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Let's Talk Family.

The Runaway Shirt

SANGER, Calif., August 12, 2020 — Children's imagination means they can dive fully into adventures! In *The Runaway Shirt*, this proves true as a mother and her child fill laundry day with laughter.

Anyone who's attempted to complete a task with a little one in the room will appreciate the realistic conflict between being totally present in play and getting things done, and will fawn over the sweetness with which the mother in this story interacts with her child. The mother folds the child's arms like a shirt and giggles through a series of events with this new "shirt," eventually cuddling her child close before bedtime. A whimsical celebration of day-to-day expressions of love, this picture book is sure to capture hearts everywhere.



“ I love you, shirt,’ she whispered. ‘ I love you, Mommy,’ said the shirt.”

- *The Runaway Shirt*

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About the Publisher:

Familius is a global trade publishing company that publishes books and other content to help families be happy. We believe that the family is the fundamental unit of society and that happy families are the foundation of a happy life. We recognize that every family looks different, and we passionately believe in helping all families find greater joy. To that end we publish books for children and adults that invite families to live the Familius Nine Habits of Happy Family Life: love together, play together, learn together, work together, talk together, heal together, read together, eat together, and laugh together. Founded in 2012, Familius is located in Sanger, California.

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