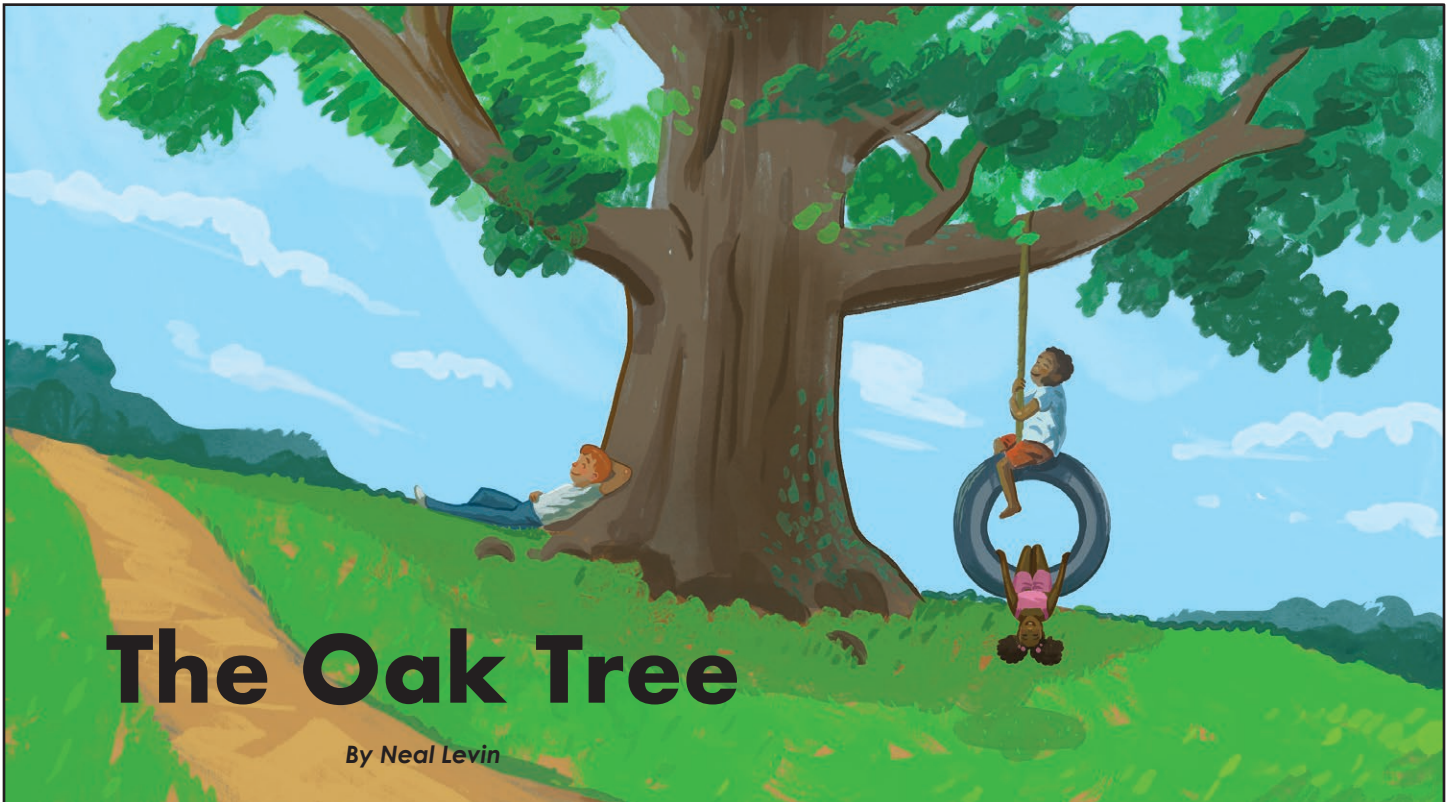


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By Neal Levin

The tall, mighty oak tree, the king of the land,
Protects tiny creatures and lends them a hand.
He shields them from dangers, relieves them of pain,
Gives shade from the sun and a roof from the rain.

The oak tree has acorns and places to nest.
His branches are perfect to swing on or rest.
His arms are so strong and his body erect.
No wonder the oak tree gains so much respect.

The oak tree is great and so gentle and kind,
As wise as the wisest of all of mankind.
Towering taller than so many other trees,
He'll fight through a storm and he'll dance through a breeze.

But the oak tree at one time himself was a youth.
It's hard to believe it, but this is the truth:
He started his life as a wee little seed
Who struggled at first but grew up to succeed.

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