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This bear likes sleeping at night with the moon shining above. It stretched and nodded off. Sleep well, bear! Sleep well!

What things do bears like? Just look and see!



Bears like eating. This black bear is sitting up in a tree. It is getting nuts. It grabbed them and ate them. It likes eating nuts!



This bear likes digging. It has been digging a den. It will line its den with branches and grass. Grass makes a soft mattress. It will be a nice bed to nap in.

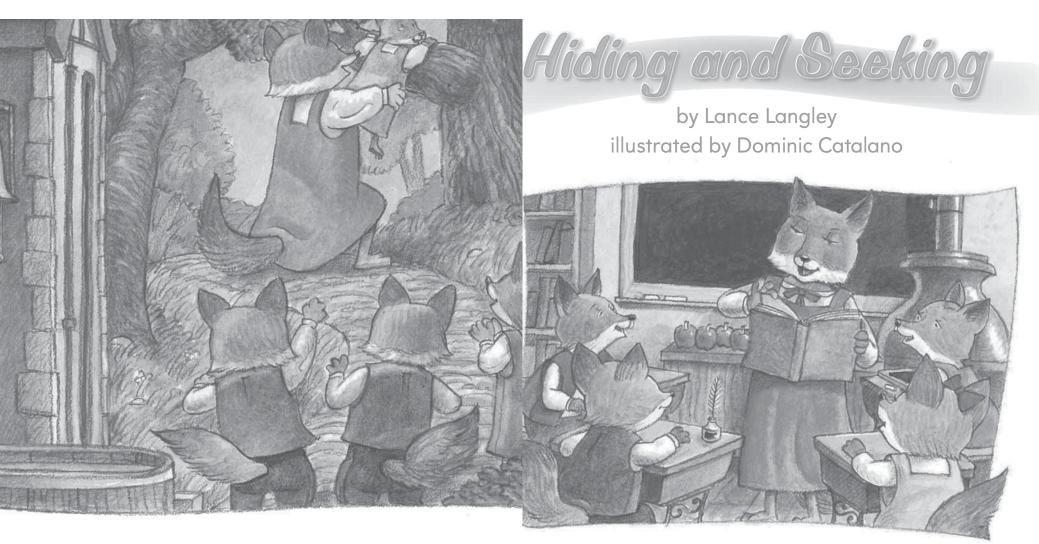


This bear likes napping. It can sleep well even during the day. It will wake up and go trotting off to look for food. It will eat and nap again. This bear likes napping a lot.

Bears like fishing. Fishing is best when streams are filled with fish. Fast swimming fish race past this bear. They are racing up stream.



Bears like swimming. It is a thrill to see this big, white bear swimming in the sea! It is bobbing up and down in the waves like floating ice. It swims toward the ice. This bear has an itch. He likes scratching. He is rubbing his back on that tree. He looks as if he is grinning. He must have found just the spot to scratch.



Miss Fox spotted Jill at last! Miss Fox tagged her. Jill was out. Jill was good at hiding, but Miss Fox was great at seeking!

The kits liked their first grade teacher, Miss Fox. Miss Fox liked them, and she liked playing games. She was fun!



At playtime, the kits begged for a game of Hide and Seek. Miss Fox was IT. Miss Fox counted to ten. Her class hid while she counted. Miss Fox hunted up and down for Jill. Jill had fun fooling Miss Fox. Jill's laughs made Jill's tree shake. Miss Fox saw it shaking.



Jill was hiding in a good place. She hid in a tree above Miss Fox. Miss Fox looked and looked but she didn't see Jill. Jill smiled. Red was hiding in a good place, but he did not sit still. He wagged his tail. Miss Fox spotted Red. She tagged him. Red was out.



Meg was hiding in this very good place, but her ears jutted out. Miss Fox spotted Meg. She tagged her. Meg was out. Blaze was hiding in a good place, but he clapped and hummed. Miss Fox spotted Blaze. She tagged him. Blaze was out.

Henry and Dad Go Camping

by Ting Biderman illustrated by Stacey Schuett

Henry felt silly but safe. He felt sleepy, too. He went to sleep as his flat bed hissed its last hiss. Dad put up the tent. Henry hurried to pump up the beds. Dad was sleepy, but Henry gazed up at the stars.

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Then Henry sat up surprised. What was that hissing sound? Henry poked his dad and woke him up. Dad flashed the light inside the tent.

"Look at your bed, Henry," said Dad. "It's getting as flat as a pancake. Your leaky bed is hissing, not snakes."



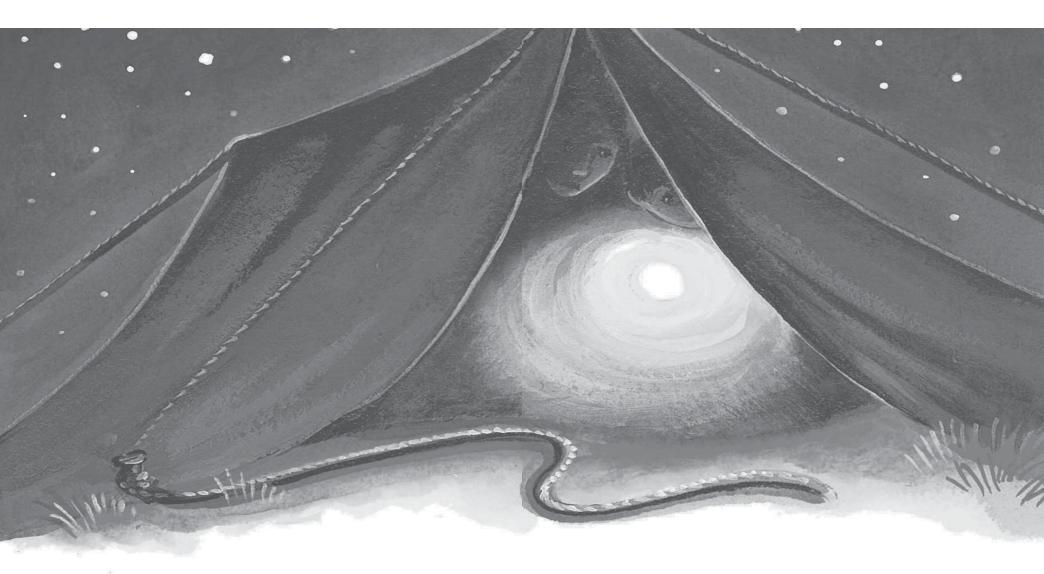
"What's hissing?" Dad asked. "It's creepy," said Henry. "It must be snakes!"

"Snakes?" asked Dad. "Maybe."

"No," Dad said. "It's not hissing. It's just a rope."

"The hissing hasn't stopped! What can it be?" Henry asked.

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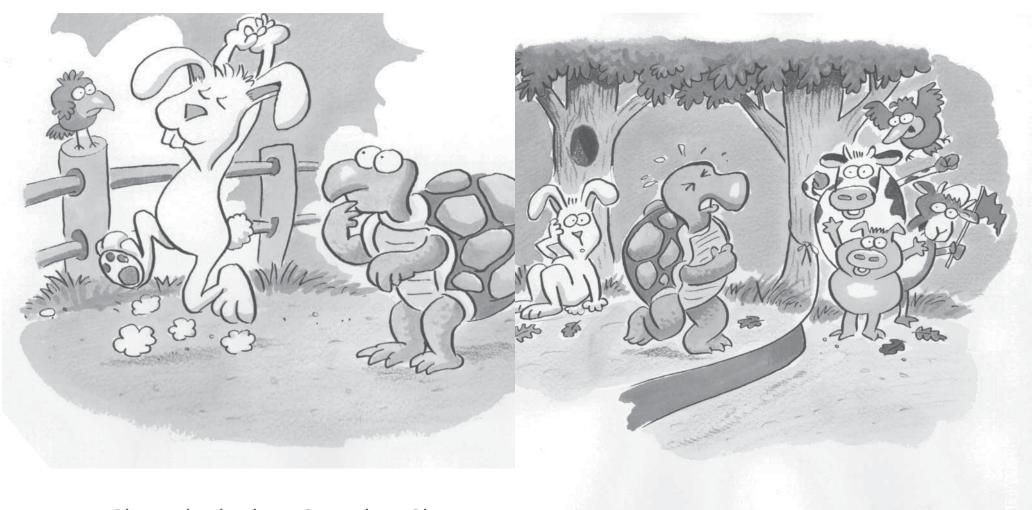
Dad shined a light toward the grass.

"I can see something that's long and thin like a snake," Dad said. "Is it hissing?" asked Henry.

Speedy and Chase

by Christopher K. Lyne illustrated by Rick Stromoski

Speedy had planned on winning, but Chase was first. Chase was the winner! It was sunny but not too hot. It was a good day for a race. Goats, pigs, and cows lined up in the field. They would get a good look.



Chase looked at Speedy. Chase studied him. Speedy hopped in place. Chase hoped he could keep up with Speedy. Was Speedy as speedy as he looked?

Chase pushed on toward the finish line. Chase didn't give up. He kept on going. Fans clapped and yelled. Speedy woke up surprised!



Speedy was still napping when Chase jogged by. He was running at his own slow pace. He was smiling, too.

shouted Speedy.

"You seem fast," said Chase.

"Yes!" Speedy grinned. "Fast and planning on winning. It will be easy!"





"Get ready. Go!" yelled Sheep. Speedy zoomed past clapping fans. Speedy really was speedy! Chase jogged past them at his own slow pace. Speedy took the lead. "Chase can't catch up," Speedy bragged. "I feel a bit sleepy. I will win even if I take a nap!"

He flopped down and napped.



The cars raced at the same speed. Fran's car was not faster. Ken's car was not faster. That made Fran and Ken happy, too!

Fran had her box of cars. She and Ken each chose two racecars.

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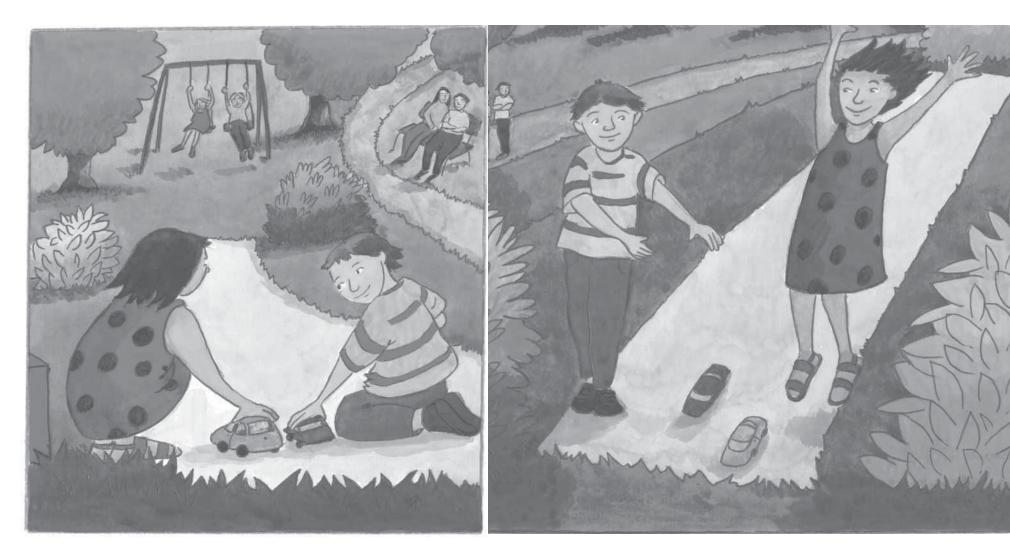


Ken picked a slick red racecar. Fran picked next. She chose a much bigger blue car. Fran hoped it was faster, too. Speedier cars win! Ken and Fran had one last race. Fran's speedy blue car raced Ken's fast striped car.

Which car would be faster?



In the next race, Ken's striped car raced Fran's green car. This time, Ken's car zoomed faster. It was fast enough to win. It made Ken happy. Then Ken picked a racecar with black stripes. Fran picked next. Fran picked a green car. It was nicer and had fatter wheels than Ken's.



In the first race, Fran's bigger blue car raced Ken's slick red car. Ken and Fran lined them up at the top of the hill. Fran's car zipped faster than Ken's. Ken's car was much slower. Fran's car raced fast enough to win. That made Fran happy.



The plants are in bloom. How nice the backyard looks! Rose and Liz think their yard is the nicest yard in town!

Seed Sisters

by Anne Miranda illustrated by Janet Pedersen



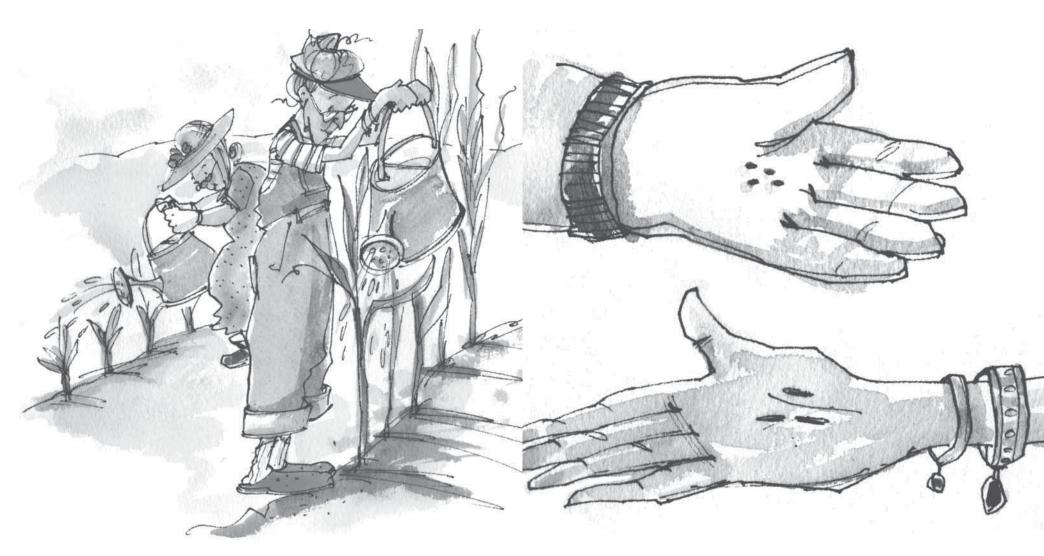
It is spring. Liz and Rose are shopping for seeds. Liz and Rose always plant seeds in the spring.



Rose picks a smaller pack of seeds. Liz's pack is much bigger. Liz and Rose go back home to plant the seeds that they just got.



Liz's plants grow higher than Rose's plants. Rose's are shorter. Rose and Liz tell stories as they wait for the plant buds to open!



All spring the plants grow. They grow bigger and bigger and bigger each day. Liz's plants are different from Rose's.

Liz and Rose see that the seeds in each pack are different. Rose's seeds are much smaller and rounder. Liz's seeds are much longer and flatter.



Liz and Rose dig. Liz digs faster than Rose. Liz plants her seeds first. Rose digs slower than Liz. Rose plants her seeds last. The seeds sprout. Liz's seeds sprout quicker. Rose's seeds are slower to sprout. Liz and Rose rake and weed their backyard plot once.

Digger puts the benches back in place. Gram will ask Digger back when the grapes get ripe. Digger can't wait! Those grapes are much tastier when they are ripe!

The Fox and the Grapes

retold by Lindsey Pare illustrated by Jeff Mack

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Digger Fox is always happy to see Gram. Gram has a big back porch. Digger is happiest there. Grapes grow near that porch.

"Yuck," he grumbles. "It tastes like a pickle!"

"Yes," winks Gram. "The grapes aren't ripe yet. Next time, trust me."

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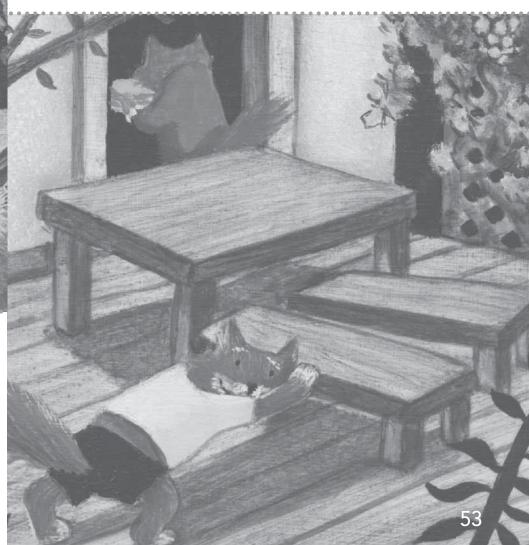
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Gram brings lunch. She brings the reddest apples Digger has ever seen. He likes grapes better, but the grapes aren't ripe yet.

Gram goes inside. Digger has a plan. He jiggles the benches closer to the grapes. He just has to have a grape!

Gram reaches for a grape and hands it to Digger. He tastes it.

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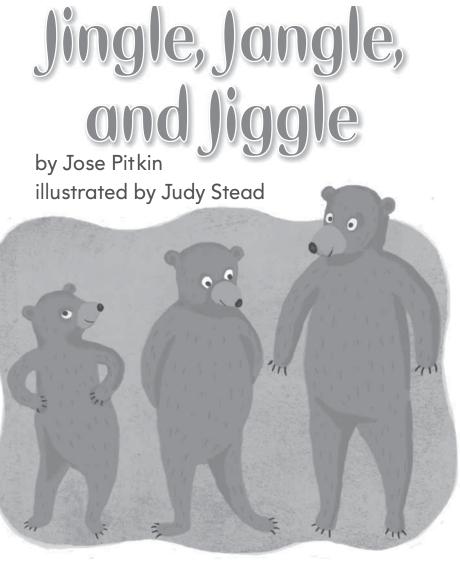
Gram cuddles Digger and tells him, "You must be the luckiest little fox ever. I got here just in time."

"Can't I eat one grape, Gram?" asks Digger.

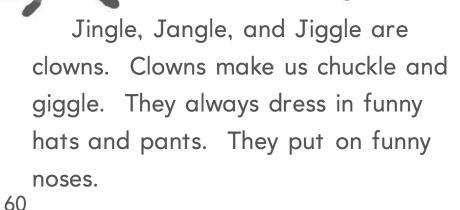
Digger jiggles himself up. He reaches for the biggest bunch of grapes. He wiggles up, up, up. Then Digger tumbles down. Gram catches him.



Jiggle puts on his nose. He gives it the biggest, loudest, silliest honk he can! Then Jingle, Jangle, and Jiggle take a bow.



Jingle, Jangle, and Jiggle are pals. Jingle is the shortest. Jiggle is the biggest. Jangle is in the middle.





Jiggle jumps up. The bird zooms high. Jiggle cannot catch it. Then the bird dips low. Jiggle tackles that bird. He snatches his nose back!





Jiggle sobs and sniffles. "I need my nose," he mumbles. Then a blue bird comes near. Jiggle's nose dangles from the bird's beak! Jiggle has the longest nose. It makes a loud honking sound. Now it is missing! Where can it be? It is a puzzle. Jiggle must get it back!

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Jiggle looks inside Jangle's boots. He looks inside Jingle's hat. Jiggle does not see his nose. He starts to grumble. Jiggle looks in high places. Jingle looks in low places. Silly Jangle looks in a popcorn box! Jiggle's nose is still missing.



Sally Jane flew high across the sky. Beth Ann was in her grasp. They landed in the cave. Beth Ann thanked Sally Jane. Sally Jane was happy to help her new buddy, Beth Ann.

Sally Jane and Beth Ann

by James McKinley illustrated by Tom Leonard



Sally Jane was a large brown bat. She spent much of her time hanging by her feet in her safe, dark cave.

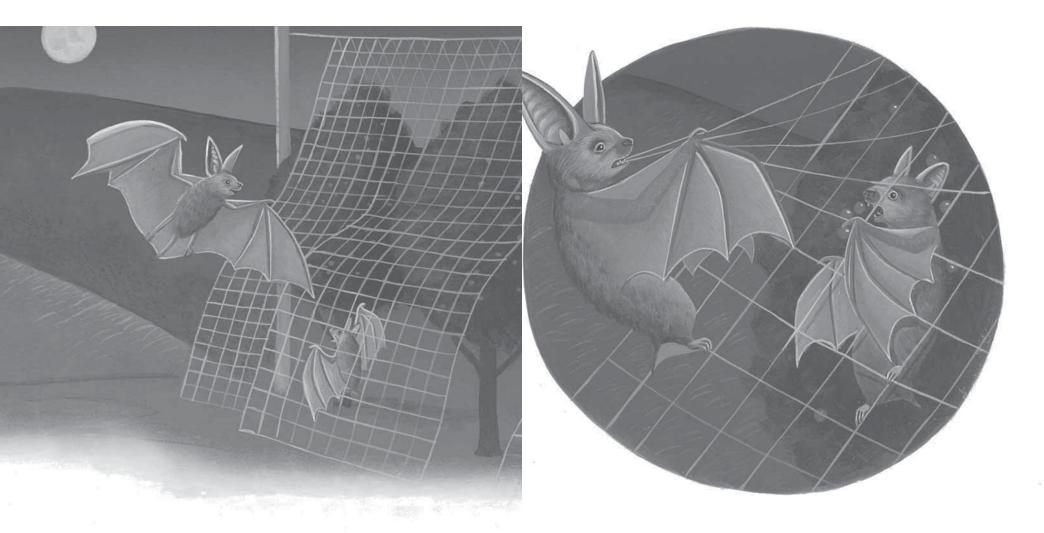


At night, Sally Jane liked to fly across the sky. She could hear sounds from far away. Her good hearing helped her catch bugs. "You can lift me!" cried Beth Ann. "I am strong," boasted Sally Jane. "Let's go then!" said Beth Ann. Sally Jane held Beth Ann tight and took flight.



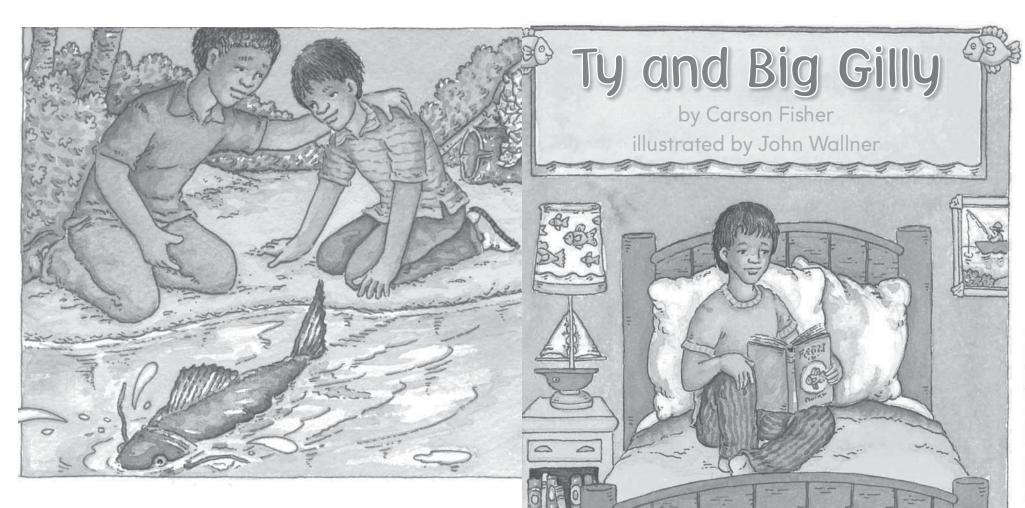
"I can't fly," groaned Beth Ann. "My wing is still stiff."

"My, my, so it is," sighed Sally Jane. "Let me try to pick you up. I can fly you back to my cave." Last night, Sally Jane heard an odd sound. She saw a bat that needed help. It was Beth Ann.



"My wing is snagged in this net," Beth Ann cried.

"I will try to get you out," Sally Jane said with a bright smile. Sally Jane gave it her best try. She tugged and bit at the net. At last, Beth Ann got free!



Ty grabbed Big Gilly and took out the hook. He let Big Gilly go. Big Gilly swam off, still king of Sand Lake. Dad winked at Ty. He was glad Ty let Big Gilly go.

Ty had a hobby that made him happy. His hobby was fishing. Ty liked fishing.

Ty had a large fishing box. He kept it right by his bed. It was filled with hooks, jelly bugs, and all sorts of fishing stuff. It had a fly that his dad had made. It jumped a second time. What a sight! It was Big Gilly! Big Gilly had a big head. Its tail snapped back and forth. "That's the biggest fish in Sand Lake," Dad cried out.

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Then Ty had a bite! Ty had to reel it in. He gave it his best try. The fish was fighting hard. Then the fish on his line jumped up and out of the water. It was big!

One bright, sunny day, Ty and his dad went fishing. Ty had his fishing box, rod, and reel. He and Dad hiked to Sand Lake.

Ty sat under the pale blue sky as he baited his hook. He used a jelly bug. Ty closed his fishing box lid. Ty tried to keep the box neat and clean. Ty threw back his line. He let it fly high across the lake. His jelly bug landed with a plop! Dad cast his line. Ty and Dad waited.

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Bird Watching

by Rebecca McDermott

What can this bird do best? It sings the sweetest songs. Hush. You might hear it! This is a large bird. Three large eggs can fit in its nest. That huge nest is quite a sight! This bird has a long bill. It flies low across the sea. It scoops up a lot of fish in that long bill! This bird is not big. Its nest is not big. Its eggs are not big. Keep your eyes open if you want to spy this bird!

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This bird is the biggest and the strongest. One of its eggs is as big as 24 hen's eggs. It is the fastest runner, too!

Look at this bird's long, bright tail! It looks like a fan. Its tail is shiniest in sunlight. This bird is fun to see.

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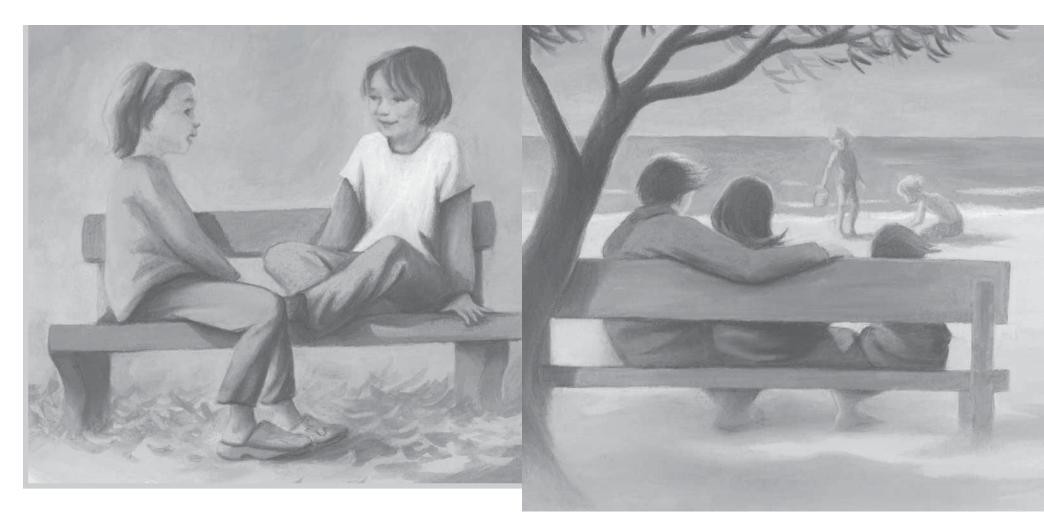
This hawk can take flight high across the sky. Then it can dive down in a flash. It can fly faster than a racecar can race!

> Which bird is the fastest swimmer? Few birds swim, but this one can zoom right by. It looks like it is flying in water!

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Benches for you and benches for me, on city streets or at the sea! I should sit and you should, too, on benches at parks or at the zoo! Benches! Benches! Benches! See them in cities. See them in towns. See them in parks. See them at beaches. Benches! Benches!

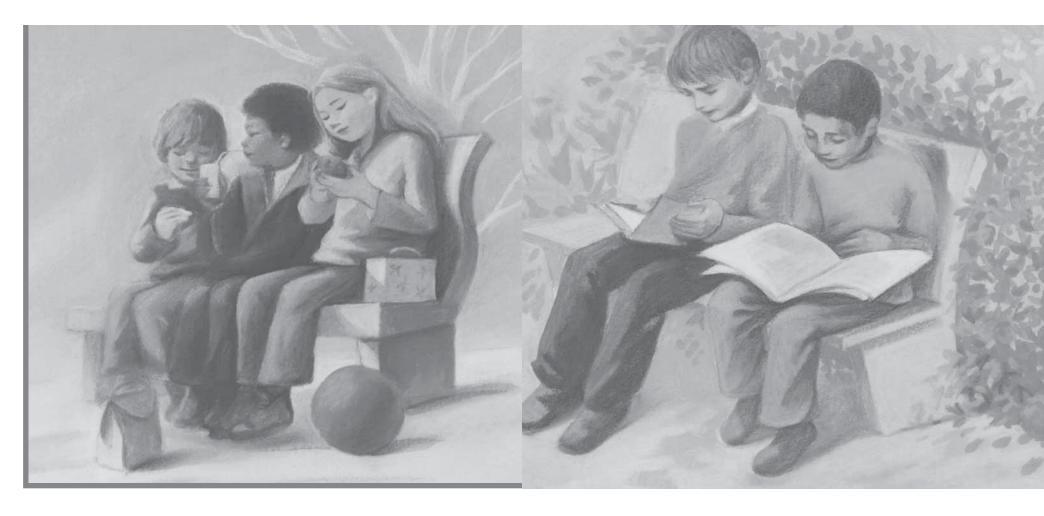


Benches are like outside couches. They are good places to sit. Kids sit on benches in yards and parks. Buddies can sit side by side and chat. Moms, dads, and kids sit on benches at beaches. This dad likes to watch the sea flow in and out. What a sight!



Kids play games on benches. Some kids are winners. Some kids don't win. Still, kids like playing games outside.

Dogs and puppies go out on leashes. Grown-ups, kids, and pets sit on benches. Benches are good for sitting and resting.



Kids eat lunch on benches. Many kids have lunchboxes. When lunchtime is over the kids might sit and rest on benches. Then they might play ball or jump rope.

Kids read books on benches. Kids read the funnies and comics, too. Kids read on benches when it is sunny and bright. When it rains, benches are not good places for reading.



Did you like this quick quiz? Was it fun? Do you have an idea for a new quiz?

Quiz Game

by Cindy Wahl



This book has a quick quiz. Each page took me a minute. I'm hopeful that you'll like this book.



Which animal can sing sweetly? Which can purr softly? Which can growl loudly? Which can make a squeaky sound?

Which bird can fly? Which can swim in icy water? Which has bright feathers? Which has long legs?

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Which animal has a shell? Which animals are furry? Which is a dog? Which is a cat? Which is the biggest? Which animal can zip by quickly? Which will go by slowly? Which can wiggle by in a zigzag path? Which can go by in a leap?

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Which animal has long, helpful claws? Which has a big hump? Which can be stinky? Which looks spotty? 102 Which fish looks like a snake? Which has three white stripes? Which has five black stripes? Which has more than six legs? 103



Jack and Jill picked bagful after bagful of beans. Those beans would last them a long, long time. Jack and Jill were thankful that Jack had such a good idea. Jack and Jill had a big plot of land and a nice fat cow, but Jack and Jill did not have much food. Jack and Jill ate their last handful of oatmeal.



Jack had an idea. He took his nice fat cow to town. He thought he could sell his cow and get food.

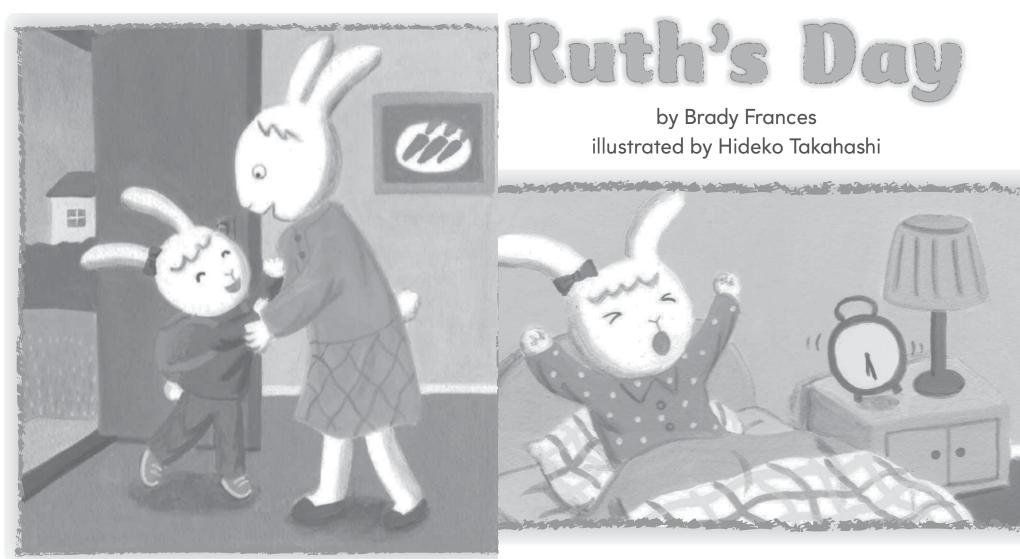
Jack was in town a long, long time. Jill did not feel happy. Soon, the beans sprouted. Jack and Jill were happy to see those beautiful green sprouts in that black soil. They felt hopeful as those bean plants grew and grew and grew.



Then Jack and Jill went down the hill to fetch a pail of water. Jack and Jill drenched the dry black soil one cupful at a time. Jack and Jill waited hopefully. At last, Jack came back with a bagful of beans. Jack looked joyful. He felt hopeful, but Jill was still upset. Jack had traded his nice fat cow for that bagful of silly beans!



That bagful of beans could not feed them for long. Then Jill listened to Jack's idea. Jill liked it a lot. She gladly helped Jack with his plan. Jack and Jill quickly got spades and rakes. Jack and Jill dug up some rows on their plot of land. Jack and Jill planted Jack's beans in long rows.



When Ruth got home, Mom gave her a big hug. Ruth felt so happy. She had a great day! Buzz! The clock buzzed loudly. Ruth slowly got out of bed. Ruth stretched and yawned. She was still sleepy.

Ruth sat at the table. She ate her Crunchy Pops quickly. She did not like to let them get squishy or soggy.





Ruth and Edith sat in class. Edith had left her math book at home. Ruth let Edith use hers. Edith was grateful.

Edith smiled and said, "I'm happy to have your friendship, Ruth." Ruth felt happy, too.

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"Knock, knock," said Edith. "I know that joke," said Ruth. "It's funny."

"It's goofy," said Edith.

Ruth and Edith grinned. The bus went on slowly. At last, it got to the school.



It was chilly, so Ruth got dressed quickly. Her bus came down the road slowly. Ruth was a little late.

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Ruth sat with Edith. Edith smiled sweetly. Ruth smiled back. It was fun to sit with Edith. Ruth felt happy.

The bus stopped and beeped. Ruth caught the bus just in time. She had not missed the bus. She felt happy.

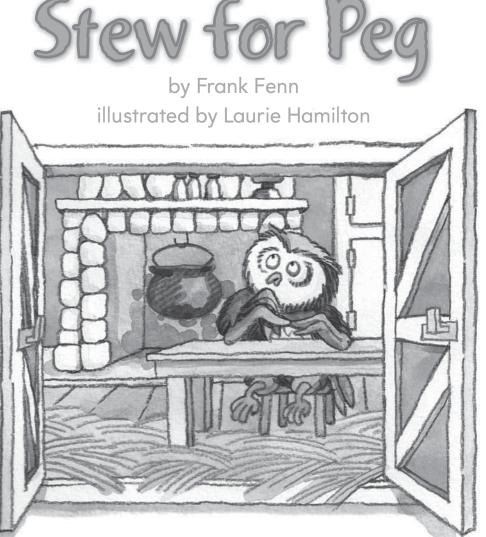
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"Thank you!" squealed happy Peg. "Thank you all for your friendship! And thank you for this really yummy stew!"



Jo Owl sat in her cozy home. It was Peg Pig's birthday. Jo had an idea.

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"Peg likes stew," hooted Jo. "I will make a big pot of stew for Peg." Jo was not able to make stew on her own. She didn't know how. She put a big pot of water in her cart. She went to ask for help.

Jo went to Peg's with her stew. "What a treat!" squealed Peg. "How did you make such yummy stew, Jo?"

"I had some help," hooted Jo.



"Is it hot?" asked Hugo. "Really yummy stew must be hot." Hugo helped Jo heat it up. "Thanks, Hugo!" hooted Jo. "This stew smells yummy!"

Toby was helpful. He put a cupful of red stuff in the pot.

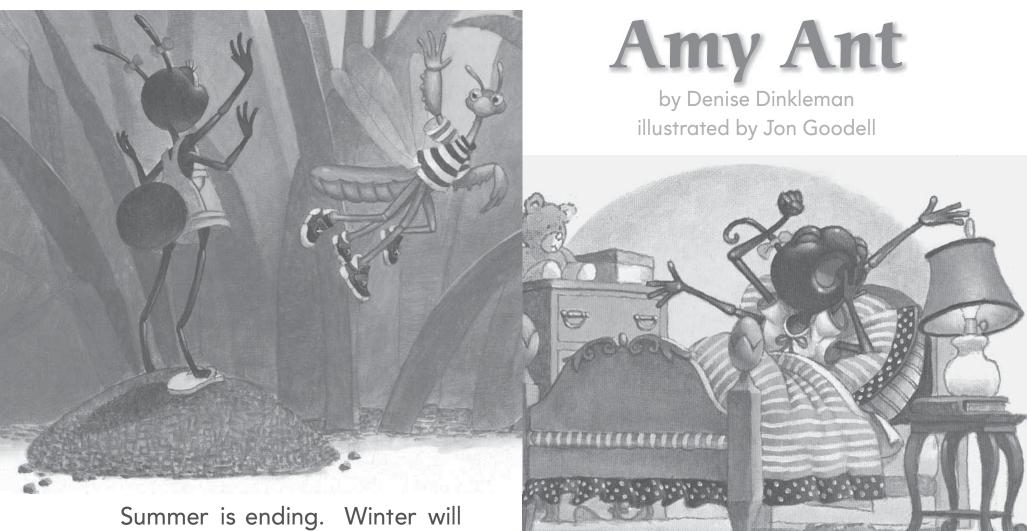
"This will make Peg's stew really yummy," Toby quacked loudly. "Thanks, Toby!" hooted Jo.



Lulu was helpful. She put a handful of green leaves in the pot. "This will make Peg's stew really yummy," Lulu chattered quickly. "Thanks, Lulu!" hooted Jo. Jo went back home. Hugo came by.

"Hi," said Hugo. "What is in that pot?"

"It's really yummy stew for Peg," hooted Jo.



soon be on its way. Amy has to go back down into her home. She waves at Rupert. She is not sad. She will see him in the sunshine next spring!

Amy Ant wakes up. It has been a long, sleepy winter. Now winter is over. It is time to leave her cozy bed.

Amy makes her way up to the field. It is sunny. How good that sunshine feels! Spring has come at last. "You're as brave as a tiger!" Amy tells him.

After that, Amy and Rupert meet every day. They take walks and look at flowers. They talk and have fun.

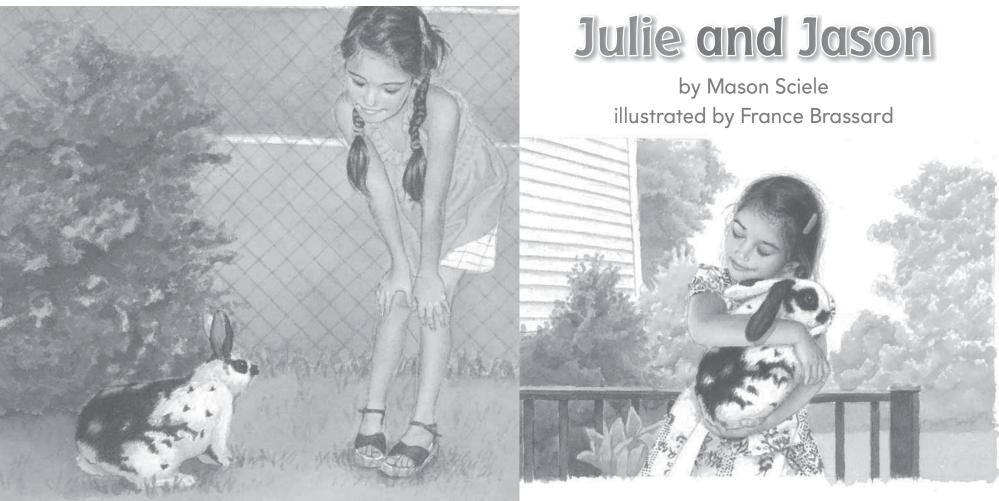
Amy shouts for help. A flying mantis hears her. He flies into the flower and saves Amy!

Amy thanks him and thanks him! He tells her that his name is Rupert. Flowers are blooming. Amy decides to pick some. She sniffs the roses. She loves that smell the most. It reminds her of sunny days.



When her backpack is full, Amy returns home. The sweet smell of roses fills each room. Amy is so happy she hums a tune. Soon music fills each room, too.

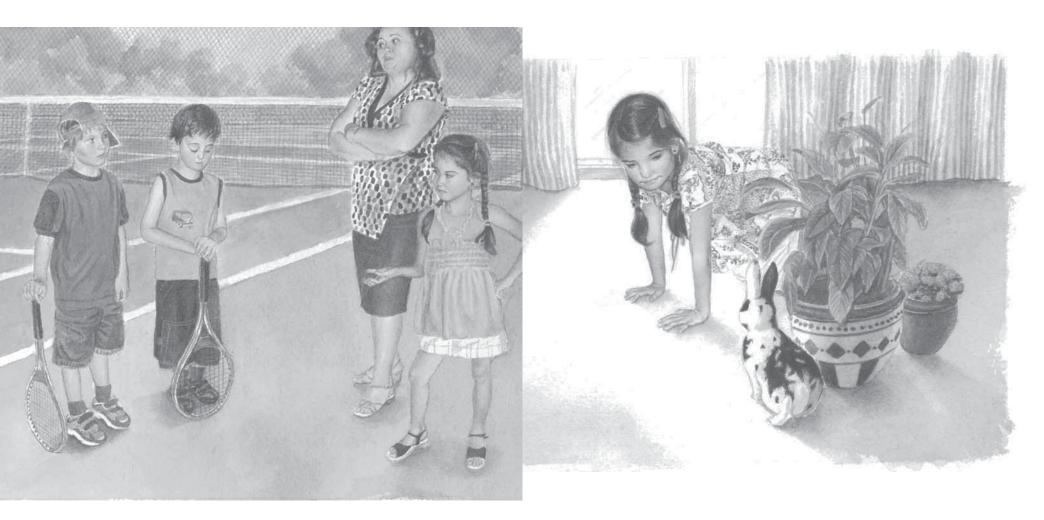
One day, Amy sees a blue flower. She did not see it before. She crawls up for a better look. Amy slips! Down, down, she slides. She is not able to get out.



Julie spotted Jason by a big plant. She smiled. Jason saw Julie and hopped out. Julie was so happy! Her brothers were happy, too. Julie has a pet rabbit named Jason. Jason has black and white fur. He sleeps in a cozy rabbit hutch on Julie's back porch. Julie got Jason when he was a baby.



Julie feeds Jason rabbit pellets and hay. Jason likes his dinner. He can sit up and behave like a dog. After he eats, Jason can behave like a cat. He curls up on Julie's lap. No one was able to find Jason. Julie was sad. Then she had an idea. Was Jason playing "Hide and Seek"? She looked in places Jason had hidden before.



Julie asked her brothers if they had seen Jason. Julie's brothers were sorry they had let Jason hop away. Then everyone looked for Jason outside. Each day, Julie takes Jason out of his hutch. Jason likes to play "Hide and Seek." Jason hides and Julie seeks. Jason sits still and silent as Julie hunts for him.



One day, Julie's brothers took Jason with them on a picnic. They did not see Jason hop off beyond the picnic table.



It was time for Julie to play with Jason. Jason was not in his hutch or on the porch. Julie looked all over the house. She even looked behind the drapes. Julie was upset. She couldn't believe Jason was missing!

Home at Last

by Forest Von Gront illustrated by Kristin Barr



The long day was over. There was still a lot to do, but it felt like home. Tony loved it! So did Mom and Dad.

Tony and his family were in their new home. Tony was happy. Everyone was happy!



Dad repainted Tony's new bedroom. Tony helped. Dad let Tony decide which paint he liked. Tony was glad he chose blue. Tony helped unpack dishes, pots, and pans. Dad set up a table. Mom, Dad, and Tony ate their first meal in their new home.



Tony found his box of toys. Then his bedroom began to look like home. It was nice to settle in so quickly. Dad unwrapped three new lights. He replaced the old lights. Tony's new room looked much brighter.

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Then the van came at noon. The workers quickly unloaded the van. Everyone helped put things where they belonged. Tony unpacked his books. He and Mom unpacked sheets and made his bed. Before long, the room started to look cozy.



When the game ends, players say "Good job!" no matter who wins. Kids have fun replaying soccer games by telling and retelling plays their team made.



by Tia Yushi illustrated by Linda Solovic



Many people believe soccer is the best sport. Most boys and girls play soccer.



Each player is dressed for soccer. This coach and everyone on his team have the same kind of shirt. This team chose red shirts with dots. This is the red team. A goalkeeper is the only player who can pick up the ball. He or she can catch it and keep it out of the goal. Goalkeepers must react fast and stop goals.



Each team's job is to score goals. Blue team players try to kick the ball into the red team's goal. Each team has a goalkeeper. The red team's goalkeeper tries to stop the blue team's players from making goals.

This coach and her team decided on stripes. This is the blue team. Their shirts look unlike the red team's shirts. These players are putting on long socks over shin pads.



Soccer teams need good skills. At first, team players may be unskilled at using only their feet on the field. The more teams play, the more skillful players get.

Soccer is a fast game. Soccer teams must behave safely. It is unsafe and unkind to bump into players. It is a coach's job to teach and remind players to play safely.



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