Ancestors

Ancestors are deceased people who still bother you sometimes. Like crazy Great-Aunt Unice, who didn't let being dead stop her expressing an opinion. It's freaky, but ancestors are not zombies or ghosts. Well, they're sort of ghosts. They might haunt you if you've done something bad, just to teach you. But they kind of care too. Like, they don't want you to muck up. It's like noogie, noogie, noogie - hug! One day our pet cockatoo Queen E, whom no one really listened to any more, started talking in the voice of Great-Aunt Unice, saying, "Take me to the vet! Take me to the vet!" and when we did, the vet's X-ray showed Unice's long-lost wedding ring! Your ancestors know things. Queen E survived the zircon extraction, but eventually fell to indigestion.

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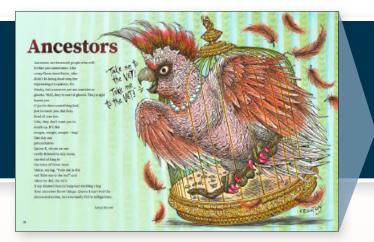
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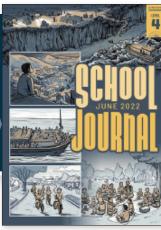
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