


# MONTY GOES TO COLLEGE



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"I hope this book inspires you to decide now to pursue a college education. Going to college will open up worlds of possibility and prepare you for a bright future. You are tomorrow's leaders, and the world will be what you make of it. Keep reading, and keep learning." **Utah Governor Gary Herbert.**

"I'm so proud that schools in Utah are telling students like you about college. College is an exciting opportunity to learn, grow, get a great job and help raise families. I hope this book will inspire you to try hard in school and tell your friends, parents and teachers how excited you are to go to college."

**Utah Commissioner of Higher Education David Buhler**





**When Monte was a baby fox  
He ate and burped and peed.  
And every night before he slept  
He heard his Granny read.**







By second grade  
That smart young fox  
Read books all by himself  
Of fairies, planets, pirate ships,  
Or Santa's favorite elf.





**He read each night  
While the moon shone bright  
And filled his brain with knowledge.  
It started with his story books  
Now Monte goes to college.**





**In grade school, Monte learned to do  
Some pretty simple math,**



**And that was all it really took  
To start him down the path.**



**His parents quizzed him for his tests.  
They practiced flashcards, too.  
In junior high, he worked so hard  
His math skills grew and grew.**

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**He did his homework every day.  
His efforts were acknowledged.  
He learned that practice really pays  
Now Monte goes to college.**





**Each time his birthday came around  
And he got a little cash,  
He put some in a bank account  
And built up quite a stash.**







Then Monte took a summer job,  
Worked part-time after school.  
He saved most of his money  
And his college savings grew.



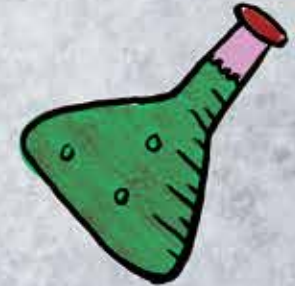




**He checked on scholarships and grants  
And gained financial knowledge.  
He worked and saved  
And planned and played  
Now Monte goes to college.**



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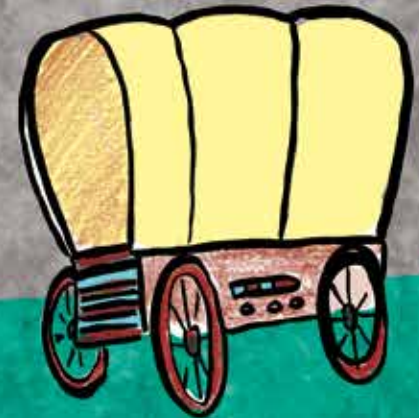
**In high school Monte got to pick  
The classes he would take.  
He learned another language  
And he learned to bake a cake.**







He chose to take biology,  
And chemistry and physics,  
History, math, psychology  
An extra class in civics.

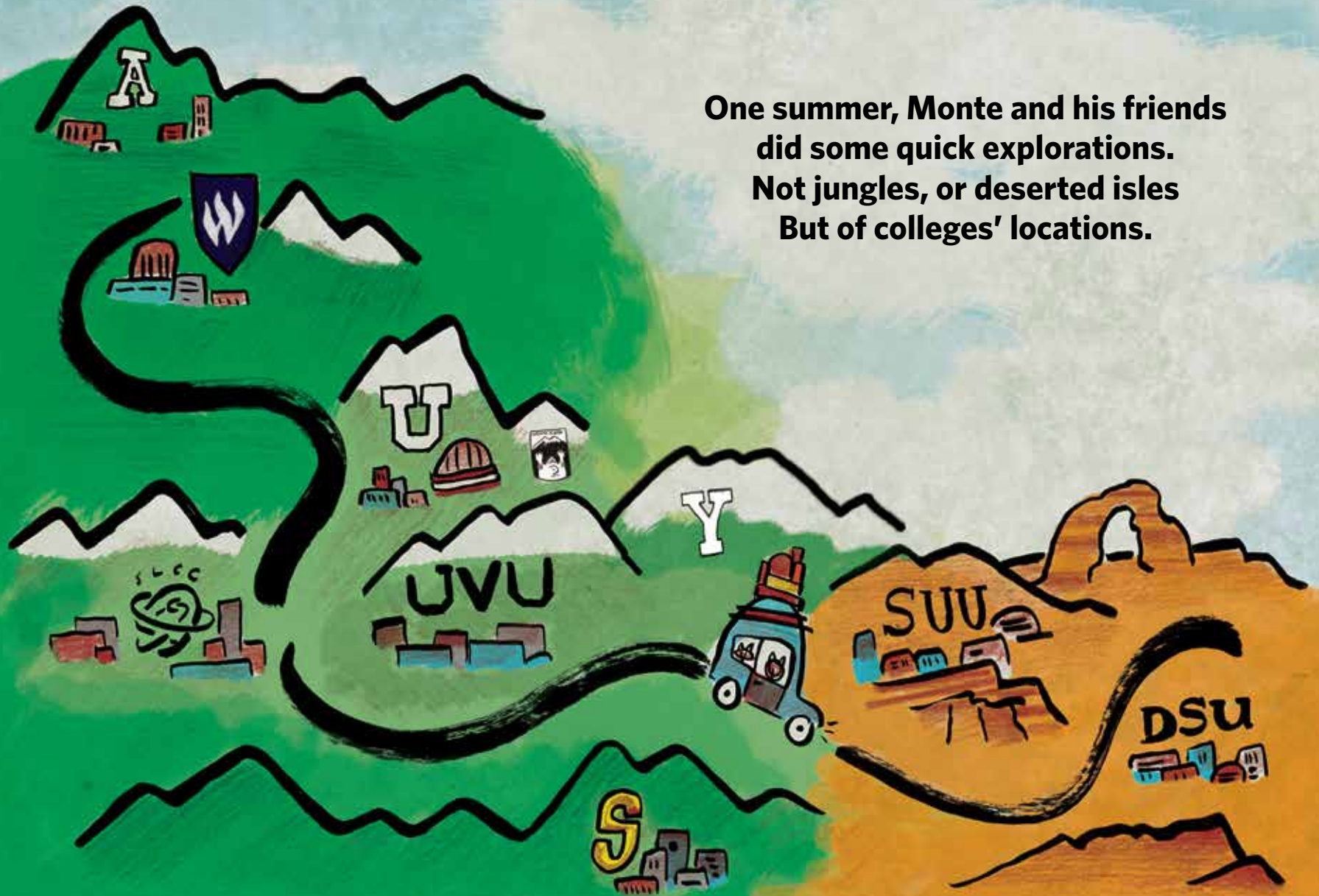




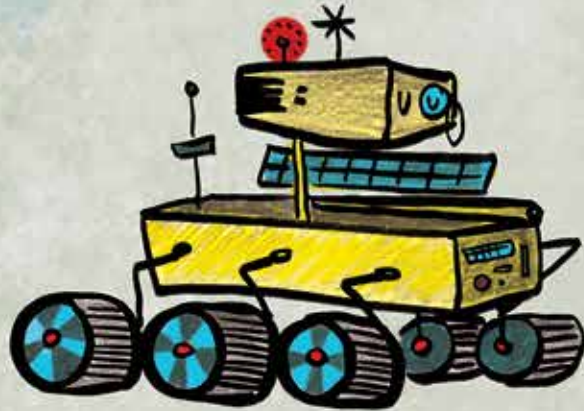


**He took some classes just for fun  
To add more to his knowledge.  
He also picked some tougher ones  
Now Monte goes to college.**

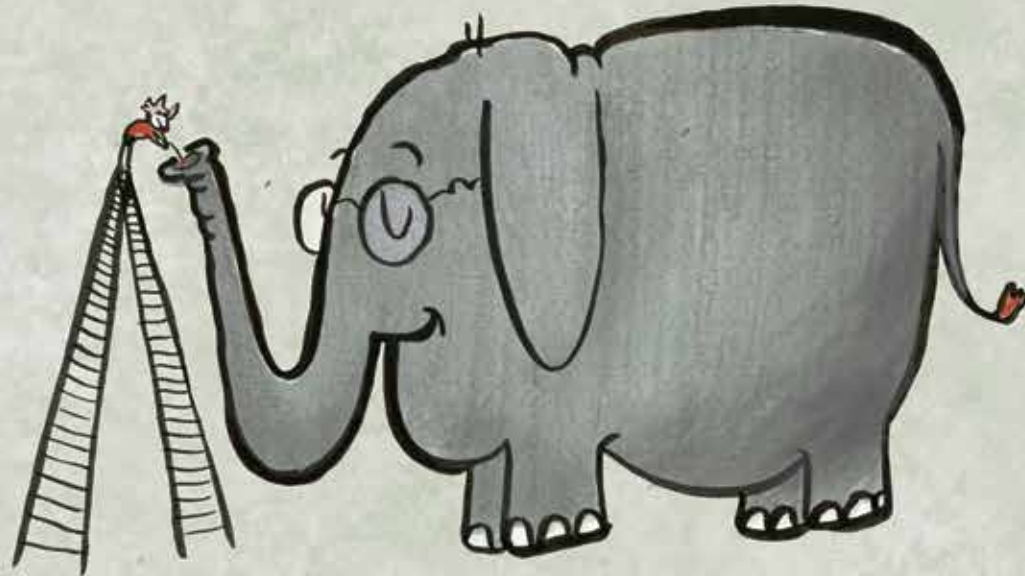
One summer, Monte and his friends  
did some quick explorations.  
Not jungles, or deserted isles  
But of colleges' locations.





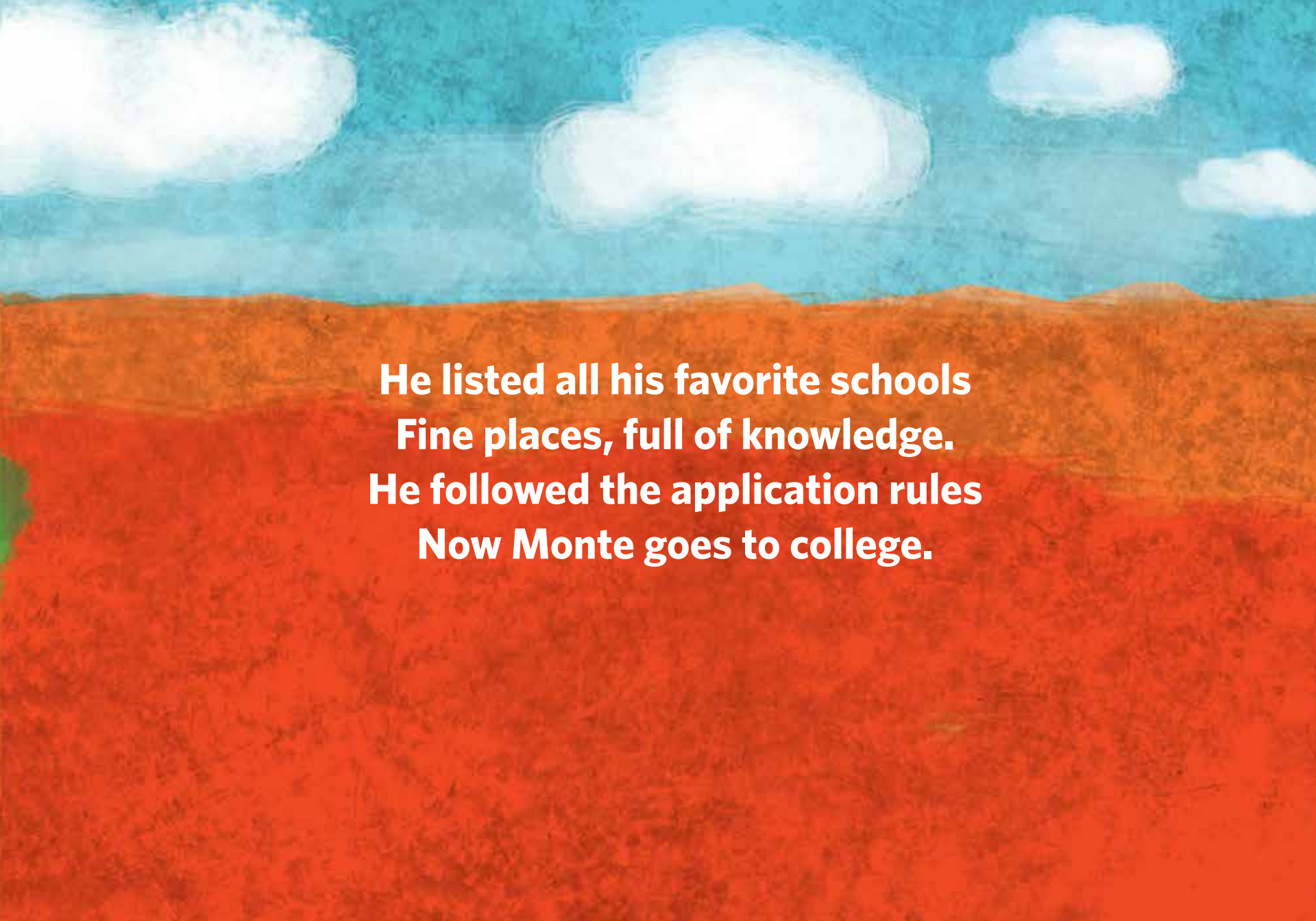


**Where could he become a vet  
Or design some cool robotics?  
Act in plays, perfect the flute  
Or engineer electronics?**










**He listed all his favorite schools  
Fine places, full of knowledge.  
He followed the application rules  
Now Monte goes to college.**



**Now finally, Monte's college-bound  
And so is his best buddy.**





**They share a little dorm room  
Where they come to sleep or study.**



**He goes to class, works in a lab**

**Plays on the rugby squad.**

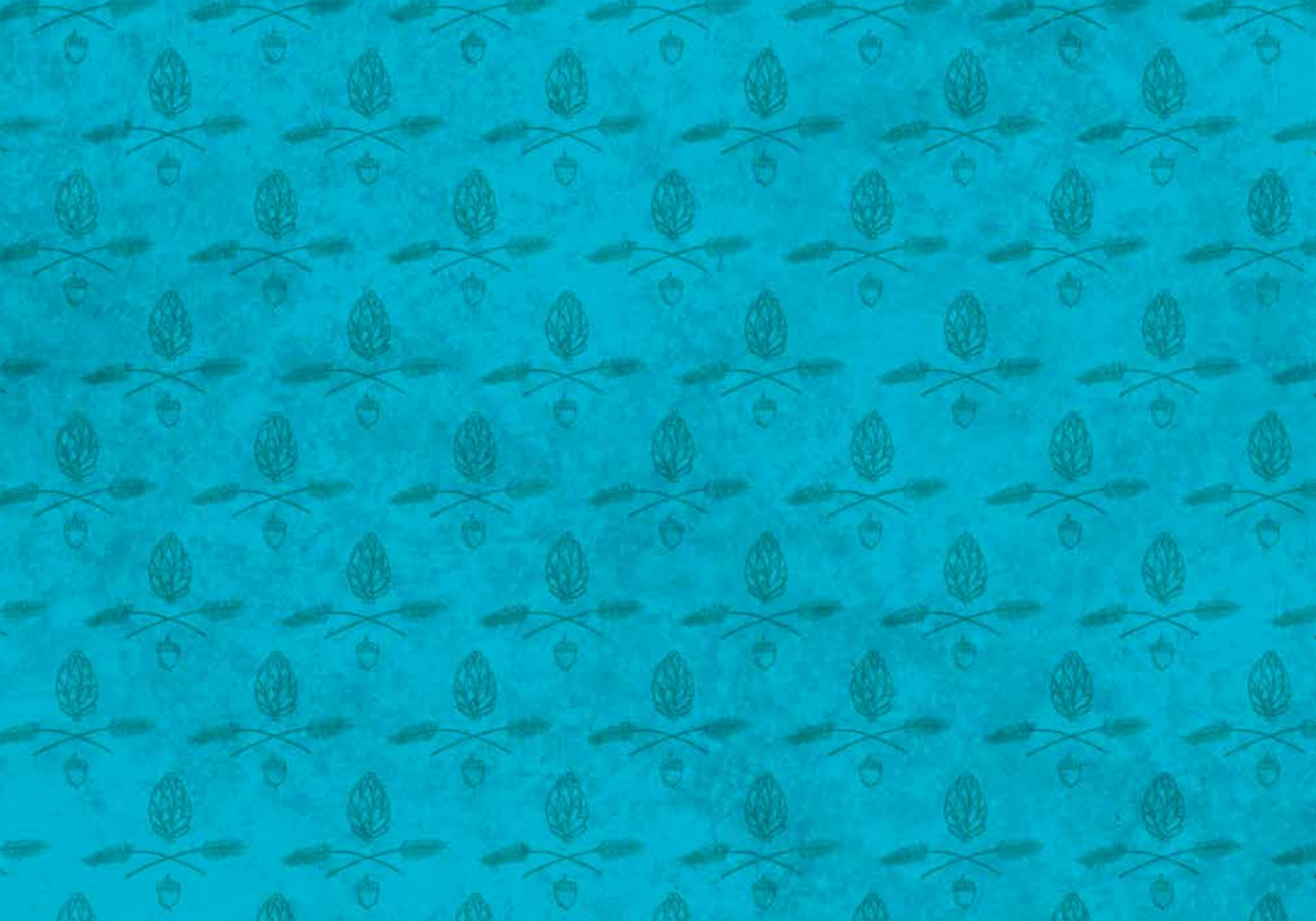


**He gets up on time  
(without his mom!)  
And plans a term abroad.**

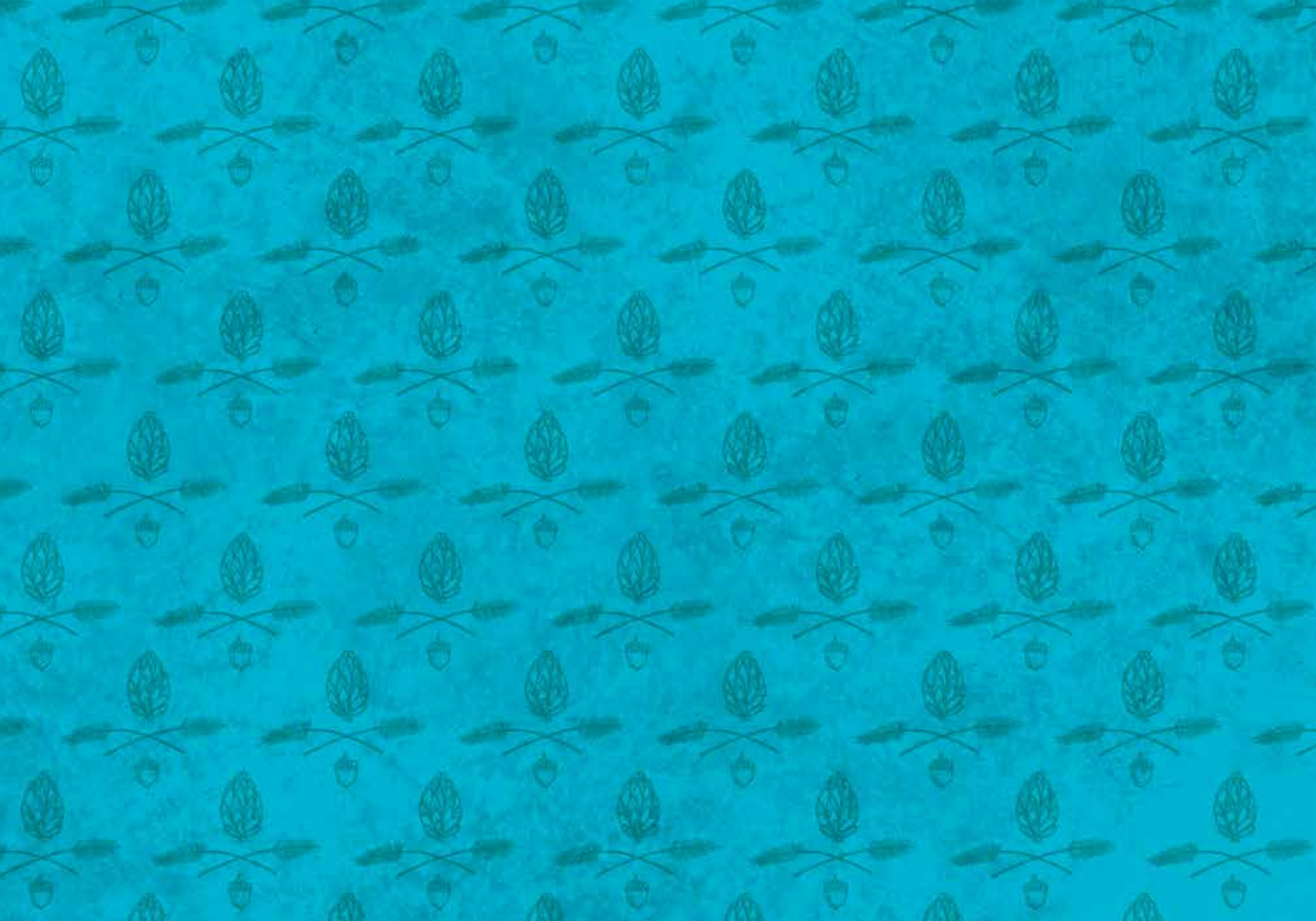




**He dreams of ways to change the world  
And use all of his knowledge.  
He's having the best time of his life  
Now Monte goes to college.**







## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Dr. Julie Hartley-Moore** LOVES to read. She reads for work, reads for fun, reads with her kids, shares books with her husband, and listens to audiobooks in the car. She also loved her time in college. She attended Brigham Young University, Utah State University, and Columbia University in the City of New York. She is a teacher, too, and taught French, Anthropology, and English at colleges and universities in Utah and Michigan. Now her job as Assistant Commissioner with the Utah System of Higher Education is to help people go to college so they can do the things they love. What do you want to do? You should go to college too!








## ABOUT THE ARTIST

**COLT BOWDEN** has always loved to draw as soon as he was big enough to hold a crayon. Born and raised in Magna, Utah, he spent his childhood climbing in trees, building snow forts, and exploring the world around him. An avid doodler, painter, skateboarder, and children's book collector, Colt is always looking for new ways to be creative. Colt attended BYU and graduated in 2012 with a Bachelor of Fine Art degree, majoring in Illustration. Colt loves taking walks in the park with his his wife Abigayl and their son in sunny Southern California.

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