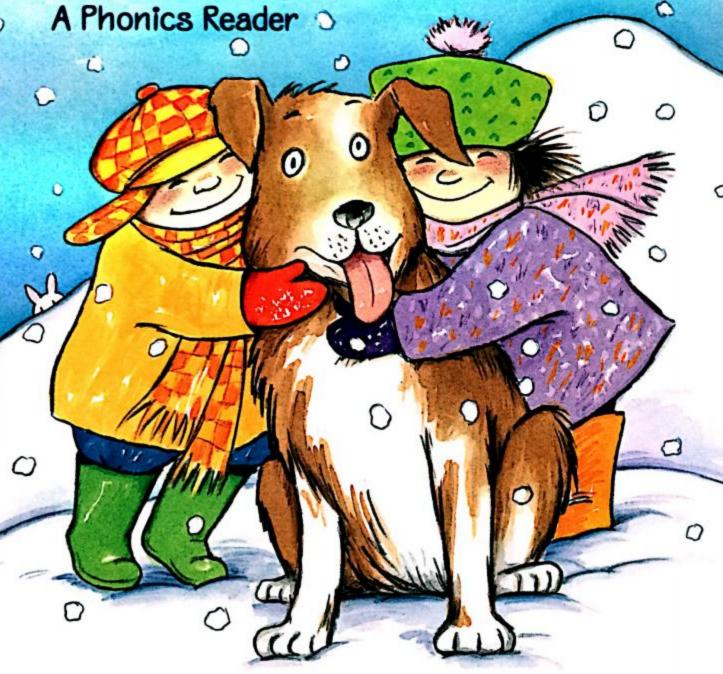
phonics - ready to read





By Martha Weston

DEAR PARENT,

Our world is filled with letters—those magical squiggles on the page that stand for sounds. Unlocking the mystery of these squiggles will help get your child on the right track to reading success.

One way to lay the foundation for that success is to read with your child every day. Step into Reading Phonics Readers offer a way to make the most of that experience. These books are designed to help your child learn the sounds that letters stand for, how letters come together to make words, and how words can be put together to make sentences. Engaging illustrations help children make the connection between words and pictures.

Tips for reading this book with your child:

- Begin by reading this book aloud to your child. As you read, point to each word. This "tracking" will help your child make a connection between the written and spoken word.
- Emphasize the sounds in rhyming words, such as cat and hat, or words that share a common consonant, such as sand and silly.
- Read a word from the text and have your child find it. You can give hints, such as "This word starts with the /s/ sound."
- When your child feels comfortable with the story, have him or her read it to you. Praise your child's efforts and encourage rereading of the story.
- Invite your child to find words from the story on signs or in other books. This will generate excitement about and interest in words.

Remember—all children deserve the gift of reading. As parents, you can help bestow that gift. It is one of the most important things you can do!

Wiley Blevins, Author and Reading Specialist Ed.M., Harvard University

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Also look for Step into Reading Books, Step into Reading Sticker Books, and Step into Reading Math Readers.



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!

For Christopher and Annie

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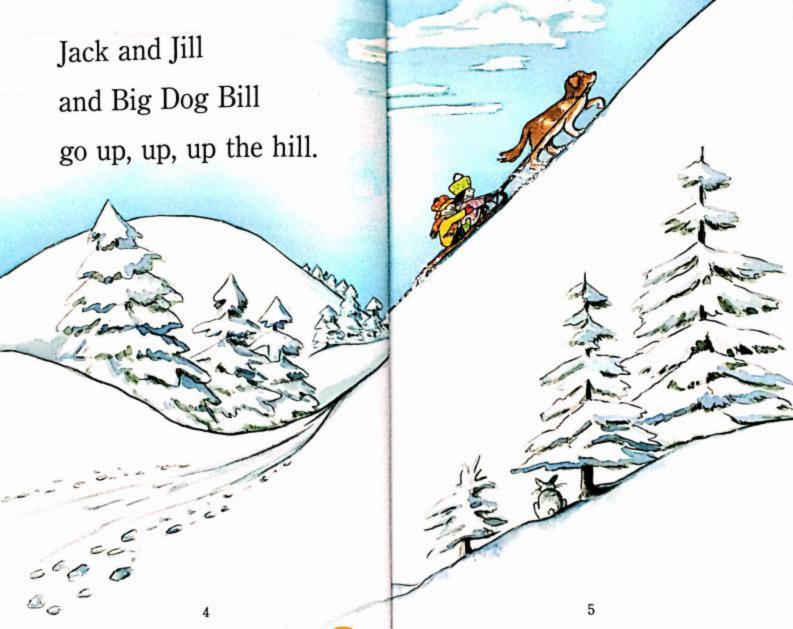
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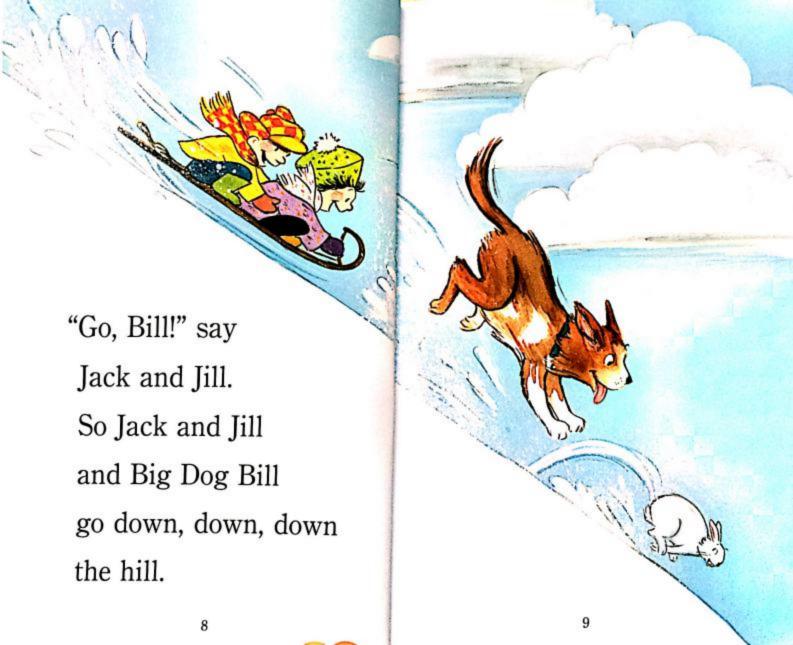


"Pull, Bill!" says Jill.



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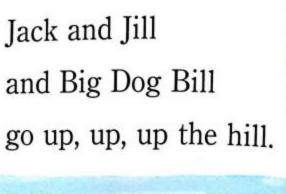
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They all stop.

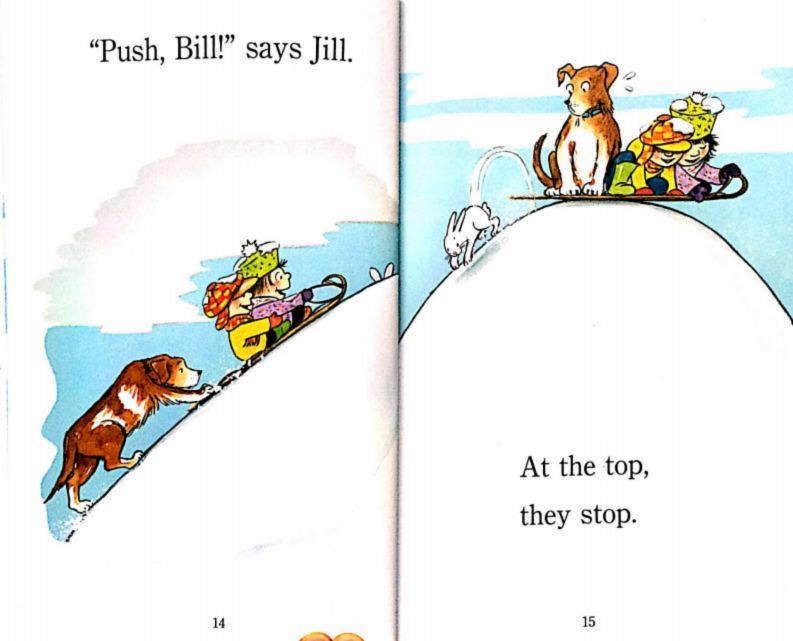


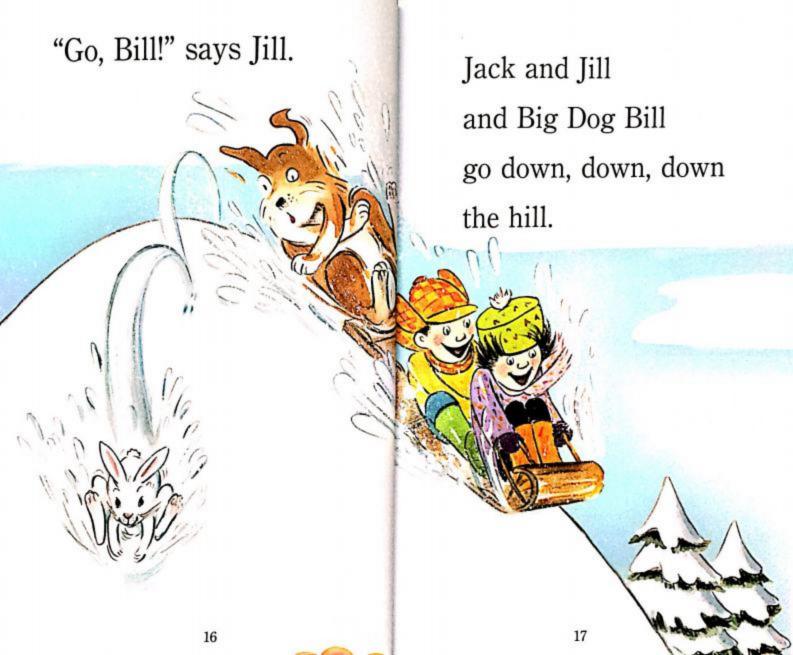


"More, more!" says Jack.









BUMP.

PLOP.

They all stop.





"More!" says Jack.

"More!" says Jill.





"Push, Jack!" says Jill.
"Pull, Jill!" says Jack.





At the top, they stop.

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PLOP.

They all stop.

"No more hill!" say Jack and Jill.

Jack and Jill and Big Dog Bill go home.





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

ALL BETTER RAMBI'S HIDE-AND-SEEK O 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 IN THE HOUSE OF MIRRORS THE BERENSTAIN BEARS RIDE THE THUNDERBOLT BIG EGG BOATS CAT TRAPS CINDERELLA'S COUNTDOWN TO THE BALL O CITY CATS, COUNTRY CATS DANCING DINOS DUCKS IN MUCK FLY, DUMBO, FLY! O THE GREAT RACE > HAPPY ALPHABET . HOT DOG I LIKE BUGS I LIKE STARS

JACK AND JILL AND BIG DOG BILL . JUNGLE FRIENDS O THE LION AND THE MOUSE LITTLE BY LITTLE ME TOO, WOODY O MOUSE MAKES MAGIC . MOUSE MAKES WORDS . MOUSE'S HIDE-AND-SEEK WORDS . ORD EATS A PIZZA A PEPE AND PAPA PIG PARADE PIG PICNIC PIGLET FEELS SMALL O 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
- O A Disney Reader
- Δ A Dragon Tales Reader
- A Math Reader
- · A Phonics Reader
- A Thomas the Tank Engine Reader



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

What this book is about ...
Jack and Jill and Big Dog
Jack and Jill and Big Dog Bill go for a
snowy ride. Up the hill. Down the hill.
Until a big surprise!



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PARENTS: This Phonics Reader uses rhyme and repetition in tandem with short vowels and word families.

