or pod.

Many animals love to take refuge in tree holes both day and night—some even snuggle in family groups to stay warm.

Species left to right: Pipistrelle, Moon Moth, Mongoose, Dwarf Lemur, Monitor Lizard, Fairy Possum, Blue-naped Parrot, Tarsier, Flying Squirrel, Milk Frog, Night Monkey, Flicker, Barn Owl, Raccoon

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