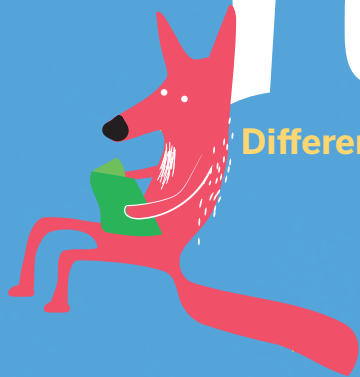


TODAY

Different is not forever. Different is not bad.

by Natasha Stewart



Hi, I'm Kit and this is a book by me (and my dog). I wrote it to help me and my family understand the new "rules" of today. So many things have changed and I see some people don't understand. (My totally clueless little sister really doesn't get it but she is 4 so I guess that's OK.) We had lots of good fun times drawing the ways the world has changed. I hope you have fun reading it.

My teacher, Mrs Crawley, asked the class to write something everyday, to help us understand how different this "pandemic" life is. It's actually fun to write, it makes it less scary, you should try it, or draw something even.

My Mom wrote a poem to help me finish my book. She is proud of it, and I love it too, my comments are funnier, though.

On every page, Kenai (my dog) will be somewhere, find him, he loves hide and seek. He will always be red, as there are other dogs running around. He is hidden (sometimes not so hidden) 17 times in this book.

Well, I gotta go, Lola found a way to turn our couch into a castle. Bye!



MY FAMILY



Kit
(me, super cool artist)



Kenai
(my dog, he reads too much,
he is a bit of a show off)



Lola
(little sister, not happy that I
drew her in a dress, she is the
best at spotting worms)



Sean Paul
(best friend, can
jump the big hill
near our school,
on his bike)



Dad
(EMT, he is working alot lately,
world's leader in Taco eating)



Mom
(author, works from
home, worst homework
helper, best hugger)

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**The world is different
the tall ones say,
the world is different today.**

**“But why” says the little ones,
“but why is it different today”.**

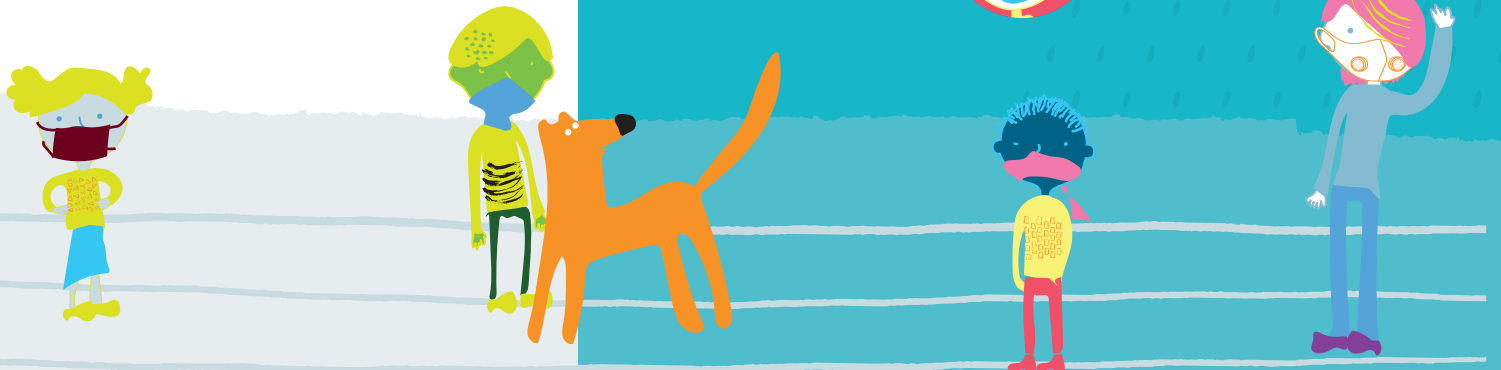
**The world is different because
we are at home all day,
all of us, dogs, cats and
grown-ups too.**

**Yet no one has time to play.
No one comes over to stay.**

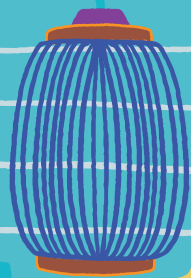
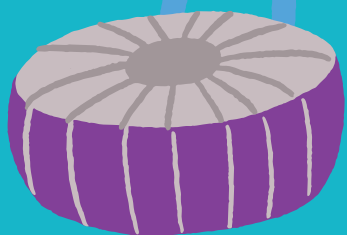
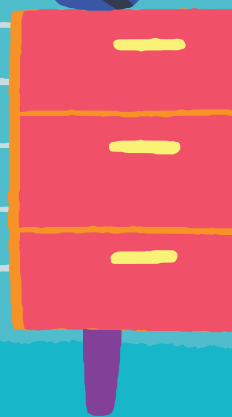
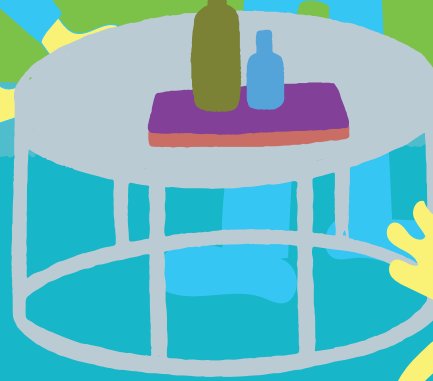
The world is different!

But why?

Have you seen grown-ups with masks on. Some are pretty cool with designs but some are really scary like they are villains or something. My Dad told me that I should think of them as superheroes, like Batman, because they are just doing their part in stopping the spread.



Hey, it's me and my family. Lola is in her room, she needs some alone time. I'm drawing, Mom is reading, like always, and my Dad is playing PS4, like a boss. And it is 1:15 on a Wednesday afternoon, so weird.



When we see those we know,
we don't get close but walk away.

The world is different today.

We stand far away...

2 meters is a lot when you are small,
6 ft is still a lot when you are tall,

but we do this for the health of all.

6 ft or 2 m sure sounds
far but how far is it?
Here are some ways
parents are telling their
kids how to figure it out.
My favourite is Dad's
idea, especially when he
laid them all out and
we got to eat them up.

You see Lola is sad, she
saw her friend Hanna
and could not hug her.
They played Drawful,
an online game, to cheer
themselves up.



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Sean Paul's Dad bikes everywhere. He asked me to remind you that exercise is important but remember road rules and be careful.

Sean Paul's Dad:
 $6\text{ ft} = 1\text{ bike}$

Hugh's and Jada's Dad:
 $2\text{ m} = \text{width of a bed}$

We wash our hands
until we sing,
two happy birthdays
ring-a-ding-ding,
or when a 20 second
ding will ring.

We won't touch
our face,
keep our hands
in place,
always allow
others breathing
space.

The world is
different today.



wash
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for
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seconds



Everytime we get home from outside we wash our hands. Lola and I like to sing happy birthday each time. (twice) We hope this means we get some cake more often.



I played Fortnite with him last night.

Sean Paul's house

Baseball field

My team won't play this year. :(

My apartment building

Here are some places we will go when we can. I miss them but I understand why we can not go now. Better safe, right.

Kenai loves it here, misses his friends.

Toy Store

Lola is smiling, kinda.

Dog park

School

Hi, Miss Crawley

It's different you say, well, I have some news for you today different is not bad, or sad, or even glad...

it is just different.

And it will not be for too long, so don't get mad.

We will go outside again, see friends, teachers and classmates. We will go to stores, museum, libraries and playdates.

But now we stay at home washing our hands, and feeling a little strange from time to time.

But that is ok.



This is my Mom's desk. We have to share. She likes books and papers and she works at weird hours now so I can work too. I am having a virtual class with some other kids. It is weird but at least I get to see Sean Paul.

Miss Crawley
My teacher. She is nice.

Sean Paul
My best friend. He is the funniest kid.

Evyn
A girl in my class. She talks alot.

Ahmed
A kid in my class. He likes dinosaurs. ALOT!



Mom's Rules
① Be Kind
② Exercise
③ Wash hands
④ Don't touch face



Say "hi" to your friends, your teachers and your Grandparents too, all on the computer or phone or through youtube.

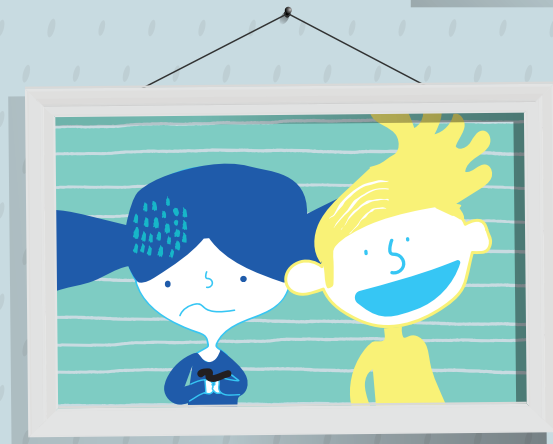
Be kind to your family, whomever they may be.

The world is different today, but you are safe with family, those closest to you.

Those who you love, and who love you.

And I think that is great for today.

These are pictures of all my family: Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles, cousins and some friends. I sure miss my Aunties Reenie and Yvonne, they live in the coolest apartment near us, we can't get close to them because Auntie Reenie has ~~immune deficiency~~ bad lungs, but we talk alot on the phone.



THANKS



Remember these rules:
(Mom's Rules)



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Natasha Stewart is a designer and illustrator from Ottawa, Ontario. She always wanted blue hair so jumped at a chance to illustrate and write it into a story. Her two children helped identify some of the worries going around but refused to be named openly. Stay safe. Stay calm. Different is not forever. Different is not bad.