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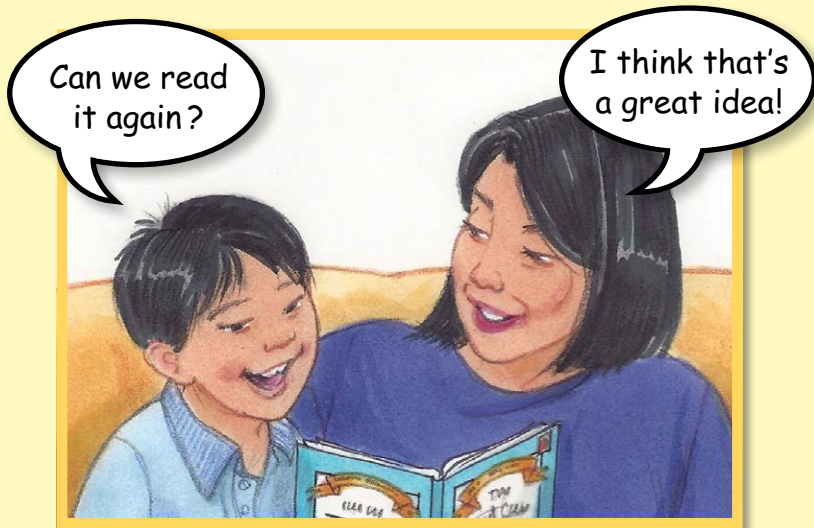
Parent's Introduction

Whether your child is a beginning reader, a reluctant reader, or an eager reader, this book offers a fun and easy way to encourage and help your child in reading.

Developed with reading education specialists, **We Both Read** books invite you and your child to take turns reading aloud. You read the left-hand pages of the book, and your child reads the right-hand pages—which have been written at one of six early reading levels. The result is a wonderful new reading experience and faster reading development!

You may find it helpful to read the entire book aloud yourself the first time, then invite your child to participate the second time. As you read, try to make the story come alive by reading with expression. This will help to model good fluency. It will also be helpful to stop at various points to discuss what you are reading. This will help increase your child's understanding of what is being read.

In some books, a few challenging words are introduced in the parent's text with **bold** lettering. Pointing out and discussing these words can help to build your child's reading vocabulary. If your child is a beginning reader, it may be helpful to run a finger under the text as each of you reads. To help show whose turn it is, a round dot ● comes before text for you to read, and a star shape ★ comes before text for your child to read.



If your child struggles with a word, you can encourage “sounding it out,” but keep in mind that not all words can be sounded out. Your child might pick up clues about a word from the picture, other words in the sentence, or any rhyming patterns. If your child struggles with a word for more than five seconds, it is usually best to simply say the word.

Most of all, remember to praise your child’s efforts and keep the reading fun. At the end of the book, there is a glossary of words, as well as some questions you can discuss. Rereading this book multiple times may also be helpful for your child.

Try to keep the tips above in mind as you read together, but don’t worry about doing everything right. Simply sharing the enjoyment of reading together will increase your child’s reading skills and help to start your child off on a lifetime of reading enjoyment!

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Guided Reading: Level C

To my parents, who shared a love for reading

— B. J.

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Family Engagement in Reading



- Do you have a dog? Do you know someone who has a dog? People all over the world have dogs. Many people think...





★ ... dogs are the best!



- Why are dogs so popular?

It might be because they are smart and playful. They can also be **good** at helping people.



★ Dogs make good pets.

- Chihuahua



- Miniature Dachshund



- Dogs come in all shapes and sizes. **Some** are short. **Some** are long. **Some** are small.

- Saint Bernard & toy terrier puppy



- Ibizan hound & smooth fox terrier





★ Some are BIG.



★ Chow chow



• Komondor

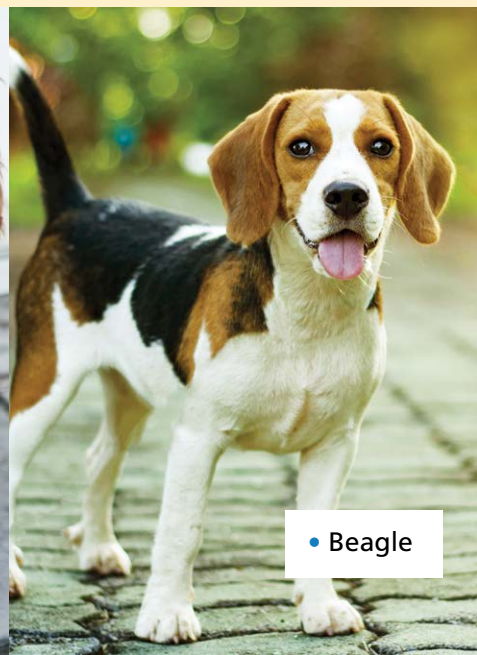
- Certain kinds of dogs have long **hair**. Others have short **hair**. There are dogs with curly **hair** and dogs with straight **hair**.



• Lhasa Apso



• Bichon/poodle mix



• Beagle

• Mexican hairless



★ This dog has no hair!

• Siberian husky



• West Highland terrier (Westie)

- Many different types of dogs may be entered in a dog show. The highest honor a dog can win at a dog show is called "Best in Show."

• Staffordshire bull terrier



★ Did this dog win?



• Golden retriever

- No matter the size and shape, dogs can make great family pets. Good family dogs are friendly and fun. They **like** kids. They **have** lots of personality!



★ They like to play.
They like to have fun!



- Gray wolves



- Long ago, most dogs looked like wolves. Some of these wolf-dogs were more friendly to people than others. They were **smart** enough to realize that people sometimes gave them food.



★ Dogs are smart!





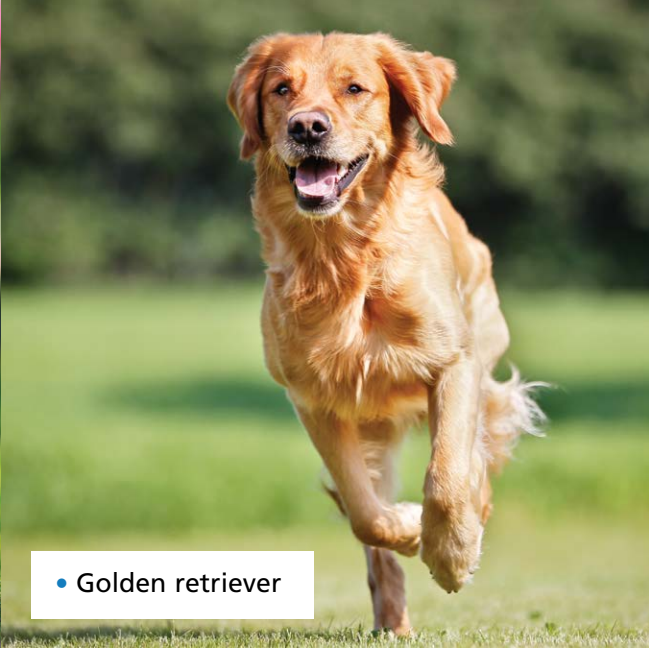
• Border collie

- People soon discovered that certain wolf-dogs were good at hunting, while others were good at herding or guarding. People selected these dogs to raise so their special skills could help people.

• Welsh corgi



• Golden retriever



★ Run, run, run!





- Alaskan malamute puppies

- Sled dogs were raised by the peoples of the polar regions. These dogs could pull heavy loads and haul food to villages. The **work** was **hard**, but the dogs did not mind.



• Siberian huskies

★ Sled dogs work hard.





- Different types of herding dogs have been trained to herd cattle, **sheep**, goats, and even reindeer. They **keep** the flock together and guard them from predators and thieves.





• Border collie

★ Dogs keep the sheep safe.



- Search and rescue dogs are hard-working **heroes**. They find people who are trapped or lost by sniffing with their sensitive noses.



• German shepherd



★ Sniff, sniff.
A dog can be a hero.



- Assistance dogs help people with disabilities. Hearing dogs **help** the deaf by alerting them to sounds. Guide dogs act as eyes for the blind.



● Black labrador retriever



★ Dogs like to help.



• Basset hound



- Dogs are sometimes called “man’s best friend.” But being smart and helpful are not the only reasons we love dogs. We also love them because they make such good companions.



★ My dog is my friend!





- If you have a dog, it is **your** job to **care** for her. She must always have fresh water and good food to eat. You should **take** her to a veterinarian at least once a year.



★ Take good care of your friend.



- Most dogs also need lots of exercise. People often take their dogs for walks.

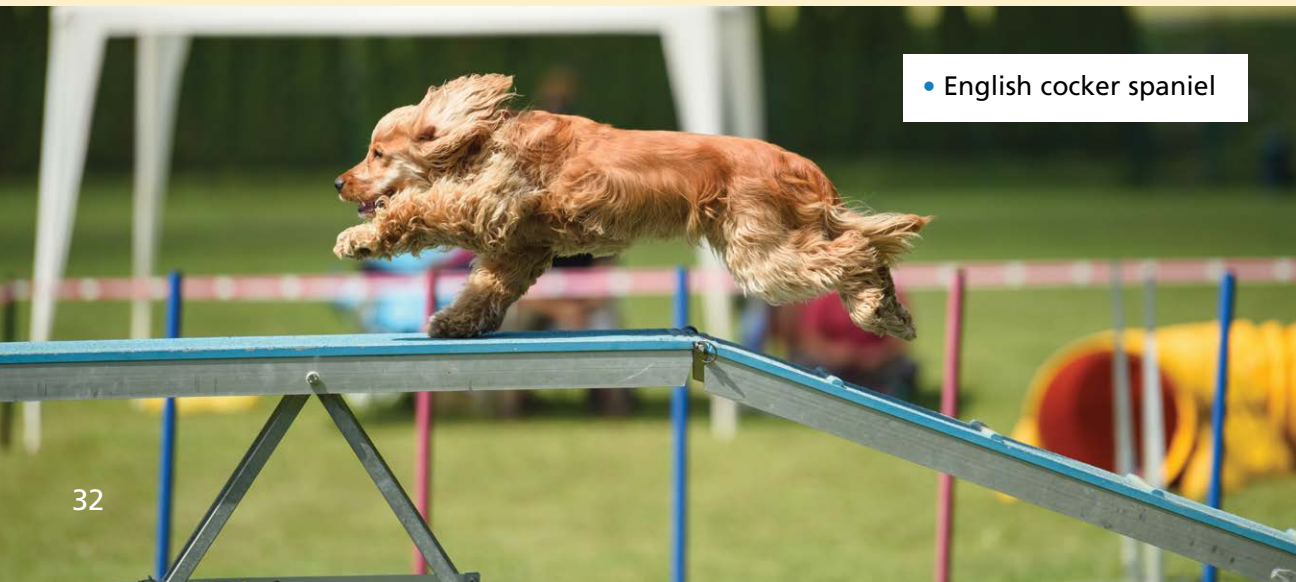


★ Some dogs like to run!
Some dogs like to jump!





- Agility courses are a wonderful way for your dog to get exercise. But the best way just might be to go in your back yard and have fun!



• English cocker spaniel



★ Play ball!



- Some owners take their dogs to “dog school.” Professional trainers can teach dogs to sit, **stay**, fetch, and come when you call them.



★ **Sit. Stay. Good dog!**



• English bulldog



- Dogs can also learn to do funny tricks, like barking on cue or walking on two legs. You might even be able to teach your dog to balance a treat on his **nose**...





★ ...or a ball on his nose!



- There are many reasons why a dog can be a good **friend** and a great pet. If you treat them well, they will be with you for a long, long time...



★ ... a good friend to the end.

• Glossary



agility

the ability to move quickly and easily



companion

a person or animal who spends time with others



herding

to gather or lead a group of animals



hero

a person or animal who is brave and known for great achievements



veterinarian

an animal doctor

• Questions to Ask after Reading

Add to the benefits of reading this book by discussing answers to these questions. Also consider discussing a few of your own questions.

1

Name three ways dogs can help people.

2

If you have a dog, what should you do to take care of your dog?

3

Think about some dogs you know. Are they big? Small? Have long hair? Short hair? How else could you describe them?

4

What are some ways that dogs make good pets?

• Greyhound

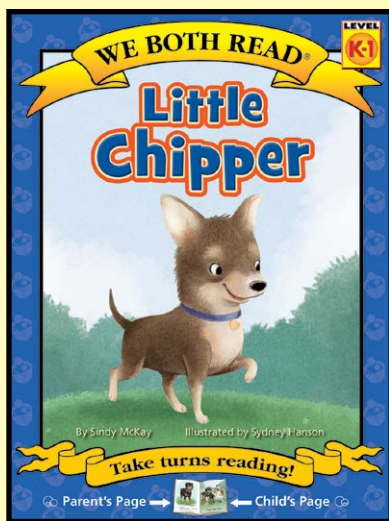
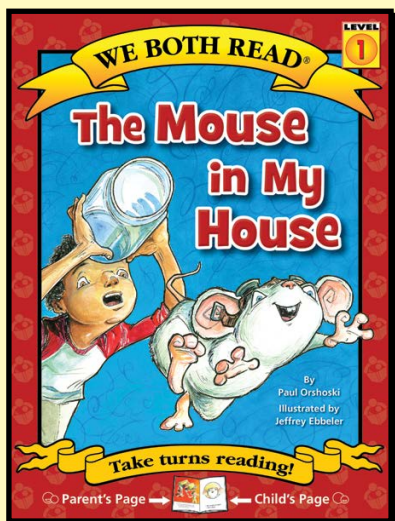
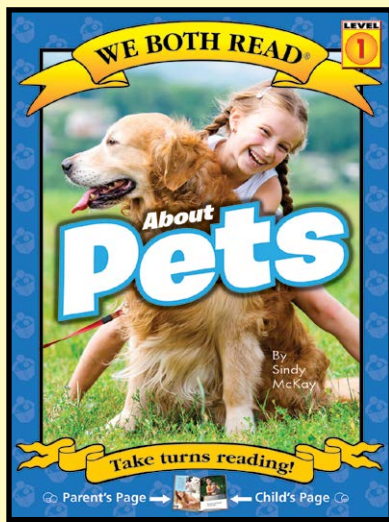
• Basenji



• Fun Facts about Dogs

- The Basenji is the only barkless dog in the world.
- Greyhounds can reach speeds of up to 45 miles per hour.
- The most popular breed of dog in the United States is the Labrador retriever.
- The oldest known dog lived to be 29 years and 5 months old.
- The highest jump by a dog was 68 inches. That was almost 6 feet!

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