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MADLENKA

by Peter Sís

Welcome to Peter Sís' New York! In *Madlenka* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux / Frances Foster Books / October 2000 / \$17.00), internationally renowned author and illustrator Peter Sís introduces readers to a young girl whose urban experience is a rich and varied voyage.

Madlenka's block is a microcosm of the city in which she lives, New York City. Her trip around her city block feels more like a trip around the world, and Sís invites readers to experience this journey, through magnificent double-page spreads depicting images evocative of distant lands. Her neighborhood is replete with an international cast that delights in Madlenka's news—she's about to lose a tooth! This childhood rite of passage is celebrated and shared by Madlenka's neighbors, a unique and yet united collection of individuals. On the surface, Madlenka's block may look like any ordinary city street, but as we meet her neighbors—who hail from France, India, Germany, Italy, Latin America, and Asia—and look through die-cut windows to the images and memories they have carried with them, we can see that this block is as richly varied as its inhabitants.

Peter Sís was born in Brno, Czechoslovakia, and studied painting and filmmaking at the Academy of Applied Arts in Prague and the Royal College of Art in London. His many books include two Caldecott Honor winners, *Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei* and *Tibet Through the Red Box*. He lives in the New York City area with his wife, Terry, their daughter, Madeleine, and their son, Matej.

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