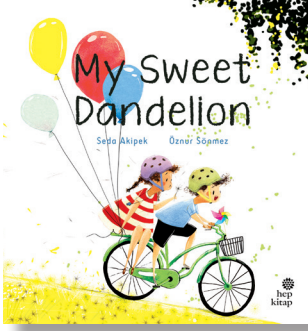


My Sweet Dandelion

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Nefes, a newcomer to the neighborhood, has no friends. The fact that Nefes spends a lot of time by himself attracts the attention of the children in the neighborhood. In the mornings she blows dandelions and in the evenings she walks around blowing her whistle. Nefes, who attracts attention with her calmness, and Rüzgar become very close friends in a short time. Throughout the book, we witness the fun moments they spend together and the way they deal with a difficult subject like parting. Nefes (Breath) is after things with breath: blowing a whistle, blowing a dandelion, frothing a drink, inflating a balloon, making bubbles, etc. Rüzgar (Wind) is after things that leave wind behind: scooters, bicycles, etc. Therefore, while Nefes' nature is symbolized by the dandelion, Rüzgar's is the wind rose. These details are subtly hidden between the lines and delicately reflected in the drawings. Since the story is told through the mouth of Rüzgar, we named the book My Sweet Dandelion, the name he gave to Nefes. This friendship, which is short for an adult but long for a child, surrounds us all.

