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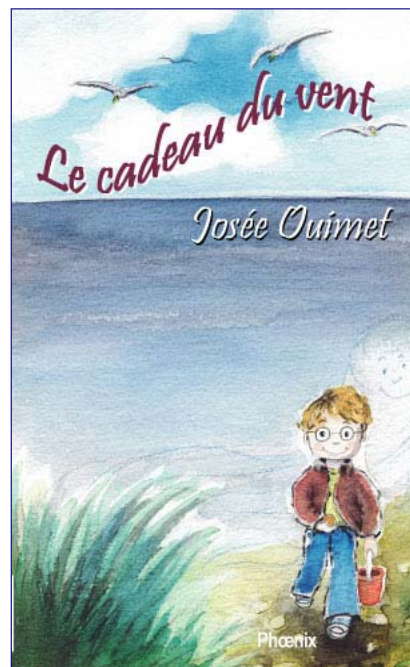
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**Story (6 years and up) :**

Is the city with its noise, constant lights and people rushed for time, a healthy lifestyle for children? While living in the urban world, do they know about the mysteries of Nature, the secrets of the wind and the beauty of silence? Do they have the ability to hear the small voice that only emerges within solitude? Outside of the city, where only the wind and the fog reside, who will be Edouard's friend? Follow his discovery of the silence and the joy of discovering dear memories.

**Excerpt:**

— Ça pue par ici ! s'exclame-t-il. On dirait du poisson pourri !

Le nez toujours emprisonné entre son pouce et son index, Édouard se penche à demi et scrute le sol à la recherche de coquillages. Il avance, courbé, oubliant le paysage qui l'entoure. Concentré sur sa tâche, et désireux de la terminer au plus vite, il marche plusieurs minutes sans lever les yeux du rivage. Il fait trois pas et aperçoit enfin la carapace vide d'un petit crustacé.

— En voilà un ! dit-il en relâchant la pression sur son nez.

Il le ramasse, l'examine un long moment puis, content de cette première trouvaille, le dépose au fond du seau.