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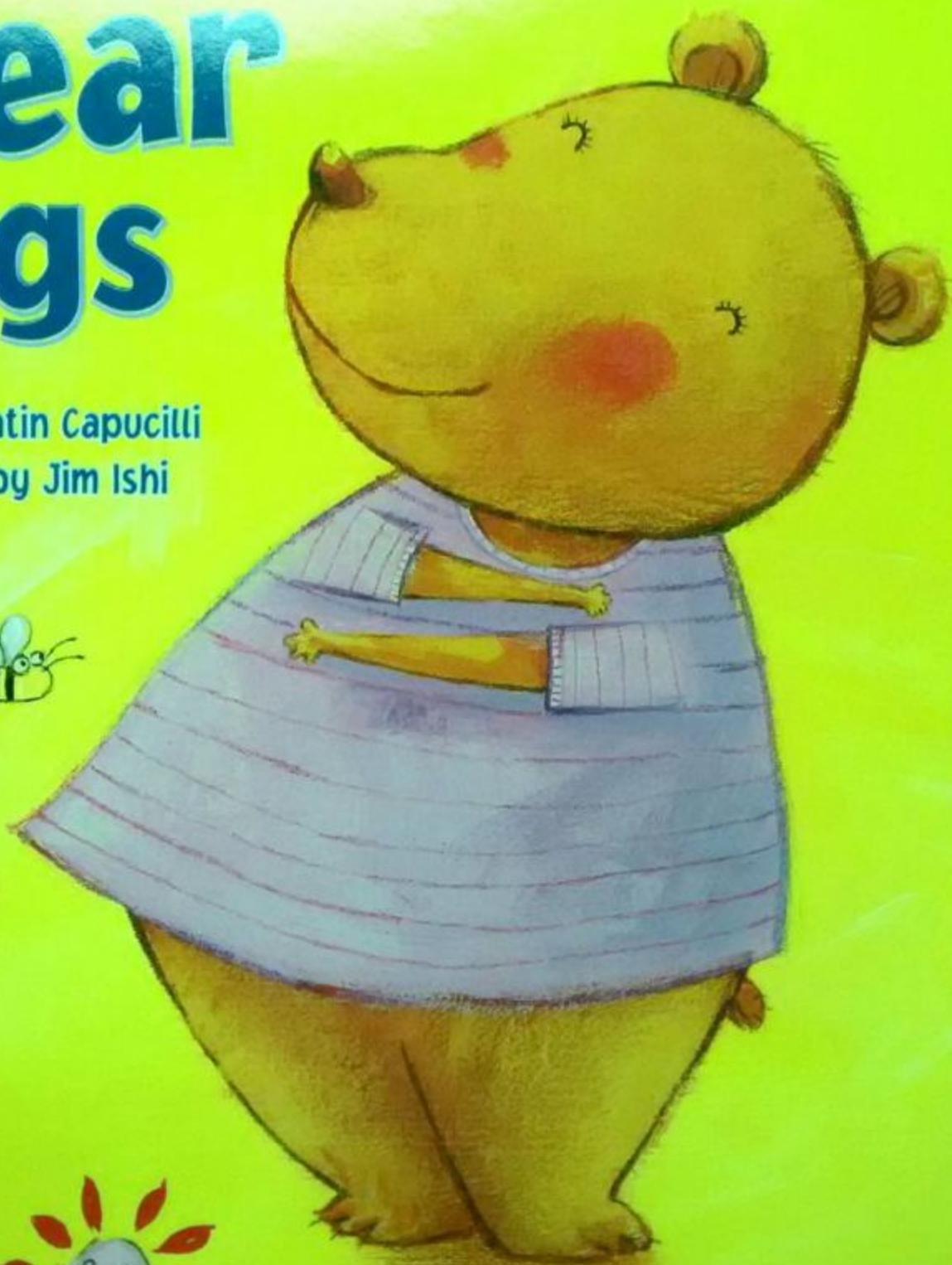
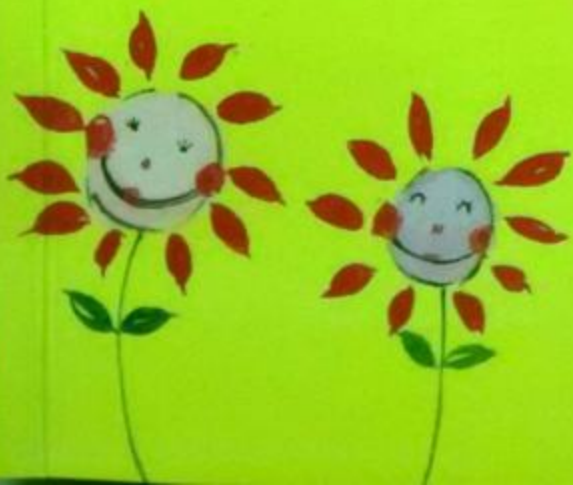
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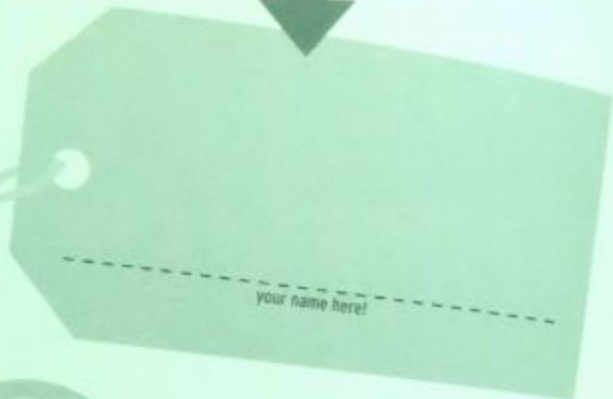
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# Bear Hugs

by Alyssa Satin Capucilli  
illustrated by Jim Ishi



THIS BOOK BELONGS TO



your name here!

3 of my favorite books

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Here is a picture of me  
after I finish a great book!

## Dear Parent:

Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!



**STEP INTO READING\*** will help your child get there. The program offers five steps to reading success. Each step includes fun stories and colorful art. There are also Step into Reading Sticker Books, Step into Reading Math Readers, Step into Reading Write-In Readers, Step into Reading Phonics Readers, and Step into Reading Phonics First Steps! Boxed Sets—a complete literacy program with something for every child.

## Learning to Read, Step by Step!



**Ready to Read** **Preschool–Kindergarten**  
• big type and easy words • rhyme and rhythm • picture clues  
For children who know the alphabet and are eager to begin reading.



**Reading with Help** **Preschool–Grade 1**  
• basic vocabulary • short sentences • simple stories  
For children who recognize familiar words and sound out new words with help.



**Reading on Your Own** **Grades 1–3**  
• engaging characters • easy-to-follow plots • popular topics  
For children who are ready to read on their own.



**Reading Paragraphs** **Grades 2–3**  
• challenging vocabulary • short paragraphs • exciting stories  
For newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.



**Ready for Chapters** **Grades 2–4**  
• chapters • longer paragraphs • full-color art  
For children who want to take the plunge into chapter books but still like colorful pictures.

**STEP INTO READING\*** is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides. Children can progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading, no matter what their grade.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

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# Bear Hugs

*For Peter, Laura, and Billy,  
who always want a hug!*  
—A.S.C.



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Mama Bear,  
I want a hug!



A big hug?

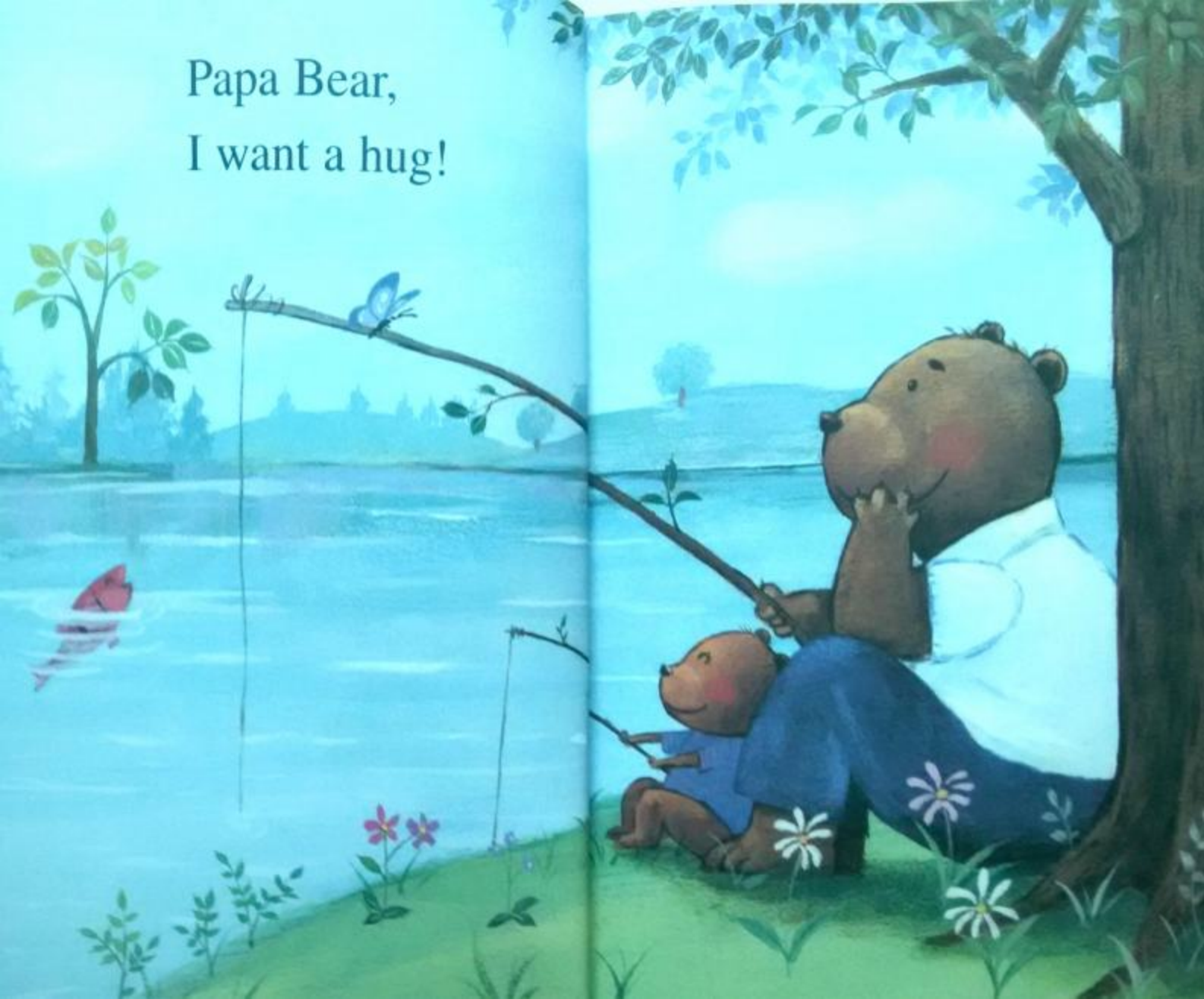


A small hug?

A growing very tall hug?



Papa Bear,  
I want a hug!





A wet hug?

A dry hug?







A fly up to the sky hug?



How about a funny hug?



How about a honey hug?

A blackberry hug?



A blueberry hug?

A nose all red  
with cherry hug?



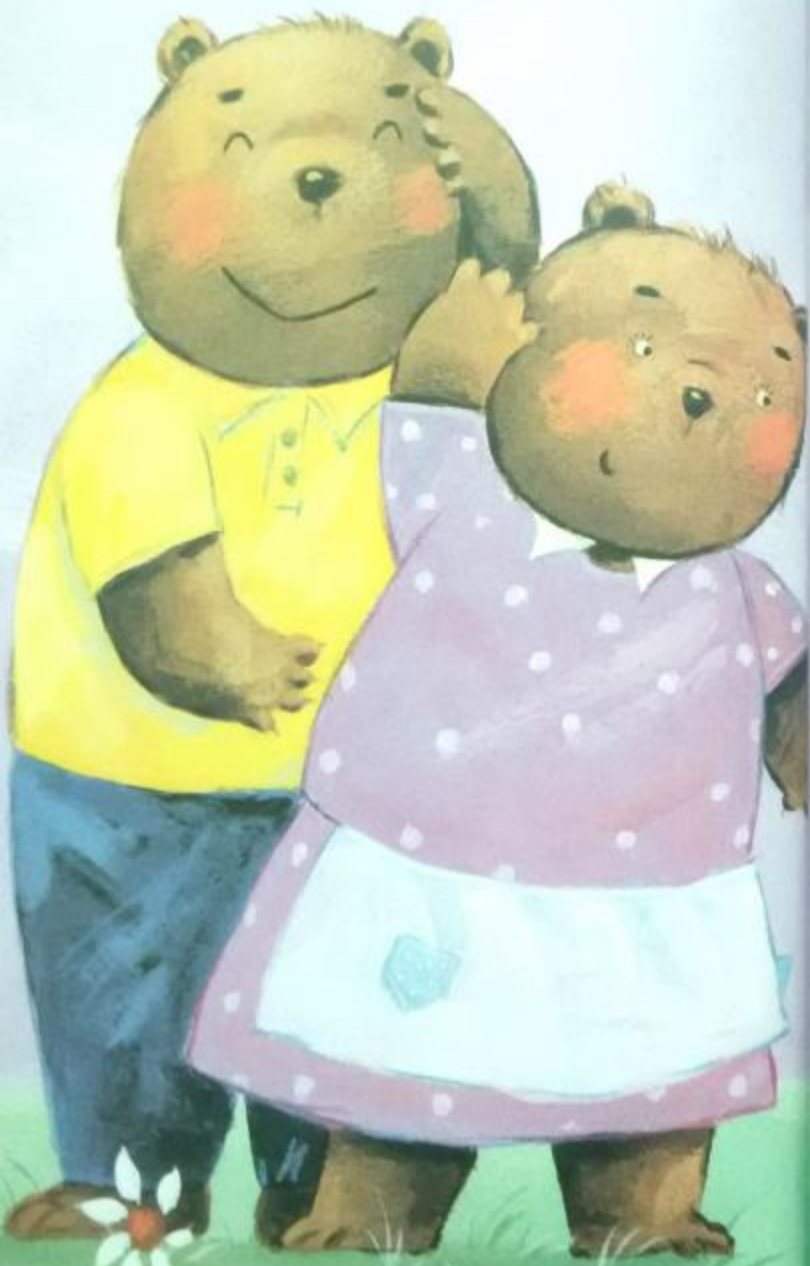
How about a wiggly hug?



How about a giggly hug?



WAIT!



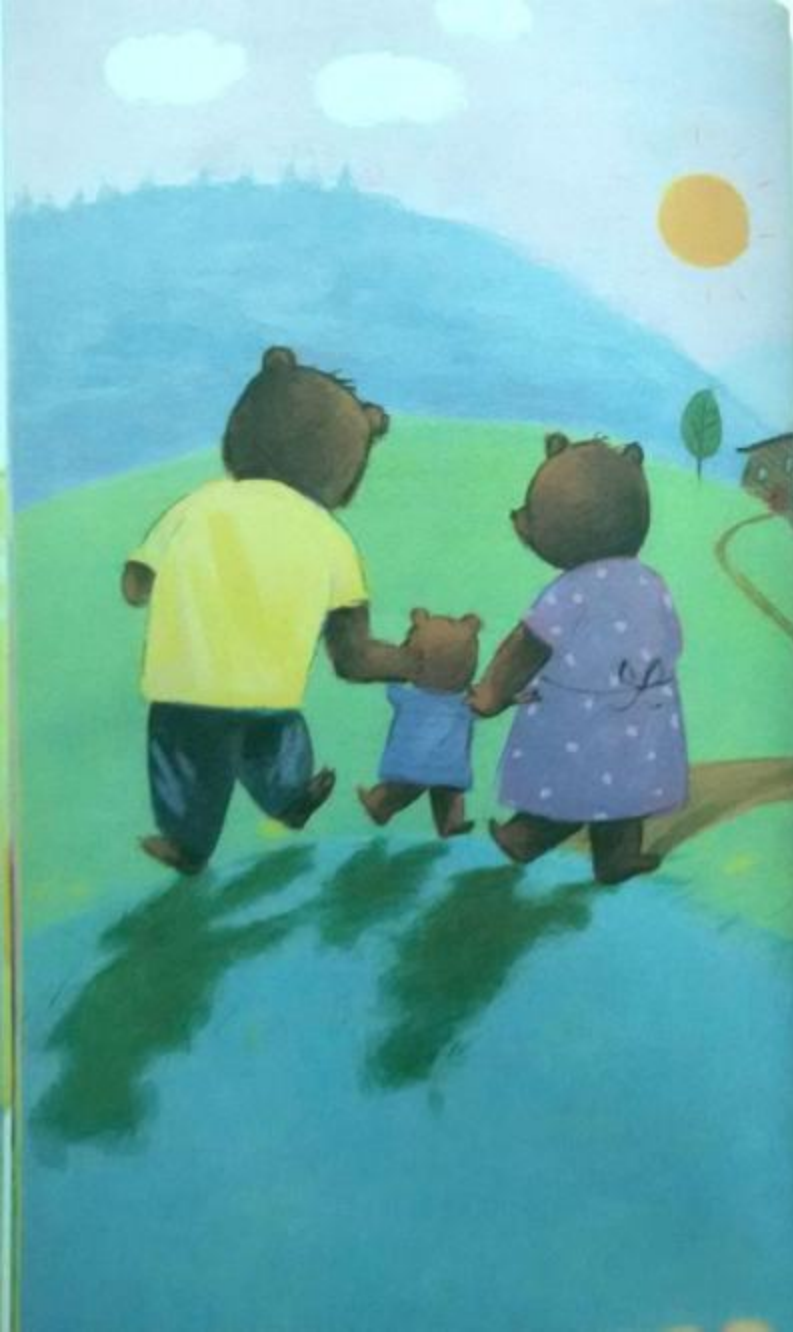
I know the hug  
that's best for me.





It's a hug—  
a hug for three!





If you know the alphabet and are ready to read,  
look for these Step into Reading books:

ALL BETTER  
BAMBI'S HIDE AND SEEK ◉  
BARBIE, ONE PINK SHOE ◊  
BEAR HUGS  
THE BERENSTAIN BEARS:  
BIG BEAR, SMALL BEAR  
THE BERENSTAIN BEARS  
GO IN AND OUT  
THE BERENSTAIN BEARS  
GO UP AND DOWN  
THE BERENSTAIN BEARS  
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THE BERENSTAIN BEARS RIDE  
THE THUNDERBOLT  
BIG EGG  
BOATS  
CAT TRAPS  
CINDERELLA'S COUNTDOWN  
TO THE BALL ◉  
CITY CATS, COUNTRY CATS  
DANCING DINOS  
DUCKS IN MUCK  
FLY, DUMBO, FLY! ◉  
THE GREAT RACE >  
HAPPY ALPHABET ◆  
HOT DOG  
I LIKE BUGS  
I LIKE STARS

JACK AND JILL, AND BIG DOG BILL ◆  
JUNGLE FRIENDS ◉  
THE LION AND THE MOUSE  
LITTLE BY LITTLE  
ME TOO, WOODY ◉  
MOUSE MAKES MAGIC ◆  
MOUSE MAKES WORDS ◆  
MOUSE'S HIDE-AND-SEEK WORDS ◆  
ORD EATS A PIZZA ▲  
PEPE AND PAPA  
PIG PARADE  
PIG PICNIC  
PIGLET FEELS SMALL ◉  
THE PUP SPEAKS UP ◆  
SAY CHEESE!  
SEE THE YAK YAK  
SIX STICKS ◊  
SLEEPY DOG  
THE SNOWBALL  
THE SNOWMAN  
SUNSHINE, MOONSHINE  
SWEET POTATO PIE  
THERE IS A TOWN  
THOMAS AND PERCY AND  
THE DRAGON >  
TOO MANY DOGS  
WATCH YOUR STEP, MR. RABBIT!  
WHEELS!

- ◆ A Barbie Reader  
◉ A Disney Reader  
▲ A Dragon Tales Reader  
◊ A Math Reader  
◆ A Phonics Reader  
> A Thomas the Tank Engine Reader

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It's time for YOU!  
Pick your favorite  
spot to read.  
This is going to be  
a great book!

What this book is about . . .

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Which hug is the best of all?



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