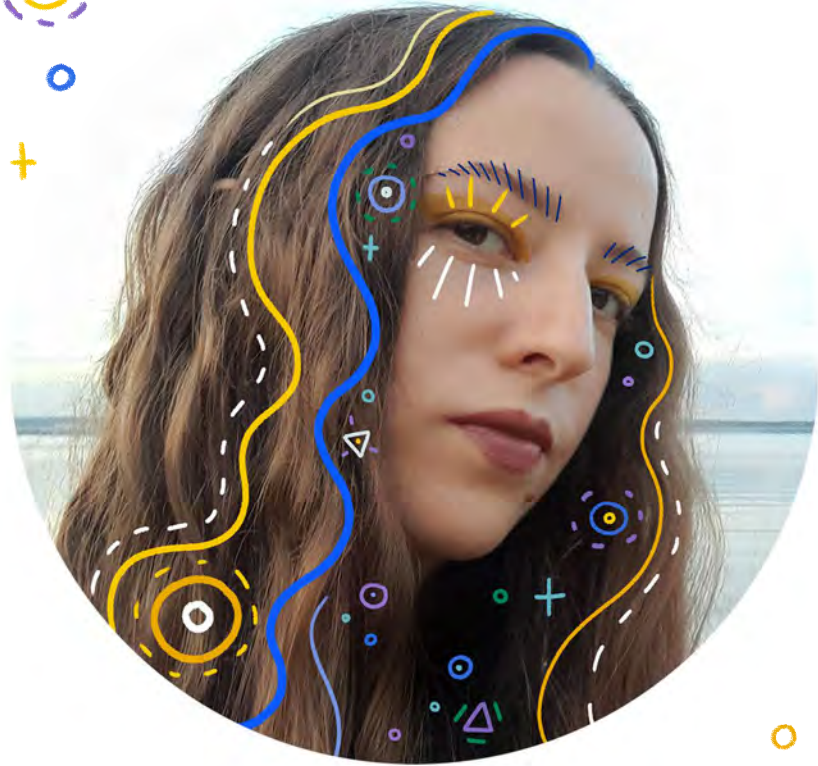




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MASHA PLESHAKOVA
BOOK ILLUSTRATOR

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Hello! I am Masha Pleshakova, a book illustrator.

Originally I'm from Ukraine, but in the summer of 2022 I relocated to the city of Venice with my dog Shishka and my cat Simon. Since then we have been living and working in Italy.

I graduated from the Art Academy of Lviv, Ukraine with a degree in artistic ceramics and decorative applied arts in 2017, and started working in digital art as a freelancer. After several illustration projects, I found myself in book illustration, which quickly became my passion!

Currently, I have illustrated two books in collaboration with an author from the US. Additionally, a series of books I've been working on for the last few years is in the final stages of completing, and is set to be published in both print and digital formats. The digital version incorporates animated elements, crafted using **Adobe Animate**. For my static illustrations, I employ **Adobe Photoshop** and a drawing tablet.

Now I'm looking for a project of my dream to illustrate and publish in collaboration with a good international publishing house.

See more of my projects on my website
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I will be waiting for your suggestions



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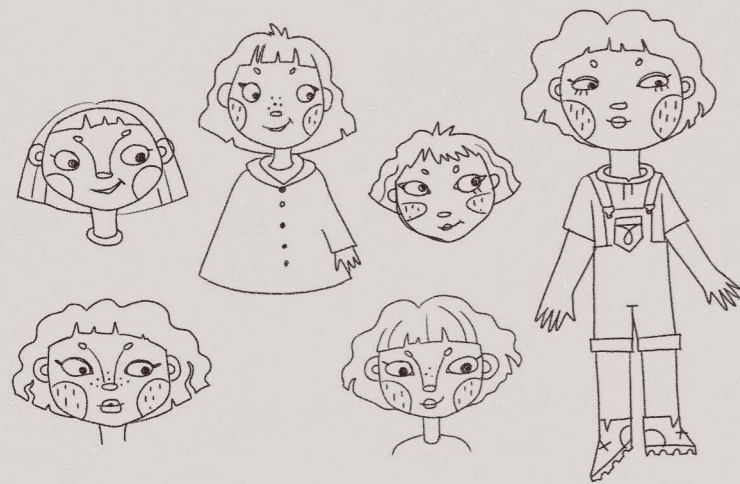
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Scatches and illustrations for my future children's comic book in which I will be the author-illustrator with the working title KUPALA

A story about 2 sisters and a dog who go on a hike with their dad to the Carpathian mountains and suddenly at night they find themselves where they were not supposed to be, at a magic fair, surrounded by small forest creatures, which, as it later turns out, gather in this place every year for the holiday of the summer solstice, tor as it is called in Ukraine, Ivan Kupala. I want to include in the story many references to Ukrainian legends and the demonology of the mountainous part of Ukraine, as well as to my sister and I's funny stories from childhood, when we went hiking with our dad.

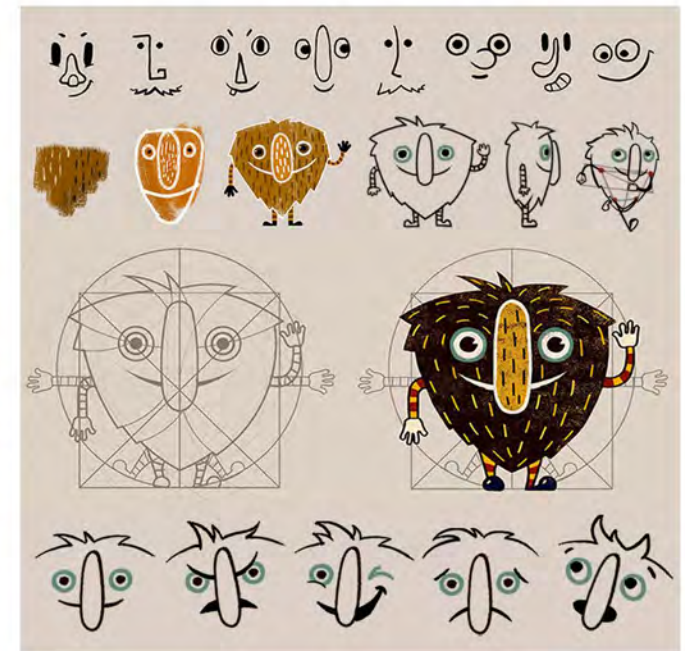
With these 5 pictures, I entered the illustration competition at the Bologna Book Fair and was among the finalists!





Illustrations and design for POSTERS

for charity events that my friends from [@vechory.venice](https://www.instagram.com/vechory.venice) and I organize in Venice to collect financial support for volunteer projects in Ukraine

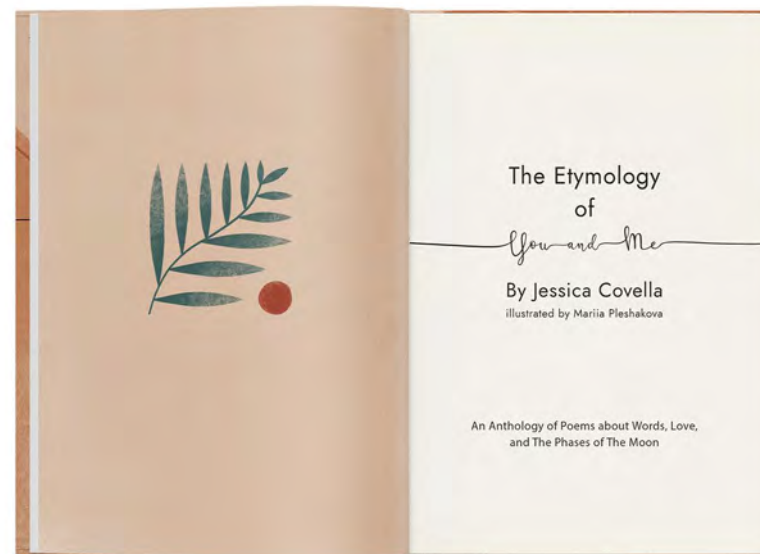
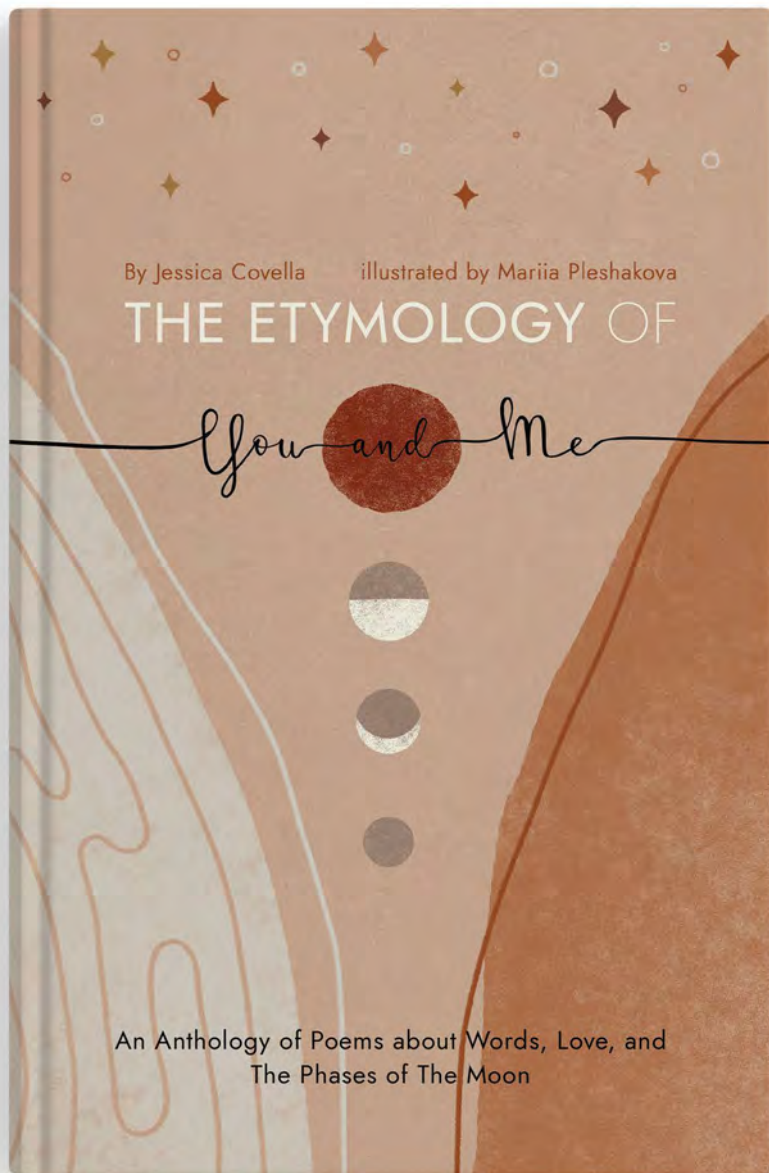


Character design and illustration for children's book THE BEARD'S VACATION

Dad tells a funny story to his daughter about where his beard went.

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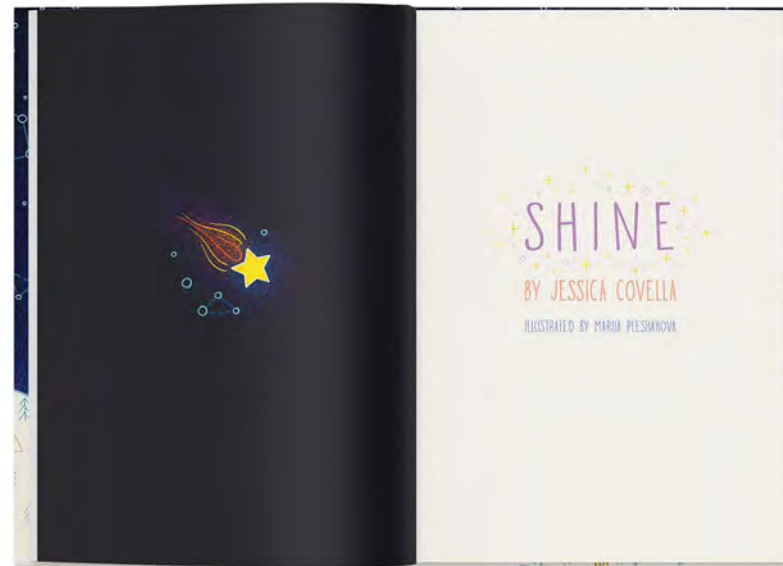
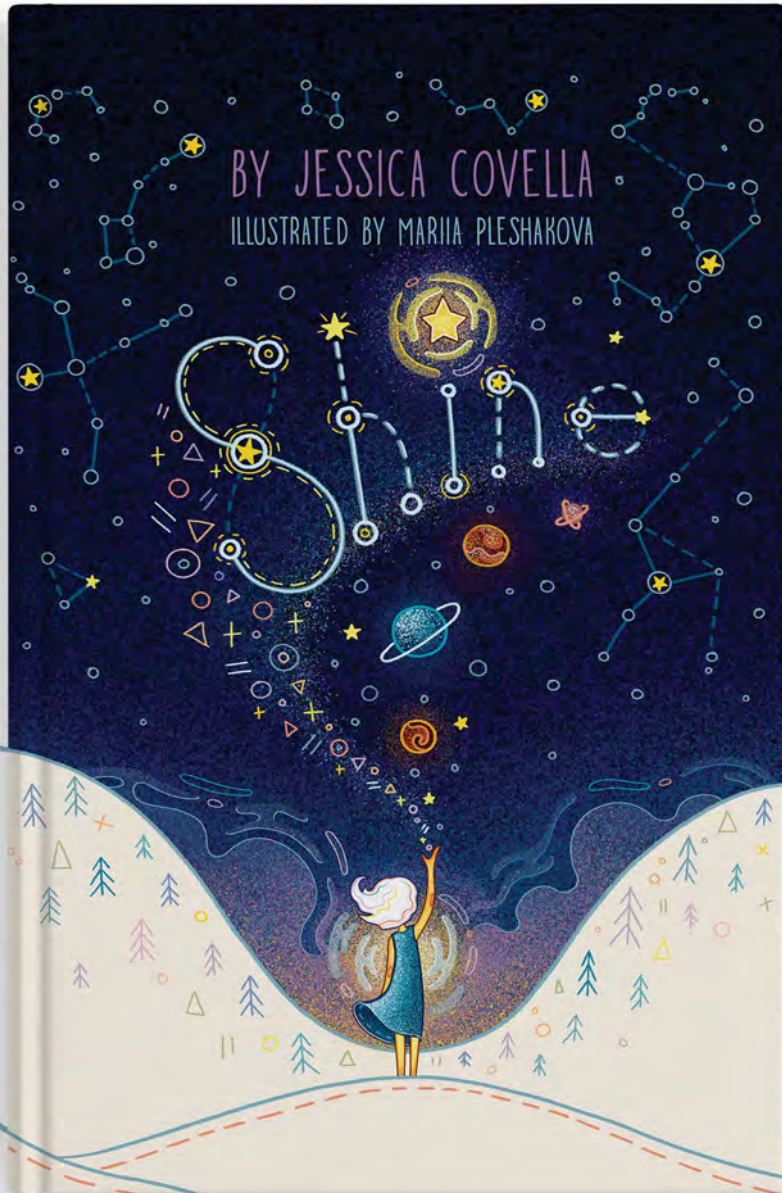


Illustrations for poetry book
THE ETYMOLOGY OF YOU AND ME

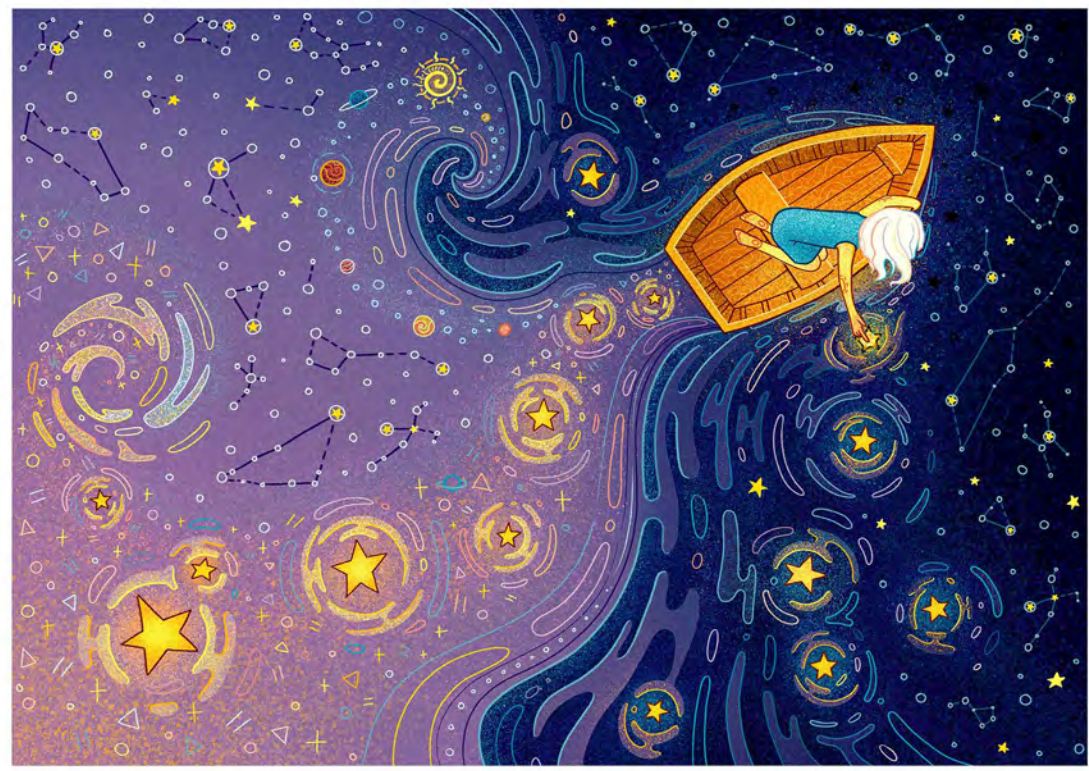




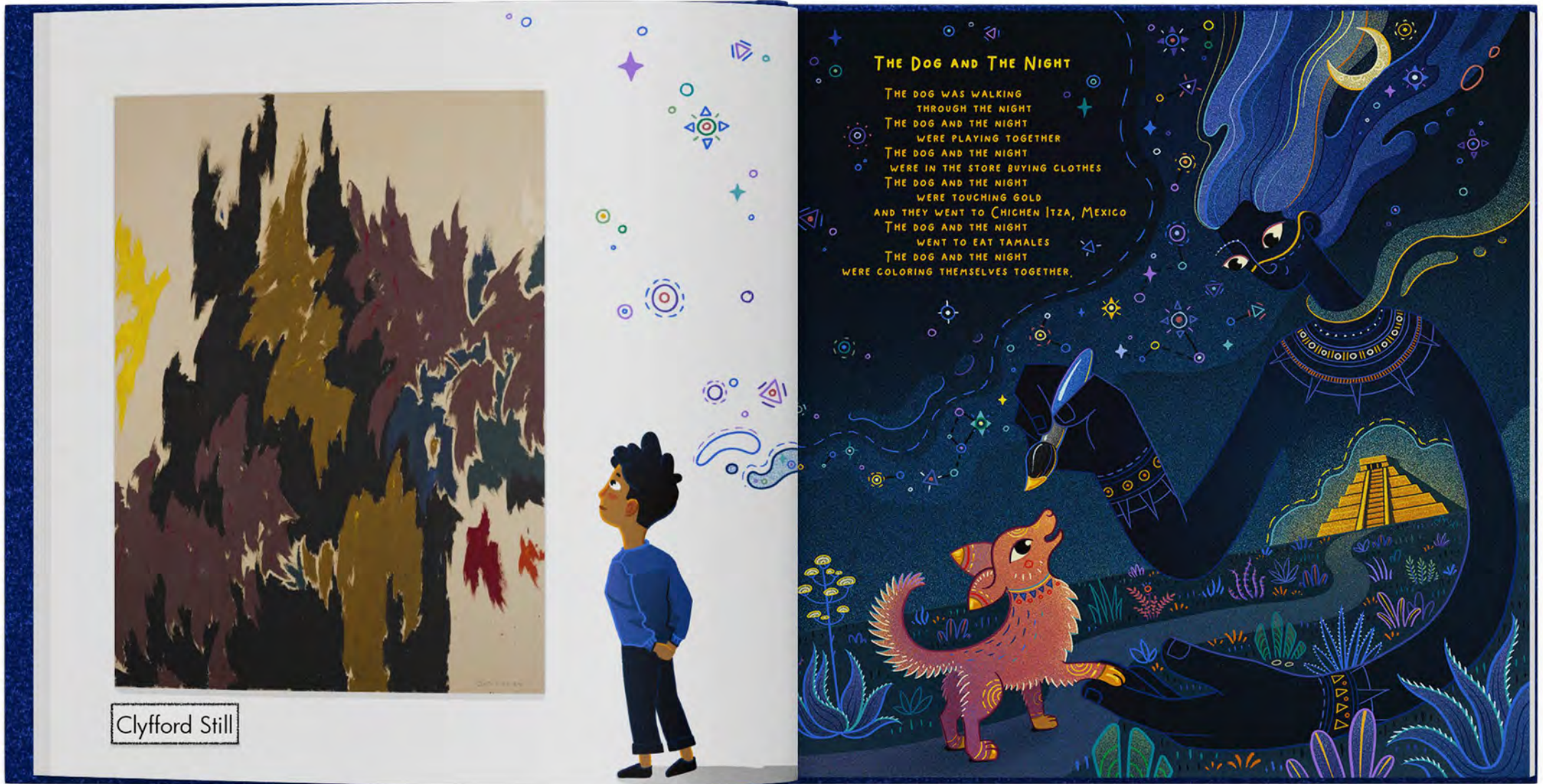
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Illustrations for children's self-help book SHINE



Illustrations for children's self-help book **SHINE**
A story about how to survive difficult times
and not lose yourself



Clyfford Still

Illustration for children's book PAINTING YOUR PERSPECTIVE

A story about what everyone sees in art depending on their life experience



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