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Rosalyn Schanzer is the award-winning author and illustrator of 16 books for young people, including *How We Crossed the West* which garnered starred reviews from both Publishers Weekly and School Library Journal, and *George versus George: The American Revolution as Seen From Both Sides*, an ALA Notable Book, SLJ Book of the Year, NYPL 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing, and Orbis Pictus Recommended book. She was recently awarded the Gold Medal from the Society of Illustrators for her work on *Witches*. Roz lives in Virginia with her husband, Steve, in a house surrounded by birds.

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