Heart in the Pocket by Laurence Bourguignon

In this tender tale about growing up, a young kangaroo learns that what's familiar isn't always what's best. Mama Kangaroo loves her little Jo-Jo very much, but it's time for him to leave the safety of her pocket. But Jo-Jo is content where he is, even when Mama tells him about all the amazing things he could see and do if he were to explore the world. Sweet illustrations portray the young kangaroo's fear of leaving his mother and the strong bond between mother and child.

My Personal Review:
Heart in the Pocket is a tender children's picturebook about the unbreakable bond between parent and child. An anthropomorphic mother kangaroo adores her little Jo-Jo very much; it's time for him to grow up and venture out from the safety of her pocket, but she will always treasure him. A gentle storybook brought to life with simple, heartwarming color illustrations. "Mama Kangaroo loves her Jo-Jo a lot, lot, lot. / She sings him sweet songs. / She finds him beautiful desert flowers. // And she will always hold his heart in her pocket."