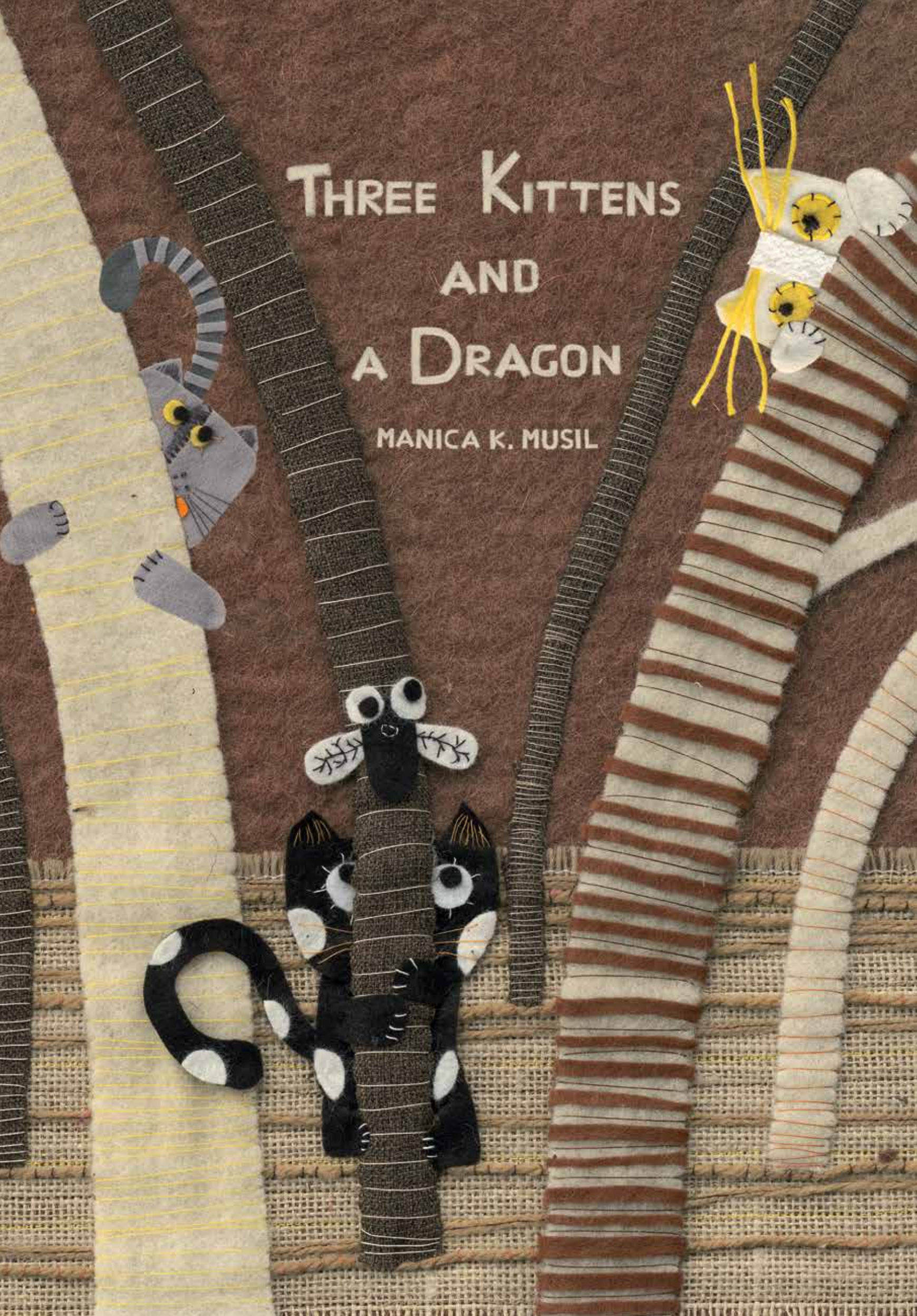


# THREE KITTENS AND A DRAGON

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At Green  
Fields, below a tall mountain,  
there are small houses and there are  
big houses. They are all connected by  
**underground tunnels**  
that stretch out under the whole  
meadow.

I'm going  
to get you!



Had enough  
sleep?

I was  
dreaming  
about the  
dragon!

Just once in my life  
I'd like to stop  
digging.

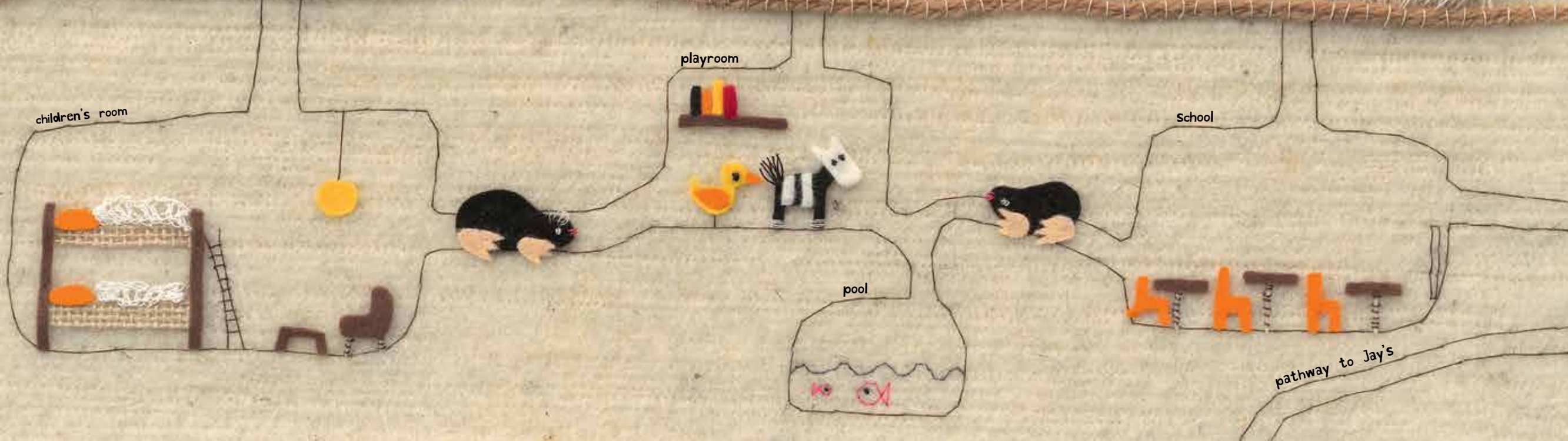
children's room

playroom

School

pool

pathway to Jay's





That same  
morning the cats  
set out on a long  
**journey to the  
mountain** in search  
of the dragon.

They walked and walked and  
came upon the home of  
Mrs. Jay. **‘Cats, what  
brings you here?’**  
she screeched.  
**‘We’re looking  
for the dragon!’**  
answered Dotty.

You'll be  
safer in my  
tummy...

What a  
strange  
house you  
live in!

You're making  
a real mess  
of things!

Jay, we're  
going to  
come in!





There was some  
more mighty screeching and all at  
once they were in a hall, where they heard a  
tittering voice. 'Who's tittering?' asked Dotty bravely.  
Then she noticed **an enormous spider.**  
'Haven't you ever heard of the **Magic Hall?**  
**Now outside, now inside?**' tittered  
the tittering spider. 'You accidentally  
**ended up outside.'**

I knew I should  
have gone  
home.

Spidey, what have  
we done  
to you?

Are you  
a dragon?

For me  
he's worse  
than a dragon!

Yup, I'm a dragon!  
I'm going to gobble  
all of you up...

He's just kidding.  
Don't you  
believe him!





‘But why do you keep  
on tittering?’ asked Dotty. ‘I’ve seen  
so many horrors in my time, and all  
that sadness makes me unable to stop tittering. I can’t  
cry anymore because all my tears  
have dried up!’ tittered the tittering spider. ‘And  
what brings you here?’ he asked. ‘We’re looking  
for the dragon!’ hollered kittens. ‘You’ll  
find him on the tall mountain at  
the edge of Green Fields!’ tittered  
the tittering spider.

Let’s go  
home...

Have you  
made a bed  
for us?

Let me live!  
I’ll help you catch  
the dragon...

Can’t you see  
he’s only kidding us?

I’d also like  
Some fly...

That fly’s  
for me!

Me too.





The kittens continued

on their journey. During the day they

walked outside and at night they travelled through

Mr. Mole's maze. They walked and they walked, until one

day they just collapsed. 'Maybe we should  
stay outside tonight and let the

dragon carry us off!' said Dotty. They

pressed themselves into little balls and fearfully

awaited nightfall.

I'll be  
on the  
lookout!



This is not  
going to  
end well...

Graydon, shhh,  
everything will  
be okay.



Zzz...