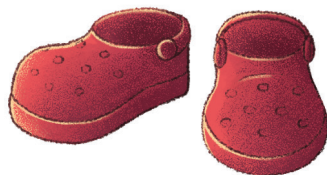




For Dad, who filled my childhood with mischief and adventure.





There is a shoe box out the front of my house.  
It is full of all the shoes we wear.







BOOTS



RUNNERS




GUMBOOTS

SCHOOL SHOES and WORK SHOES





An illustration of a child's feet wearing blue socks with yellow trucks and yellow stars, and black sneakers with white laces. The laces are long and trail off in various directions across the light-colored floor. Two hands are shown at the bottom, one holding a lace from the left shoe and one holding a lace from the right shoe.

When I go to school,  
Mum puts on my socks and runners.

This morning  
I didn't go to school.

Mum and Dad didn't go to work either.



Mum got up and packed away all the shoes in the shoe box.



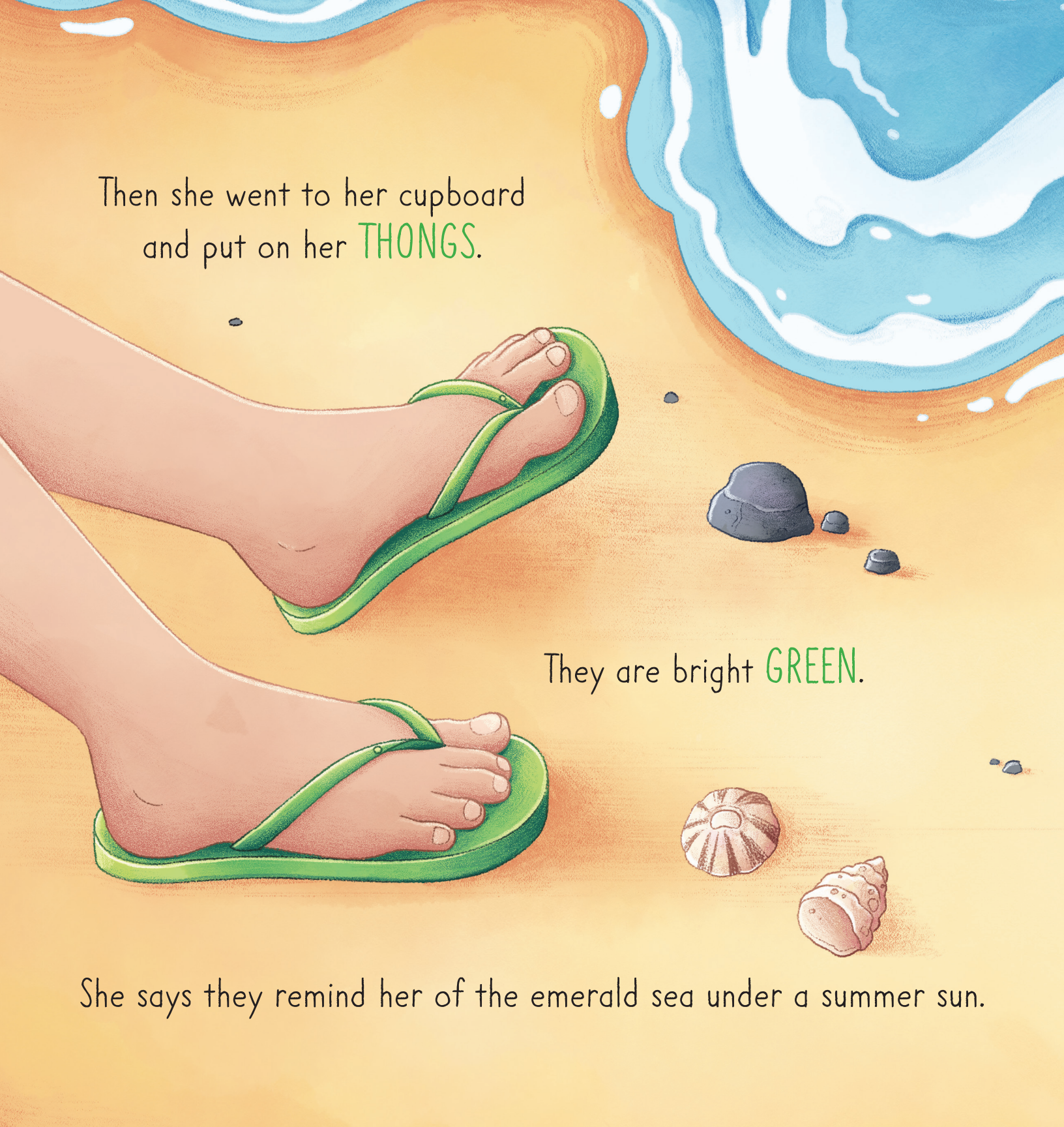
All the BOOTS...

All the RUNNERS...

All the GUMBOOTS...

All the WORK SHOES  
and all the SCHOOL SHOES.





Then she went to her cupboard  
and put on her THONGS.

They are bright GREEN.

She says they remind her of the emerald sea under a summer sun.