

Saplings Superheroes
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About Our Special Guest



Maria Bilkic is a second-year Animal Biology student at the University of Guelph with a lifelong love for animals and aspirations of becoming a veterinarian. Outside of her studies, Maria enjoys staying active, whether it's spending time at the gym or playing volleyball. She played competitive volleyball throughout high school and now continues to enjoy the sport recreationally at her university. Maria also has a love for travelling and staying connected to her cultural roots. With her family originally from Serbia, she speaks the language at home and makes an effort to visit her loved ones every summer. She looks forward to continuing her education, gaining new experiences, and working towards her dream of becoming a veterinarian.



About the Book

Started in 2026, the Changemakers Project aims to inspire elementary and high school students to make a difference in the world, particularly in the realm of animal advocacy and wellbeing. This book is the first in a series of books that will highlight student changemakers, like Maria.

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