

## Cover Revealed for Big Panda and Tiny Dragon

## The highly-anticipated book inspired by the internationally-viral Instagram account will be published in the US by Insight Editions' Mandala Publishing imprint in September 2021

(April 14, 2021 - San Rafael, CA) Today, author and illustrator James Norbury revealed the cover of his highly-anticipated book *Big Panda and Tiny Dragon* on the Instagram of the same name @bigpandaandtinydragon.



The beautifully illustrated volume follows two best friends as they journey through the seasons of the year, sharing their trials, wisdom, and several cups of tea along the way.

Inspired by Buddhist philosophy, spirituality, and art, James' illustrations and words initially hit a wide audience online through his Instagram platform, earning more than 120,000 followers since first appearing in July 2020. They have even found their way to the Dalai Lama's monastery in India, where young monks have used them to practice their English skills. On March 11th, 2021, actress and podcaster Kristen Bell shared an image with the quote, "'Which is more important,' asked Big Panda, 'the journey or the destination?' 'The company,' said Tiny Dragon," which earned more than 200,000 likes.

Insight Editions' VP Roger Shaw and Associate Publisher Sara Miler won the US rights to the book in a competitive auction earlier this year. Publisher Raoul Goff noted, "I'm thrilled to welcome Big Panda, Tiny Dragon, and James Norbury to the Mandala list, and bring their message of caring, connection, and community to readers in North America. James' inspiring combination of whimsical images and perennial wisdom soothe and inspire, and are much needed in these extraordinary times."

*Big Panda and Tiny Dragon* will be published in the US under the Mandala Publishing imprint on September 21, 2021. Insight Editions is distributed to the trade by <u>Simon & Schuster</u>.

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