The BRAVEST BOY I KNOW
This book is dedicated
to all the people who teach us
to share the joy of words and stories.

This book is dedicated to all the people who help keep us healthy so that we can learn and grow.

This book is dedicated to friends and family who love us for who we are.
This is my friend...
XIAO MING.
We like to meet under our favorite big tree.
We go to school together and learn lots of things.
We run and play football once the bell rings.
Sometimes we picnic down by the lake,
Xiao Li brings fruit and I bring cake.
We like to sing and dance when it’s rainy or sunny.
We like to talk and laugh and just be funny.
Xiao Ming is living with HIV.
And that’s okay with me.
My Mum makes sure I take my medicine twice a day.

And after I do, I like to say...
Now I am as STRONG as an ELEPHANT...
As HAPPY as a PANDA...
And **BRAVE** like a **TIGER**!
But sometimes I feel sick and I have to say...
I feel sleepy throughout the day.
That’s when we lie on the grass and just watch the clouds.
Or sit and read quietly away from the crowds.
I am happy **XIAO LI** is my friend.

She tells me again and again...
You are as STRONG as an ELEPHANT,
As **HAPPY**

as a **PANDA**...
And the **BRAVEST**

boy I know!