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About the Author

Aldous Huxley (1894-1963), the author of *Brave New World*, lived the latter part of his life near the Mojave Desert, where this story is set. **Sophie Blackall** is the illustrator of many children's books, including the Ivy and Bean series. She lives in Brooklyn. Visit her at www.sophieblackall.com.

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