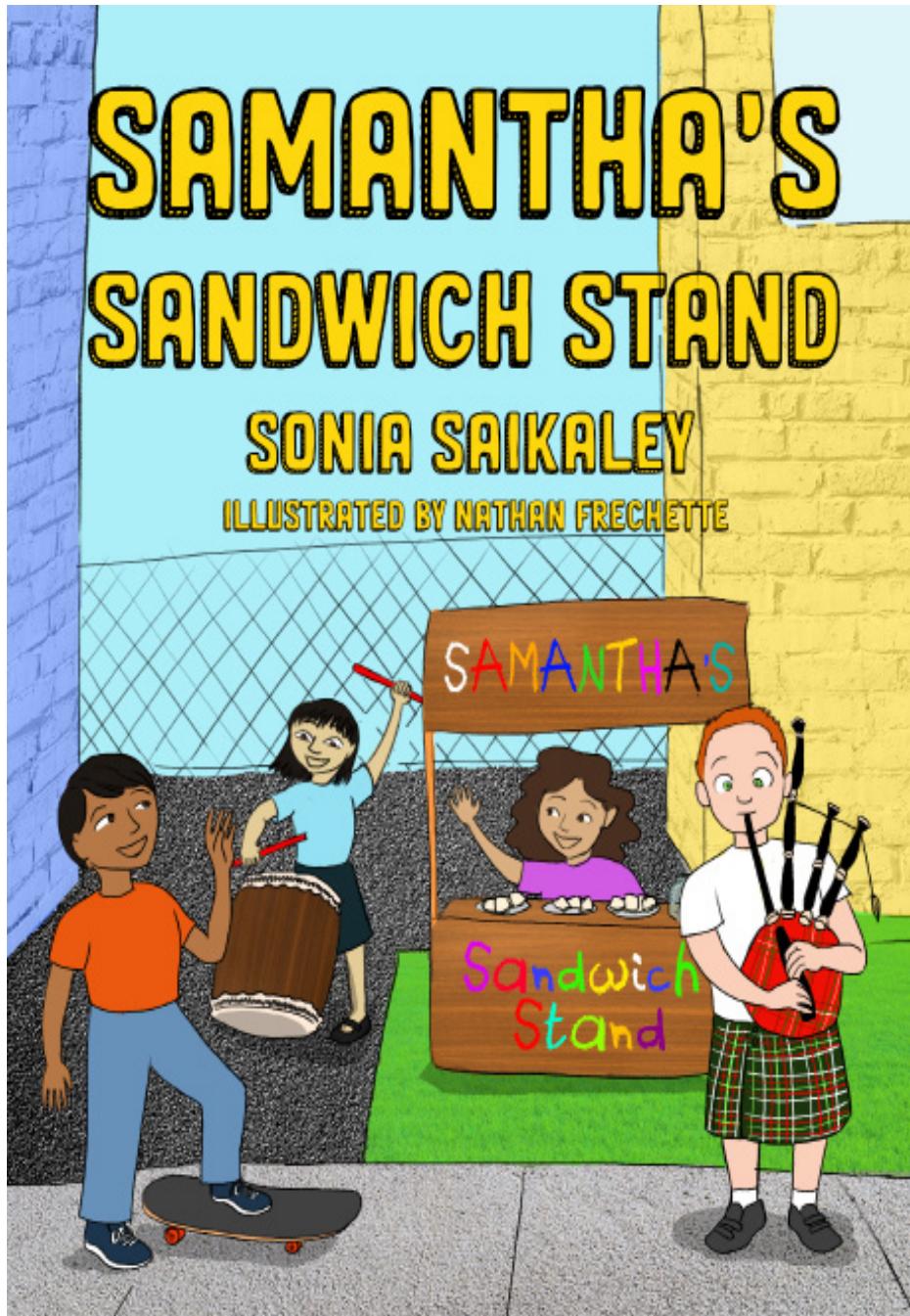


Samantha's Sandwich Stand

by Sonia Saitaley



Samantha is bored. It is summer and her friends are on vacation. When she sees a lemonade stand, she wants to open one but her father convinces her to sell something different: her mother's homemade Lebanese cream cheese and cucumber pita sandwiches. But can she convince others that her sandwich treat is just as refreshing and delicious as lemonade? When her friends return from their holidays and offer to help her, along with a very hungry eagle, will customers finally come and buy her sandwiches? *Samantha's Sandwich Stand* is an inspiring story about believing in yourself, accepting help from others when something doesn't succeed at first, and celebrating each other's differences.

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