



LEVEL ONE

READER




THE *Good* AND THE *Beautiful*
CURRICULUM

For use with the Level 1 Language Arts and Literature course.

*This reader is designed to be
used alongside the Level 1
Course Book.*

Stories are arranged in the order that they appear in the course book and coordinate with principles taught in Level 1. Children should read each story when prompted by the lesson, but may choose to reread the stories if desired.





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PETS

by Jenny Phillips



Pam has a pet dog.

It is so cute.



James has rabbits.
The rabbits are
soft and sweet.





A Hunt with Dad

Written by Jenny Phillips Illustrated by Asti Hardini

Past the hill and by the lake,
Dad leads.

“Look!” says Dad. “A hive is
in that tree.”



“I see
it! It is
neat!” I
say.

I see a blue bird on a
branch. “Look!” I cry. “I spy
a nest by that bird.”



Dad teaches me how birds
make nests.

I make this song:

Some bugs are fast



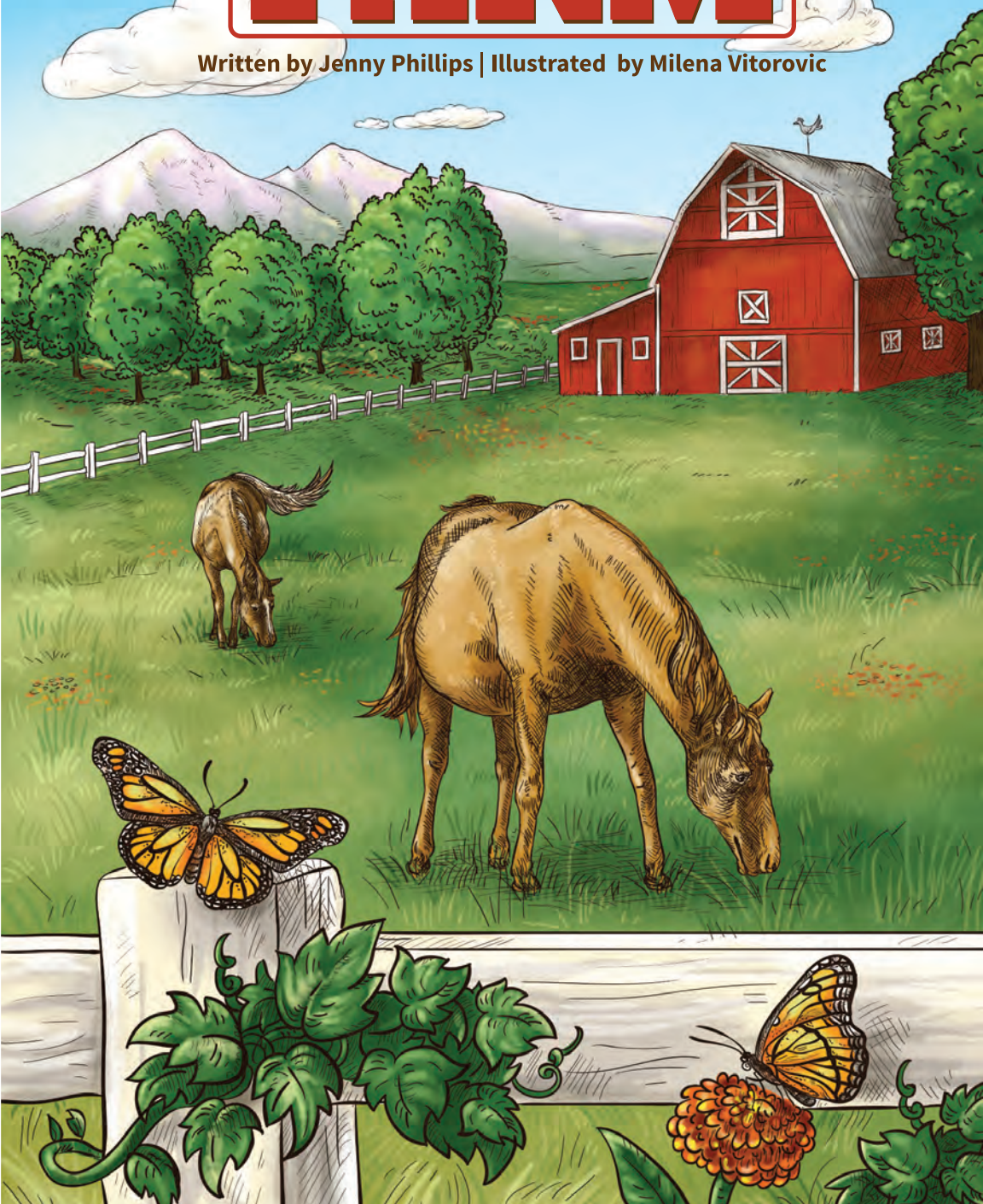
and some are slow.

I like to see them go.



A DAY AT THE FARM

Written by Jenny Phillips | Illustrated by Milena Vitorovic





The sun came up and woke a boy
named Tom.

He smiled.

He was glad because he was at his
grandpa's farm.

Kate is Tom's little sister. Kate felt
the sun, and she woke up.

The first thing they each did was pray.



Then the two children got dressed.

Kate put on a dress and socks and shoes.

Tom put on pants, a belt, a shirt, socks,
and shoes.

It was hard to get the pig. Kate and Tom helped.

When the pig was back in the barn, Kate and Tom went to play with Rags. He liked to do tricks and chase sticks.



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LIFE CAN BE SO SWEET

Written by Jenny Phillips

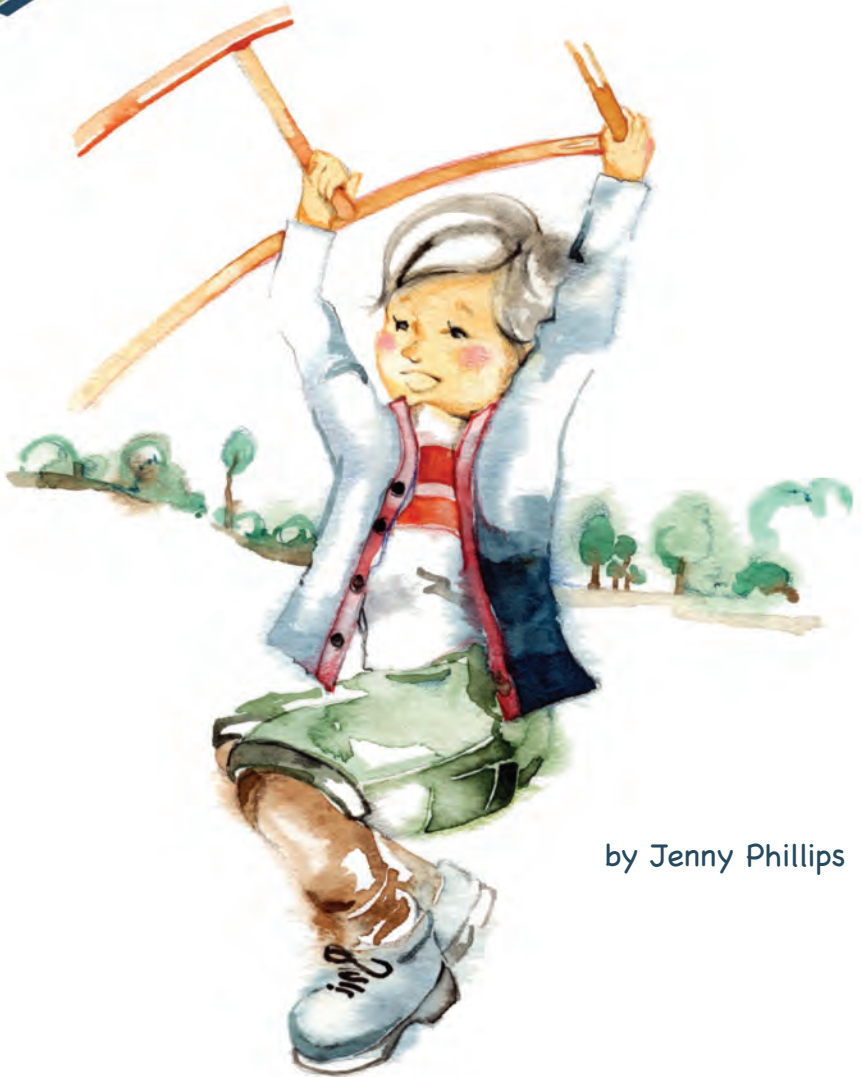


At times we feel sad, but
life can also be so sweet!



We can look for the good
and meet each day with a
smile.

WE CAN



by Jenny Phillips

Drake can kick the ball.
He can play the game well.
He dreams of winning, and
he is also a good sport.



Min can help her
mom cook. She does
a good job. Mom and
Min have fun.





ROBIN IN THE PARK

Written by Jenny Phillips
Illustrated by Reinald Werrenrath

“Look at that robin on the grass,”
says Bree loudly. “I like it.”

“Shh. Do not scare it. It is so
pretty,” says Mom. “I like it, too.”



The robin sits on a branch
and happily sings a song.
Bree and Mom love the song.



A Friend is a
Blessing



Written by Jenny Phillips



Friends care about each other. Friends keep each other safe.

Pam starts to go into the street.

Kevin takes her hand.

“Wait,” he says.

Pam is safe.

Friends are a blessing.



We can be friends with animals. We should be nice to them. Animals can bring us joy. Gabe makes friends with this animal.

James and Fred go fishing.

They feel the warm sun.

They dip their feet in the
cool lake.

Fishing by yourself is good,
but fishing with a friend is
much better.





Mandy and Mark are brother and sister. They are also good friends.

Mandy and Mark help each other at school daily.

Mandy is good at math, so she helps Mark with math.

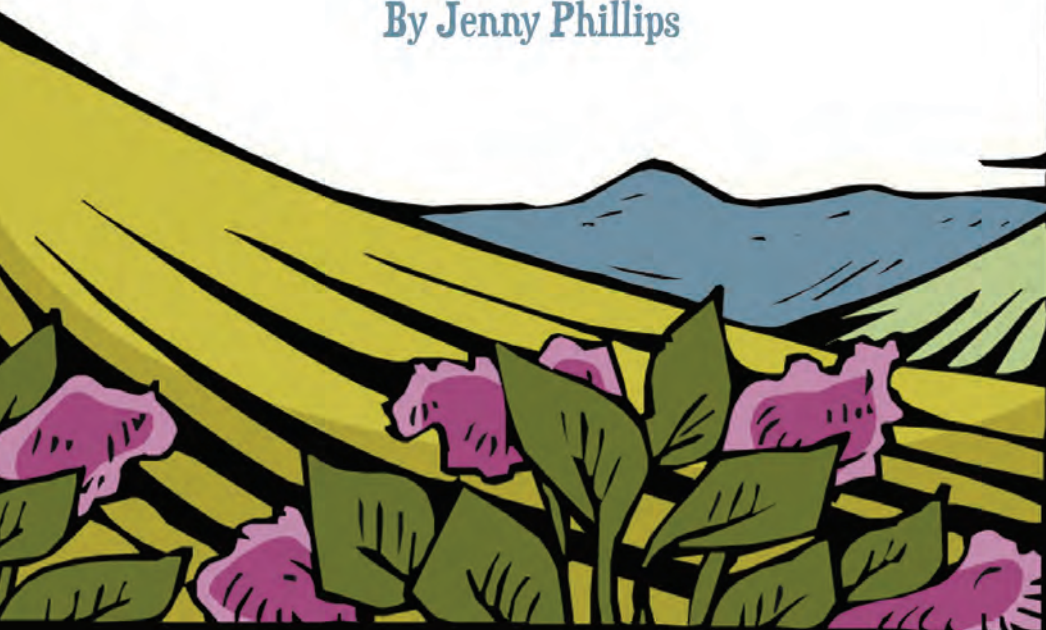
Mark is good at reading, so he helps Mandy with reading.

Being friends with your brother or sister is a blessing!



Winter Through Summer

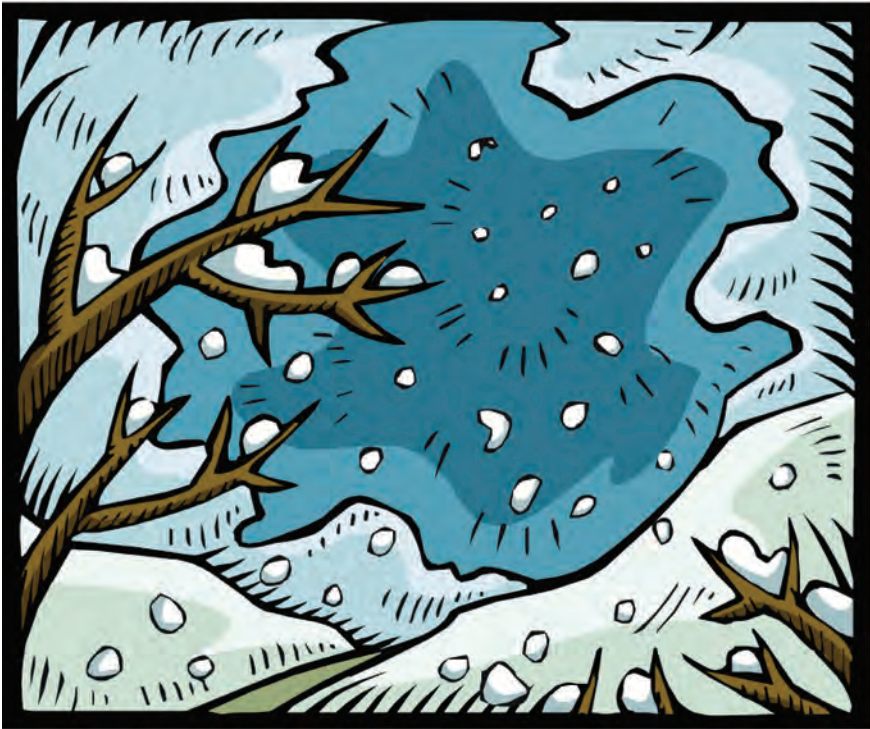
By Jenny Phillips



In the summer the sun
is out, and it is hot. The
plants can grow in the dirt.
Summer is a wonderful
time to play in the river, but
people put on sunblock so
their skin does not burn.



Winter dances in with a chill in the air. A silver moon shines over a frozen lake, and snow swirls softly on the fir trees. Children on skates twirl across the ice.



During winter, Dad puts on a fur cap and drives us to church in a sled.

The Pets of **Poppy Town**

by Jenny Phillips



This is Poppy Town.



It is a small town.

It is a good town.

It has a big green hill and
lots of trees. But best of all,
it has a lot of pets.

Jill's grandmother is going to buy Jill a pet.

“What kind of pet do you want?” Grandmother asks.

“How about a pig?” Jill asks.



“Pigs are way too messy!” says Grandmother.

“How about a tiger?” Jill asks.



“No! Tigers bite! They are not safe,” says Grandmother.



A WHOLE WORLD TO EXPLORE

by Jenny Phillips



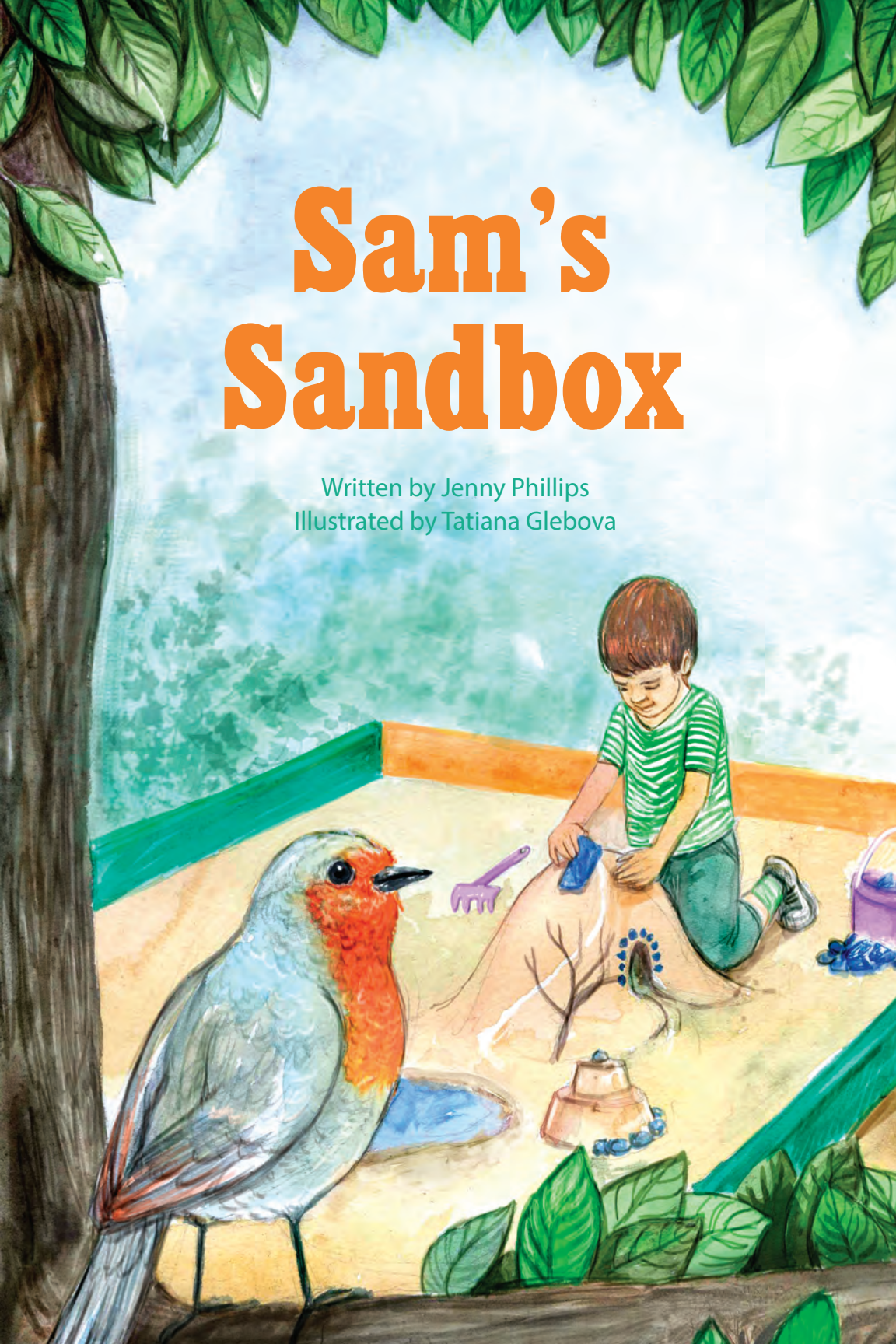
Playing games on a screen or watching shows can be fun sometimes if the games and shows are good and clean. But there is so much more to do. God made children to run and hike and work and play and explore the wonderful world He created for us.





Sam's Sandbox

Written by Jenny Phillips
Illustrated by Tatiana Glebova



Sam is six.

He has a sandbox.

It is not small.

It is big and wide.

A big tree shades the sandbox.



At times, it is just Sam in the
sandbox.

Then the kids made a pond next to the big hill. They stuck weeds and twigs next to the pond. The weeds and twigs looked like trees.



“I wish we had little ducks for our little pond,” said Jane.

But they did not have ducks.

It was time for Luke and Jane to go home. “Goodbye!” they said.

Sam went into his home to eat lunch with his mother. Sam told her all about the big hill and the pond he and his friends had made in the sandbox.

“I want to see it!” said his mother. She looked out the window. “Look!” said Mother with a big smile. “A bird likes your hill.”

Sam saw a little red bird standing on top of the hill.

Sam watched as the little red bird hopped off the hill.
off the hill.

“Look!” said Sam to his mother. “Now the
bird likes my pond. See! He is taking a
drink from it.”



MISTY

THE

SMALL HORSE

WRITTEN BY JENNY PHILLIPS | ILLUSTRATED BY TATIANA GLEBOVA





“Cheer up!” said Misty’s mother.

She did not want Misty to be sad.

“You are a good horse,” her mother said. “You will see. Cheer up!”

Misty wanted to be happy, but she was still sad.

The Ride

One day, the girl asked her grandpa if she could ride a horse.

All of the horses came close.

They wanted the girl to ride on them. She was such a sweet girl.

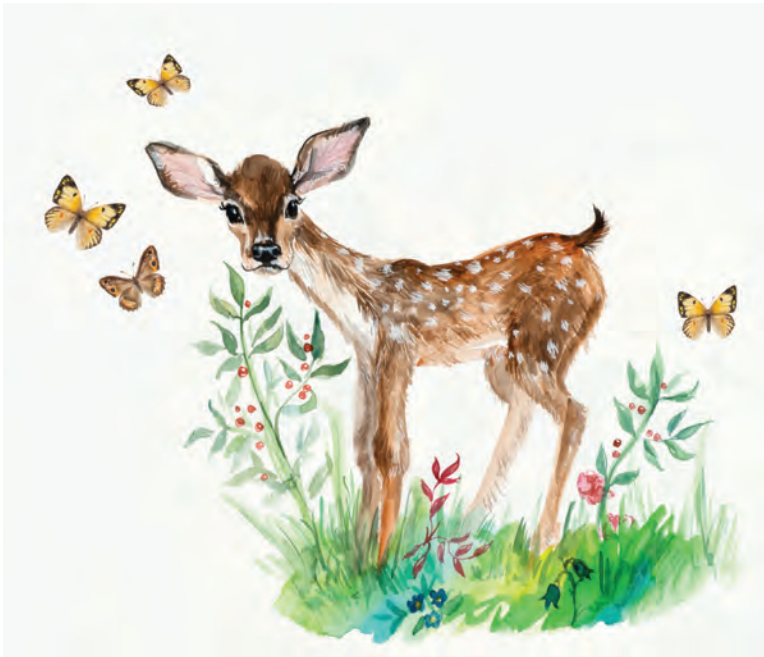
“I hope she will pick me,” hoped the black horse.

The girl’s grandpa smiled at her.

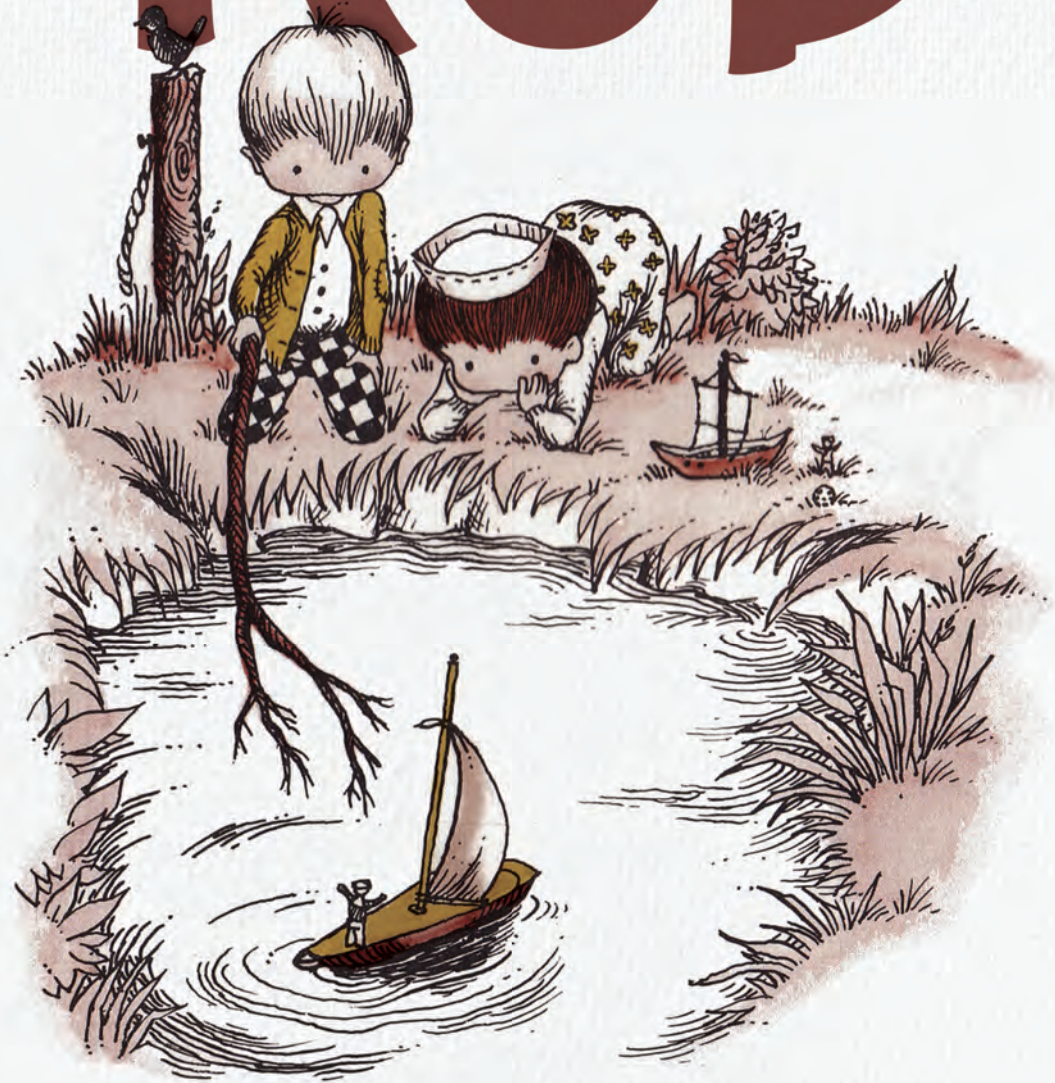
“You are small,” he said. “You cannot ride a big horse. I have a horse just for you!”

THE DEER

Dad and I take a walk,
A walk into the trees.
The day is fine; the sky is blue;
The leaves dance in the breeze.
Then we see something move,
And little steps we hear.
Out from the bushes close to us
Comes a lovely spotted deer.



Rob



Written by Jenny Phillips | Illustrated by Joan Walsh Anglund

In the last book you met Ann.
This book is about Ann's brother,
Rob. He lives in the same house.



Rob likes cats. When Rob walks in his yard, many cats come by him. These cats want to go fishing with Rob today.



Some of Rob's friends make a stand. They sell drinks. It is a hot day, and the drinks taste good and cool.





Nancy Loves Nature

By Jenny Phillips

Nancy lives in the center of a big city in France.

Nancy likes many things about the city. She has gone to the circus twice; there is a huge library, and she lives just down the street from her father's office.

However, Nancy does not like the noise of police cars and traffic, and she

misses seeing nature. So,
her parents often take her
camping.



SCHOOL AT THE ZOO

WRITTEN BY JENNY PHILLIPS
ILLUSTRATED BY TATIANA GLEBOVA



Now she teaches me and my little sister about animals. We study animals together when we do school. We read about animals, we write about animals, and we even paint animals.



One day, Mom says, “Let’s have school at the zoo tomorrow.”

I am so happy. The zoo is far away, so we cannot go often.

The next day, we wake up early. We pack a lunch, our notebooks, and our water bottles.

We leave just after the sun rises. The birds are chirping cheerfully, and the clouds are white and puffy in the deep blue sky. It is a great day to have school at the zoo!

As we drive, we practice math facts and spelling words.

These are my spelling words this week:

giraffe penguin

gorilla cheetah

elephant crocodile

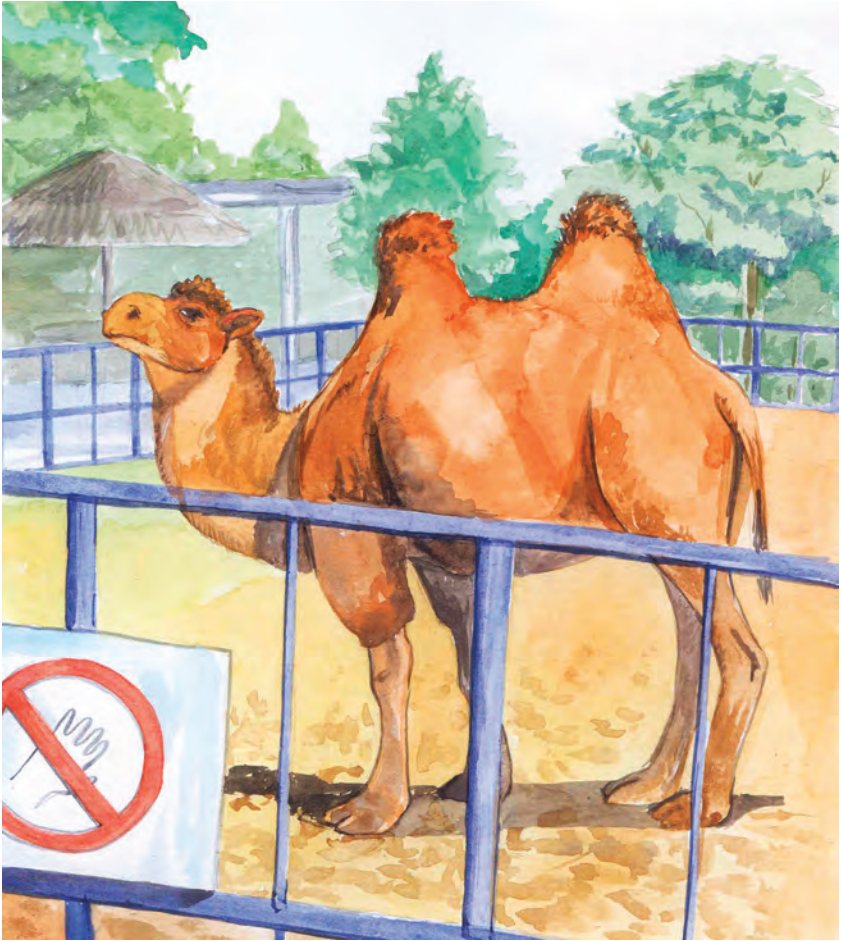
kangaroo ostrich

We don't have to wait until we get to the zoo to see animals.

On the way, we see an eagle, a white horse, and some sheep.

Mom teaches us all about these animals.

First, we see a camel.



Mom teaches me about camels. Some have one hump and some have two. Camels can live for a long time without food or water.

When the sun starts to sink
low in the sky, we leave the zoo
and start for home.



“I loved school at the zoo!” I say.

“Maybe,” says Mom, “we can
have school in the forest one day
next month and study birds.”

“Great idea!” I say.

SETH AND THE SNOW



Written by Jenny Phillips | Illustrated by Nada Serafimovic



As they walk, more snow comes. A lot of snow comes.

After they pray, Seth stands up.

“God helped me think of a plan! Rex can get home. Let us send him. He will bring help.”

They send Rex home. Then the two boys find a spot under a tree and sit.

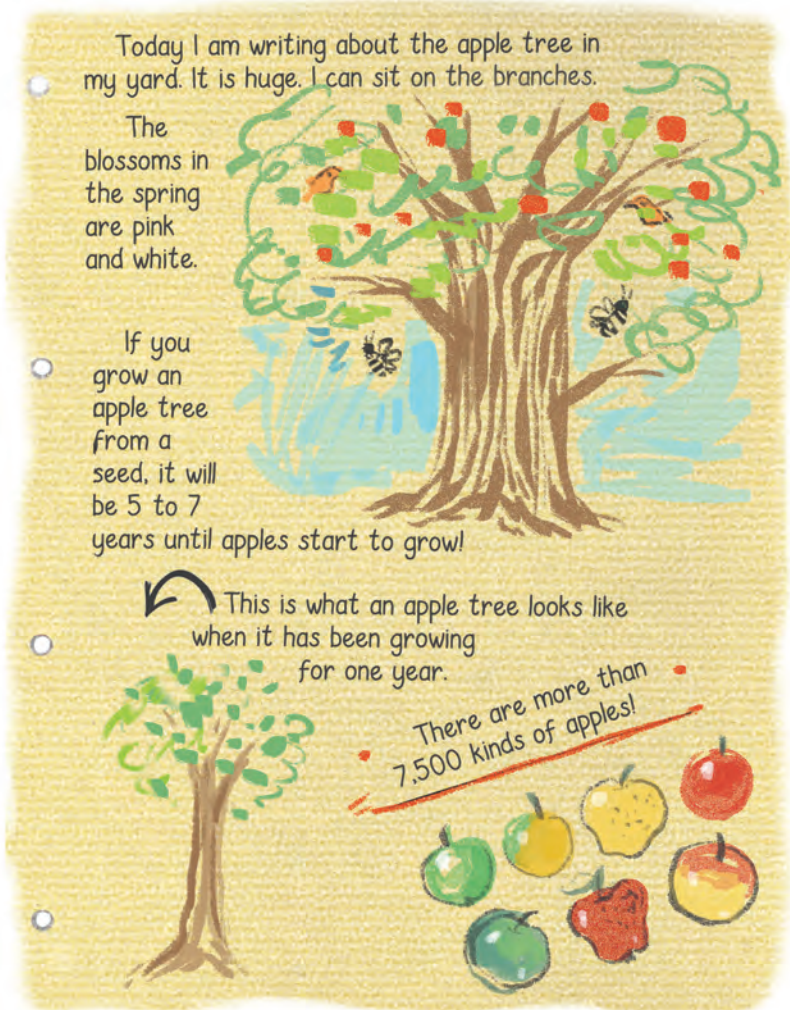


PENNY'S PINE TREES



WRITTEN BY JENNY PHILLIPS
ILLUSTRATED BY NADA SERAMOVIC

Penny went into her new room and opened her tree notebook. All afternoon she read the pages she had written about trees. This is the page she wrote about apple trees.



Looking at her notebook made Penny sad. She looked out her new window, and she could only see pine trees—so many pine trees!

Pine trees did not have leaves that could rustle in the wind. Pine trees were hard to climb.

Penny told her father why she was sad. “There are only pine trees here!”

Her dad smiled. “There are some other kinds of trees,” he said, “but yes, most of the trees here are pine trees.

But pine trees are amazing! Let’s learn about them together.”

MRS. BROWN'S LITTLE RED HOUSE



*Written by Jenny Phillips
Illustrated by Ruth M. Wood*



Once upon a time there was a little red house that sat on a little green hill. It had a big front door and big windows with white shutters. It was really a very nice little house—a perfect house for the Brown family.

But then, what does Mrs. Brown see? Four sweet children and two pets all clean and neat.

The children stay clean for the rest of the day. They do not play in the mud. But then . . .



This is what Mrs. Brown sees the next day.

