

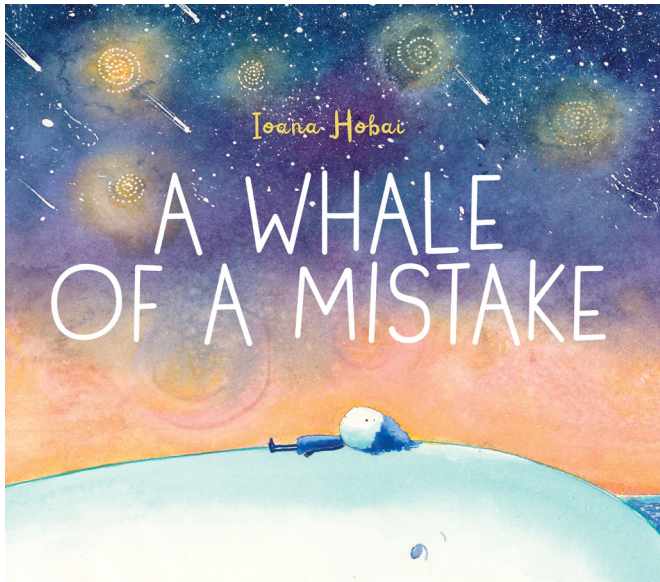
# Ioana Hobai



Ioana (yoh-AH-nah) Hobai grew up in Bucharest, Romania, where she first learned to paint with her uncle who was a professional artist. She attended the Nicolae Tonitza art school in Bucharest and earned Architecture degrees from the Ion Mincu Institute. Her author-illustrator debut, *Lena's Slippers*, was inspired by her childhood in communist Romania. Her most recent picture book is *A Whale of a Mistake* (Page Street Kids, 2020). Ioana lives in Massachusetts with her daughters.

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