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- fostering a love of language and a rich vocabulary;
- and inspiring them to be kind, to get along with others, and to grow in self-confidence.

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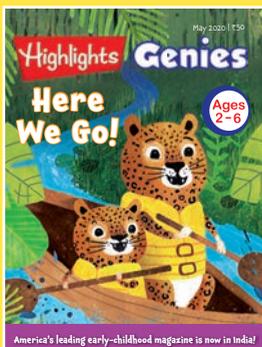
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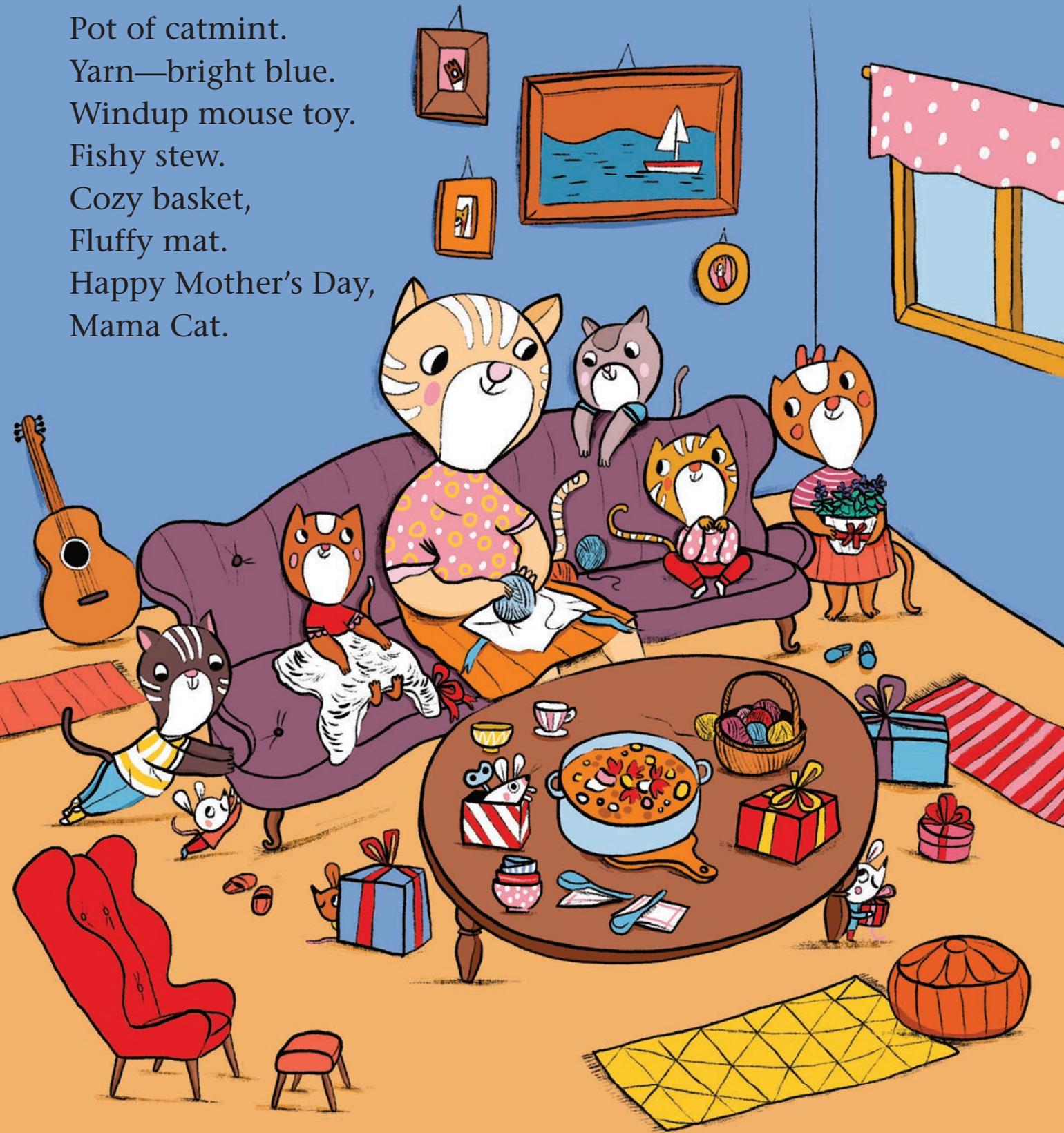


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Mother's Day Presents

By Eileen Spinelli • Art by Maria Neradova

Pot of catmint.
Yarn—bright blue.
Windup mouse toy.
Fishy stew.
Cozy basket,
Fluffy mat.
Happy Mother's Day,
Mama Cat.

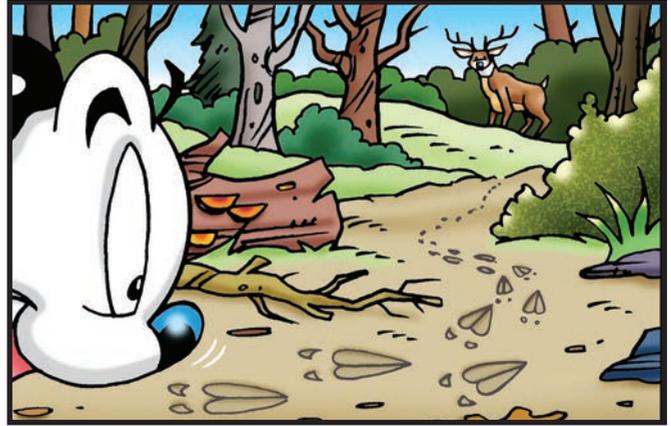


The Adventures of Spot

By Marileta Robinson • Art by Ron Zalme



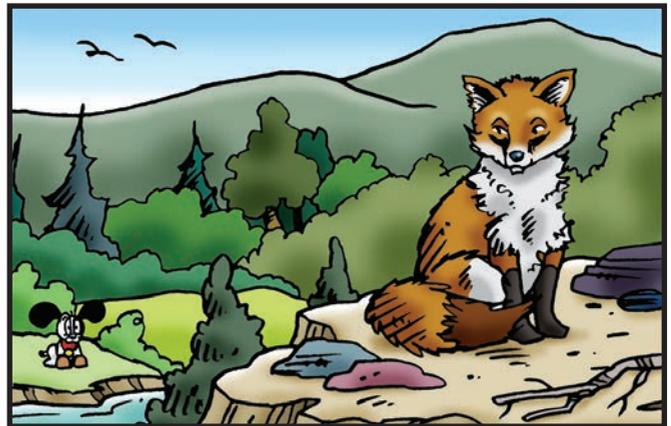
Spot's nose knows a lot.



His nose knows a deer walked here.



It knows a squirrel is in the tree.



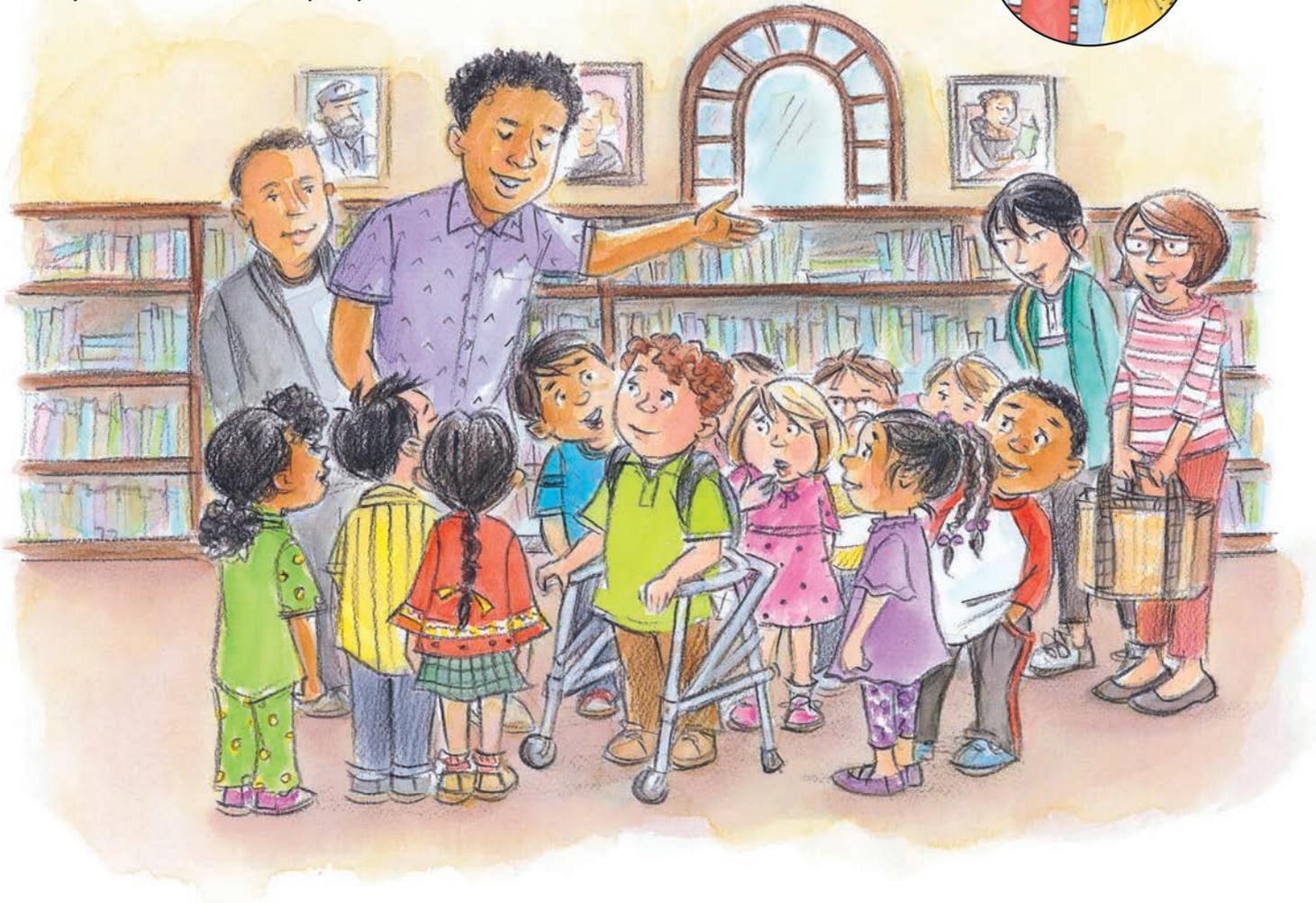
It knows a fox is on the hill.



His nose even knows . . . when it's dinnertime!

Sharing Books

By Lissa Rovetch • Art by Amy Wummer

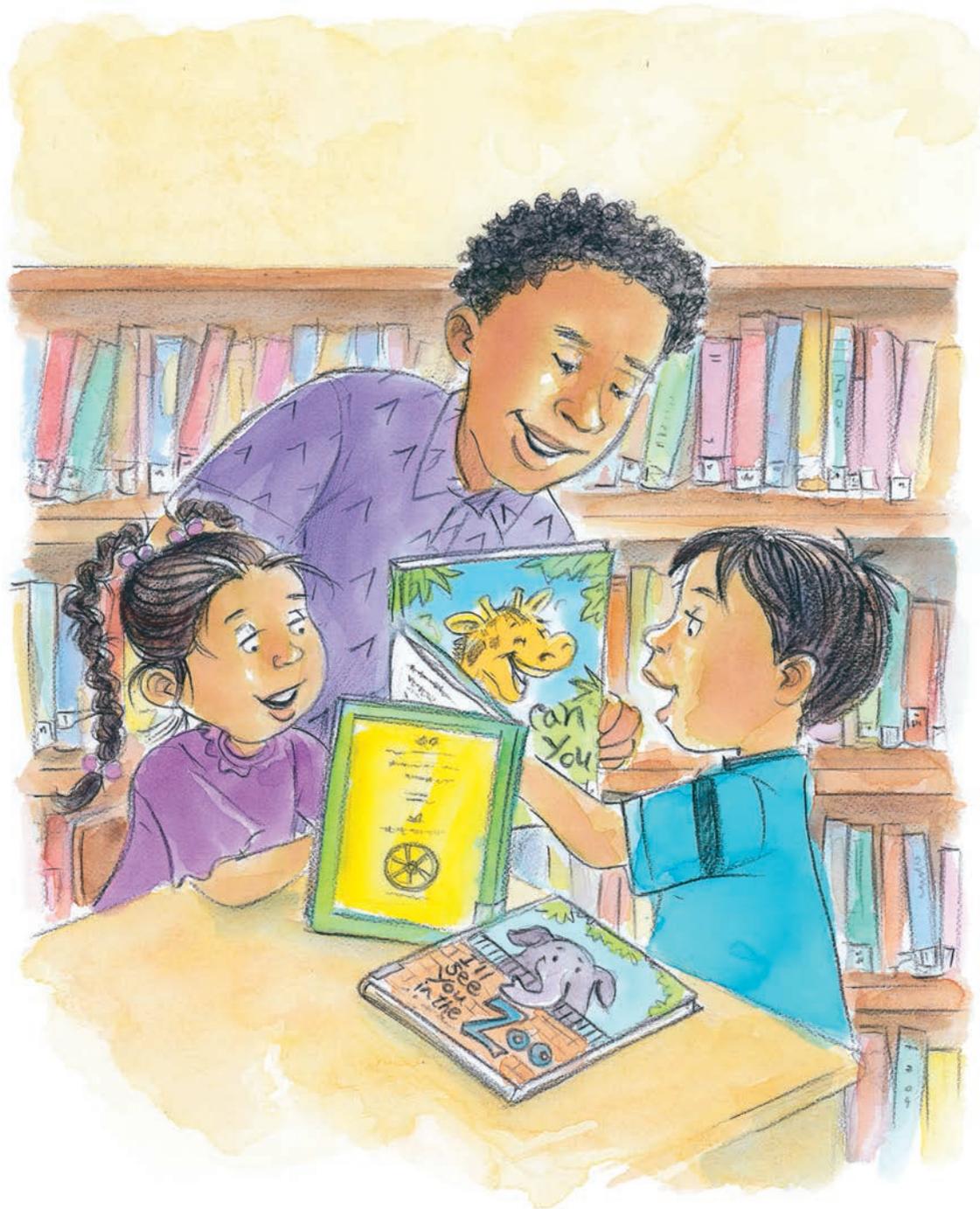


“Welcome to your local library,” said Mr. Watkins.

“Who wants to take home a book today?”

“Oh no,” said Kate. “I didn’t bring any money.”

“No worries! You don’t need money because the books are free,” Mr. Watkins said. “You check out books with your library card. Then you take good care of the books and bring them back for others to read.”



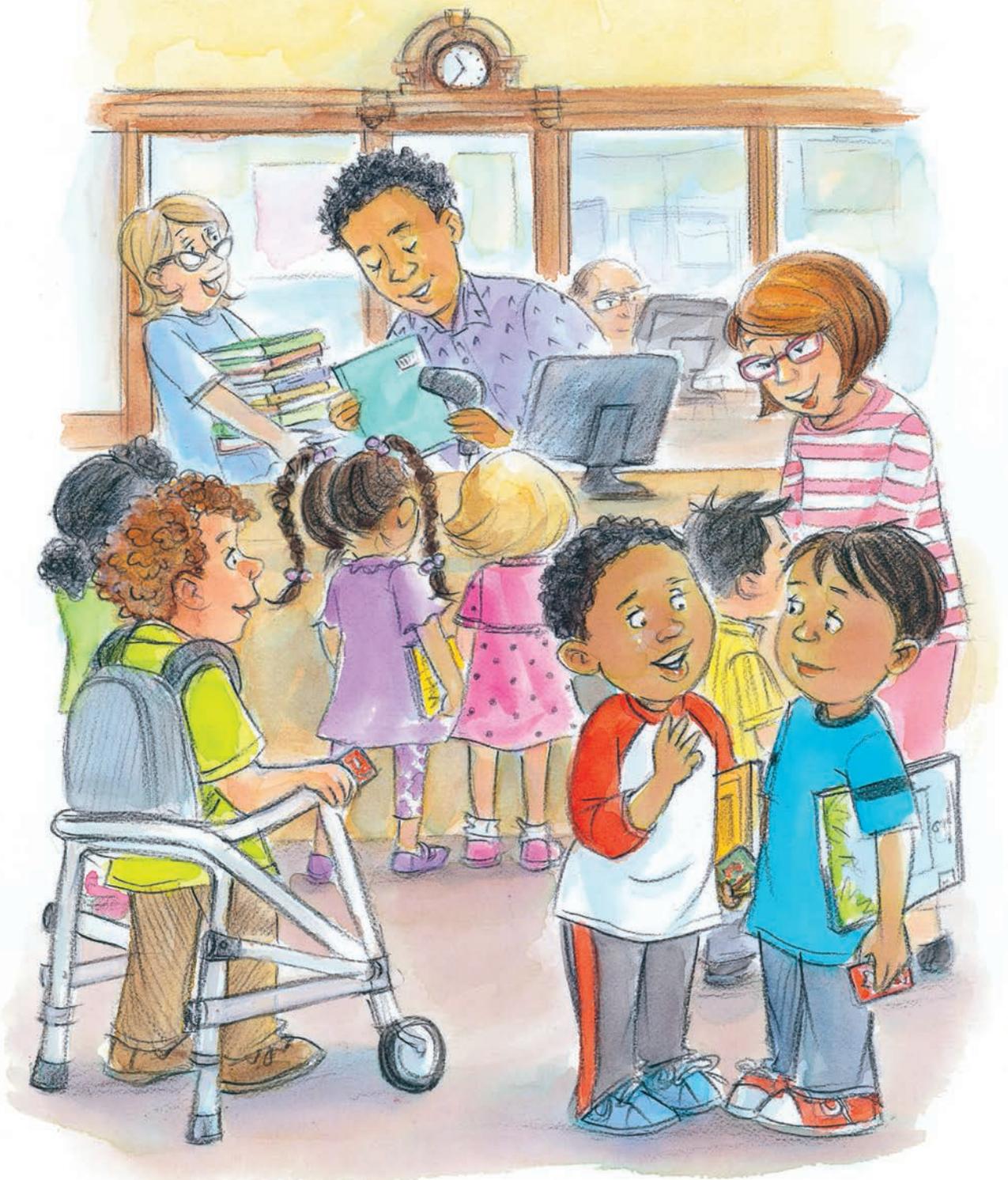
“I’m interested in trucks,” said Indi.

“I know just the book,” said Mr. Watkins. “How does *Wheels* look?”

“Great!” said Indi.

“I like rhyming stories and animals,” said Tex.

“Hmm.” Mr. Watkins thought. “How about *Can You Make a Giraffe Laugh?* Or *I’ll See You in the Zoo?*”



The kindergartners used their very own library cards to check out their books.

“I can’t believe we get to keep these books for three whole weeks!” said Eli.



After school, Tex and Indi's sister, Arizona, said,
"Wheels looks cool. Is it OK if I look at it?"

"Sure," said Indi. "Library books are for sharing!" 

Bedtime Books

By Courtney McKinney-Whitaker

How many books
can I read before bed?

How many stories
can fit in my head?

Look at these books
spread out on the floor.

The answer is always . . .
there's time for one more!

My First Hidden Pictures Puzzle

Find these objects hidden
in the big picture.



Candle



Screwdriver



Pencil



Suitcase



Rolling Pin



Leaf



Party Hat



Flashlight



Candy Cane

Wobble-Wobble Bike

By Joy Cowley • Art by Wendy Rasmussen



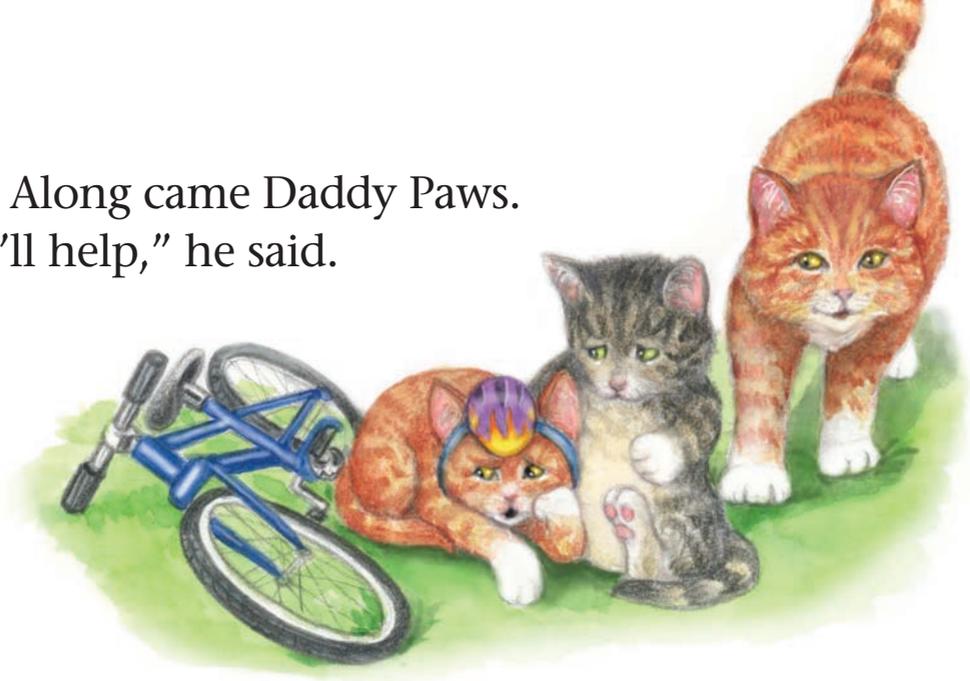
Ginger Paws had a new bike. It didn't have training wheels. And every time he got on the bike, it went wobble-wobble, wobble-wobble, tippy-tippy over.

"Try harder," said his friend Davy Gravy.



But when he tried again, the bike still went wobble-wobble, wobble-wobble, tippy-toppy over. Ginger Paws sat on the grass and cried, “*Meow! Meow!* I can’t ride my new bike!”

Along came Daddy Paws.
“I’ll help,” he said.



Daddy Paws held the bike for Ginger Paws. The bike did not wobble. The bike did not wobble. It did not tip over.
“I can ride when you help me!” Ginger Paws shouted.



“But I let go,” called Daddy Paws. “You don’t need my help anymore. You can do it all by yourself!” 🍷

Spring Planting.....

Art by Loufane



How are these pictures the same?



How are they different?

That's Silly!

Art by Katie McDee





What
silly things
do you see?

Using a Fork and

By Melissa Fernandes and Soumitra Kanungo • Art by Sonal



Every Friday, the school asks everyone to eat snacks with a fork and knife.

Shagun didn't like Fork-and-Knife Fridays. It always ended with a splat on her clothes, a splotch on the table, or a splurt on the floor.

It's messy. It's frustrating.
And today, it's Friday.

Knife

Everyone else knows how to eat boiled eggs on toast using a fork and knife with no mess.

“Your plate is shaking. Hold the fork still,” Reema tells her.

“I can’t,” Shagun answers.



“You need to hold the fork with your left hand,” says Ansh.

Shagun switches the fork to her left hand, holds the knife in her right, and pokes the egg, but it slides off the toast.

“Turn the knife to the other side. You’re using the wrong side,” says Shyam.

Shagun does that.



She cuts the toast, but it crumbles. She cuts a big piece, but it’s too big to fit in her mouth.

“I’m exhausted,” she says.

“Cut the eggs,” mumbles Sally, mouth full.

Shagun cuts the boiled egg, and just when she goes to eat it, it falls off the fork.





Shagun sighs. Her tummy grumbles. She glares at her messy plate. Reema, Ansh, Sally and Shyam look at her.

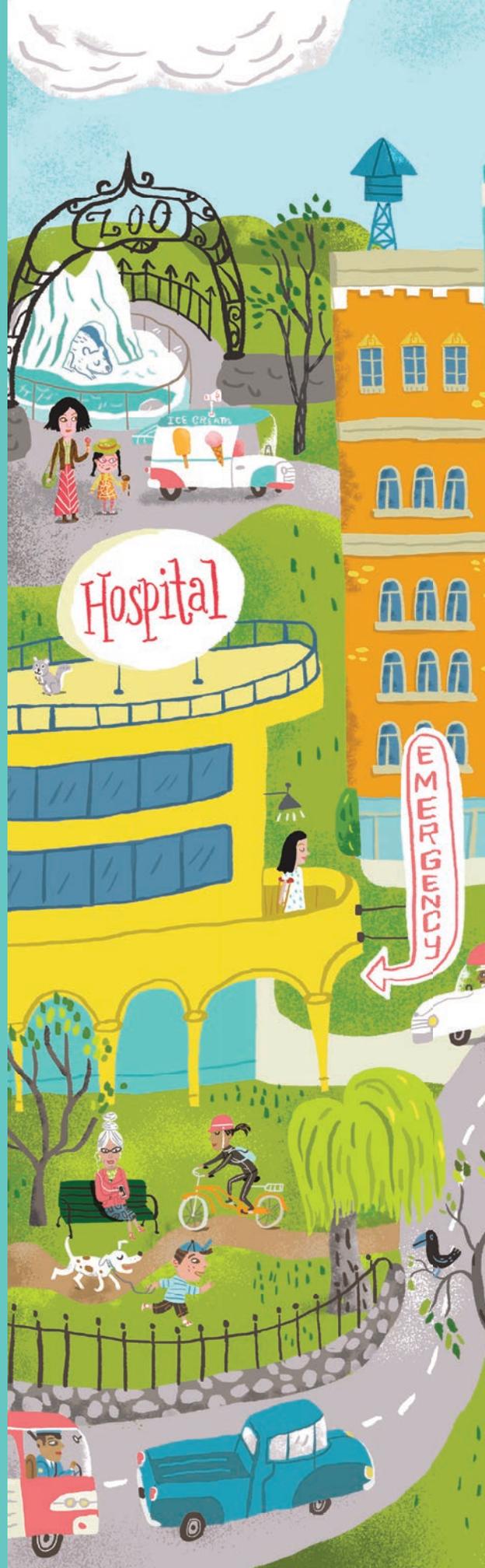
They drop the fork and knife. They pick up the toast and egg and take a bite. Shagun looks at them and bites into her toast and egg. “Mmm, yummy,” she says. 

Buildings to Explore

By Sue Gagliardi • Art by Stephanie K. Birdsong

In the city, you will find buildings of every shape and kind. Tall buildings, small buildings, apartment buildings too. Museums and libraries, and houses at the zoo. Stone houses, brick houses, hospitals, and stores—all kinds of buildings in the city to explore.

How many tall buildings
do you see?
What else do you see?





MUSEUM

SHOES

APARTMENT

LIBRARY

It's Laundry Day



By Ana Galán • Art by Sonal

Meera and Kiran



Ma carried a bucket of wet clothes to the terrace.

“We want to help,” said Meera and Kiran.

“Thank you, Meera and Kiran. That’s so nice of you two,” said Papa, who was helping Ma. “Why don’t you pass me the clothes and I’ll hang them.”



Kiran pulled out a green T-shirt. “My green T-shirt,” he said, passing it to Papa.



Meera pulled out an orange dress. “My orange dress,” she said, passing it to Papa.

Kiran grabbed a pair of blue pants. "Papa's pants are heavy," he said. Ma hung the pants on the line.



"Two yellow socks," said Meera and Kiran, holding one each. They handed two yellow socks to Ma.



Then Meera and Kiran ran to the end of the clothesline. “And one boy and one girl,” they said, raising their hands.

Ma and Papa picked them up and tickled them. 

You Have **MUSCLES!**

By Peggy Ashbrook • Photos by Jim Filipski, Guy Cali Associates, Inc.



1

Feel your muscles inside your arm.



Peggy Ashbrook is an early childhood science educator.

2

You use your muscles to move your body.



3

Other animals have muscles too.

Woof!



4

Can you move like an earthworm?



5

When you gently hold a moving earthworm, you are feeling its muscles move.



Hammered Flower Prints

By Megan Devine • Photos by Jim Filipski, Guy Cali Associates, Inc.

You Need

- Flowers
- White cotton cloth
- Hammer
- Paper towels
- Scissors
- Chart paper
- Glue

Before You Begin

Ask permission to use flowers from a garden or a flowerpot.





1. On a hard, protected surface, place flowers between a folded piece of cloth.



2. Pound the cloth with a hammer. Use a paper towel to wipe off what's left of the flowers.



3. Cut out a heart shape from the cloth.



4. Fold a sheet of chart paper in half to make a card. Glue the heart onto the card. Let it dry.

Mini Berry Trifles

By Laura J. Colker • Photos by Jim Filipski, Guy Cali Associates, Inc.



You Need

- 1 bowl each blackberries, blueberries, and raspberries, washed
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 box instant lemon or vanilla pudding mix
- 2 cups milk
- ½ cup heavy whipping cream
- ½ teaspoon powdered sugar
- ⅛ teaspoon almond extract
- 1 loaf prepared sponge cake



Before You Begin
Wash your hands.



1 Put berries in a large bowl and sprinkle granulated sugar on top. Chill in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.

2 Pour pudding mix and milk into a large container with a lid. Close the container and shake, shake, shake! Chill until ready to use.



3 To make whipped cream, put the cream, powdered sugar, and extract into another jar with a lid. Close and shake until thick, about 3 minutes.

4 Cut sponge cake into slices.

Try this with some of your favorite fruits!

YUMMY!

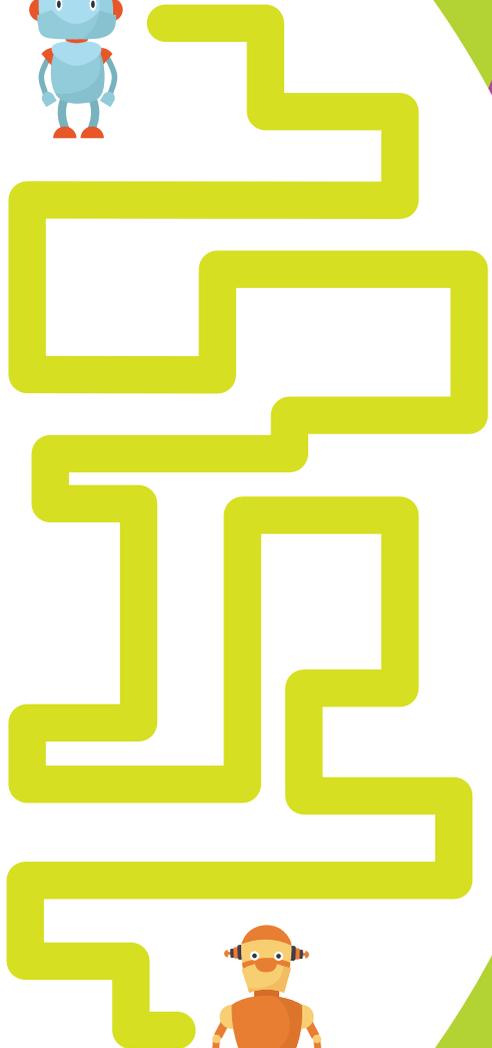
For the most delicious results, let your trifles chill in the refrigerator before serving.

5 Layer sponge cake, berries, and pudding. Top each trifle with whipped cream and more berries.



Adults: Whipped cream can also be made using an electric mixer. Beat until peaks form.

Can you help
the blue robot
find his friend?



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