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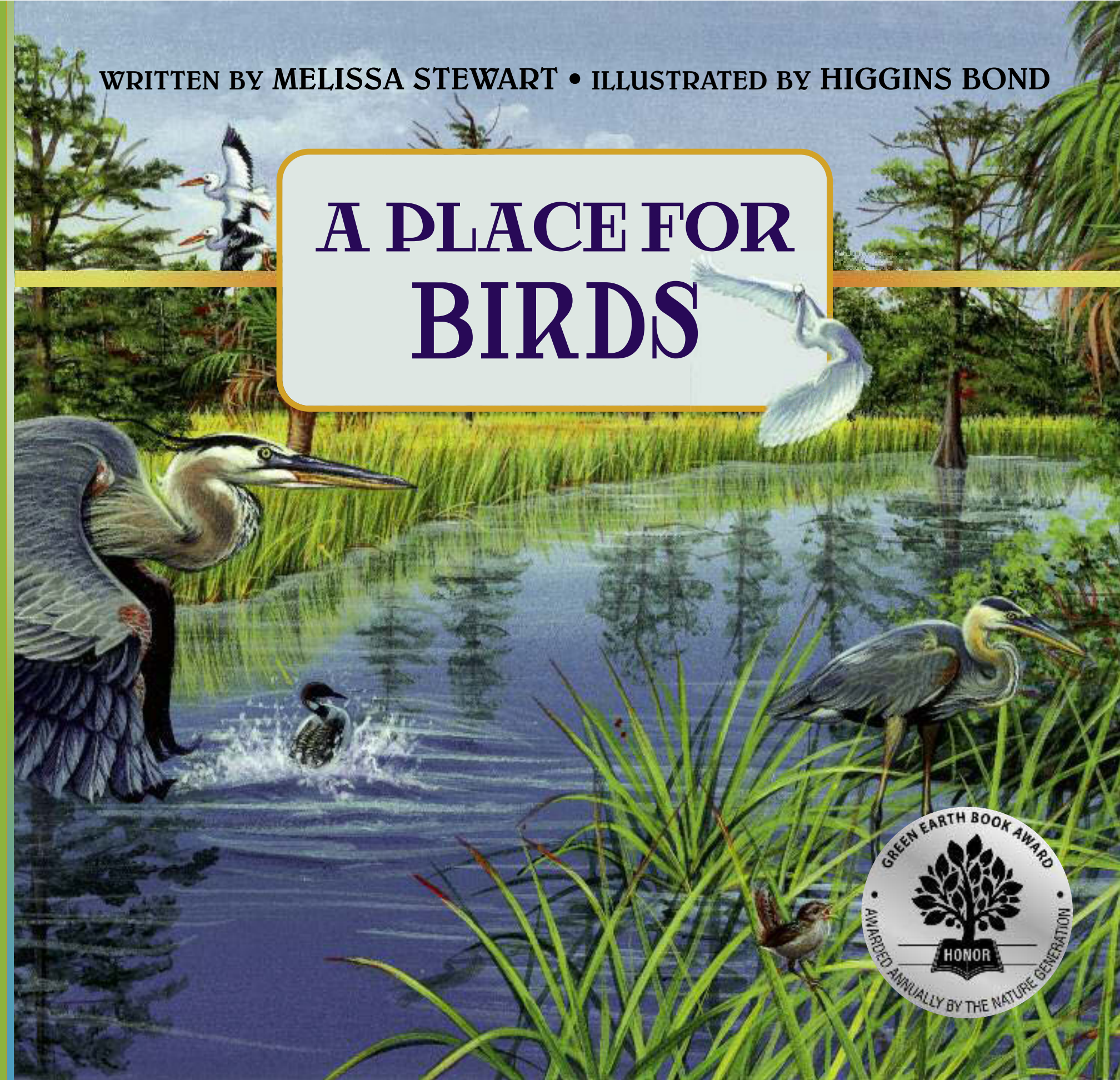
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Artist Higgins Bond's glorious full-color illustrations vividly and accurately depict the birds and their surroundings.

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For Vicky Holifield, whose incredible editorial vision first saw the potential in my picture book manuscripts.

—M. S.

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—H. B.



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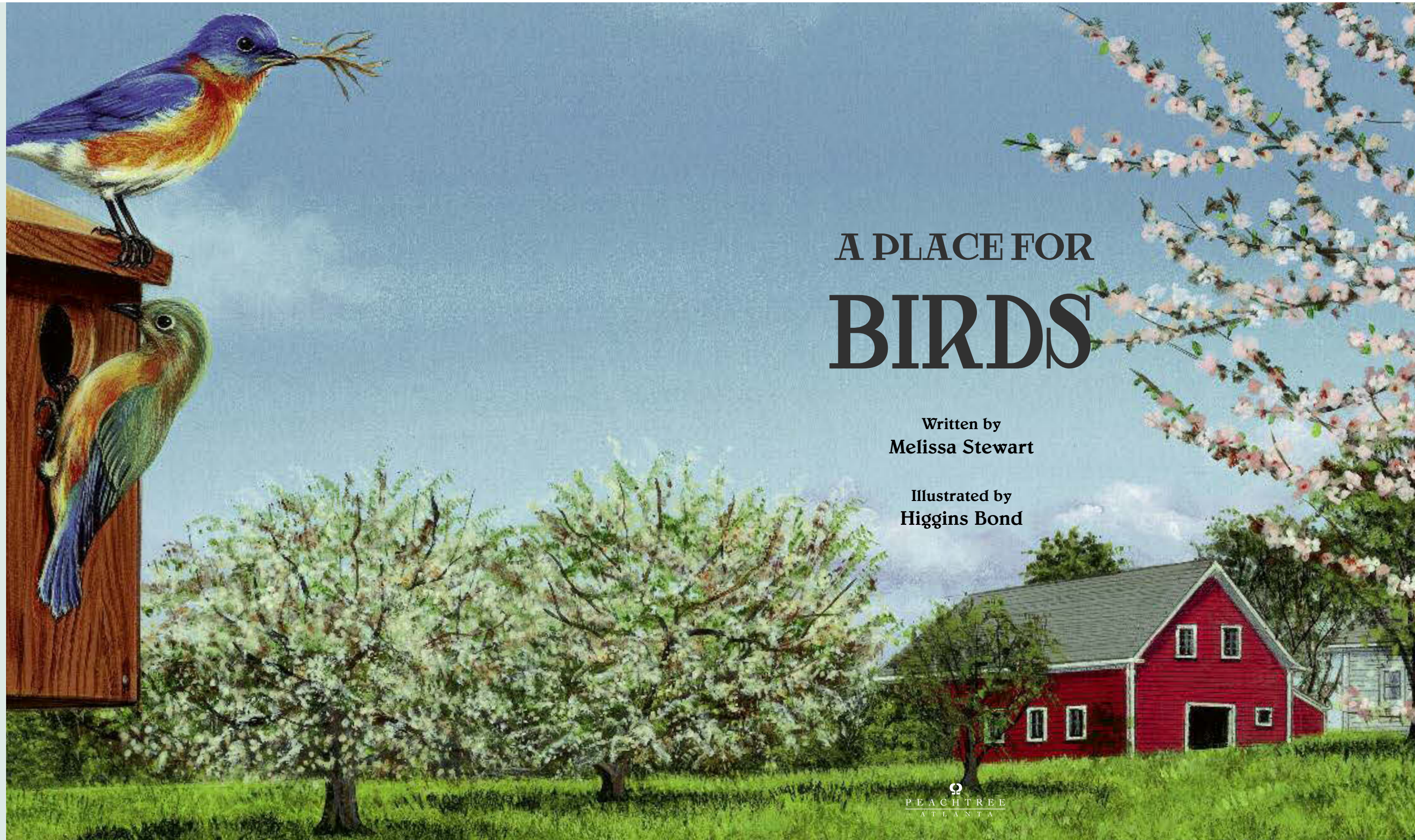
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Birds fill our world with bright colors and sweet songs. But sometimes people do things that make it hard for them to live and grow.

If we work together to help these amazing winged creatures, there will always be a place for birds.

FEATHERS AND FLIGHT

A bird's most exceptional feature is its feathers. They help a bird stay warm and dry, hide from enemies, and attract mates. Most important of all, feathers help a bird fly. Air flows smoothly over a bird's wing feathers. A bird uses its tail feathers to steer, slow down, and keep its balance.



Great blue heron adult and chicks

Like all living things, birds need safe places to raise their young. Many birds lay their eggs close to the ocean.

When people set aside and protect parts of the beach, birds can live and grow.

PIPING PLOVER

Piping plovers lay their eggs on beaches. Because the eggs and chicks blend in with their sandy surroundings, sunbathers and joggers may step on them by accident. In the late 1980s, people began fencing off some beach areas while the little birds raise their young. By 2010, the plover population had begun to recover.

