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## Marcotte, the Birthday Thief

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A gentle and comforting picture book about the passing of time, the fear of change, and the worries that come with growing up.

The raccoon family is celebrating the birthday of Marcotte's little sister. "Make a wish! Close your eyes!" But when she opens her eyes again... the candles are gone! And without candles, there's no birthday. This is the fifth birthday that's been stolen this year! Meanwhile, Marcotte is hurrying to Grandma Escarbille's workshop. Once inside, he pulls out a big box holding all the stolen birthdays. "For every candle not blown out, I get to keep everyone a little closer to me." In this tale of a happy and adorable raccoon family, Nejma Bourouaha delicately and poetically explores a child's fear of change.