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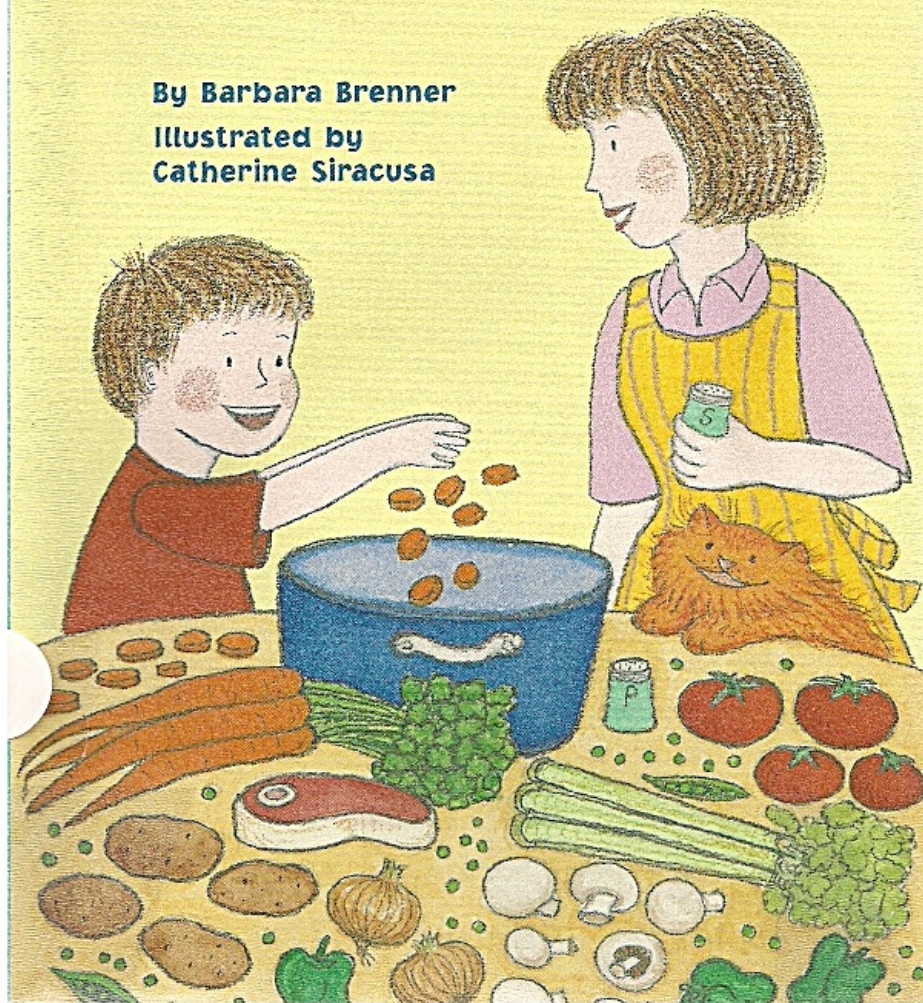
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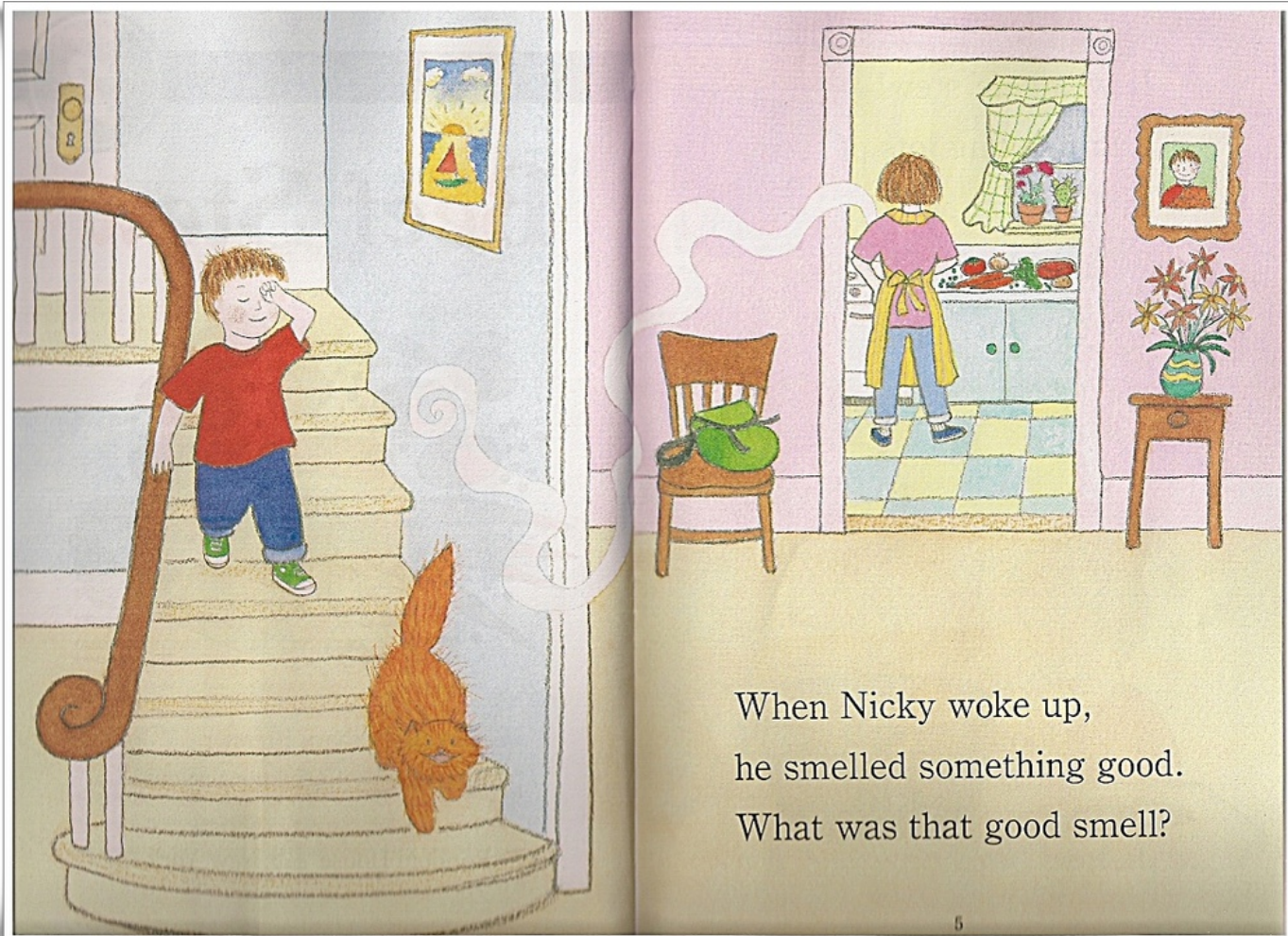
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It was beef stew!
"I am making lots of stew,"
said his mother.
"Would you like to ask
a friend for supper?"



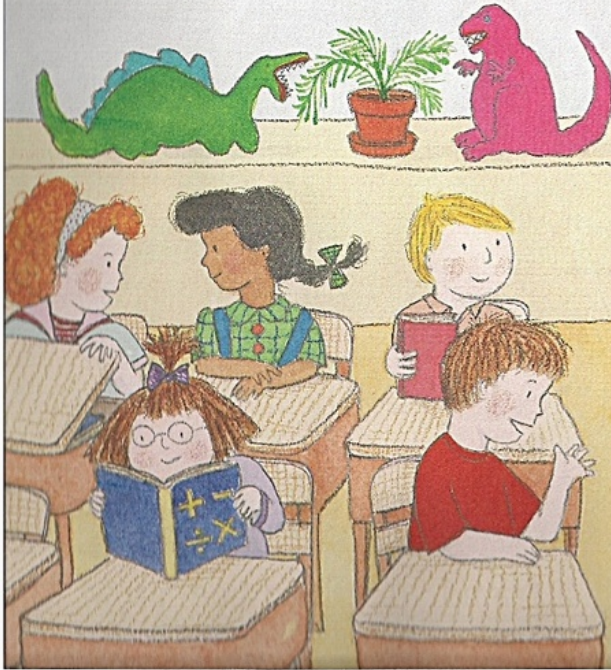
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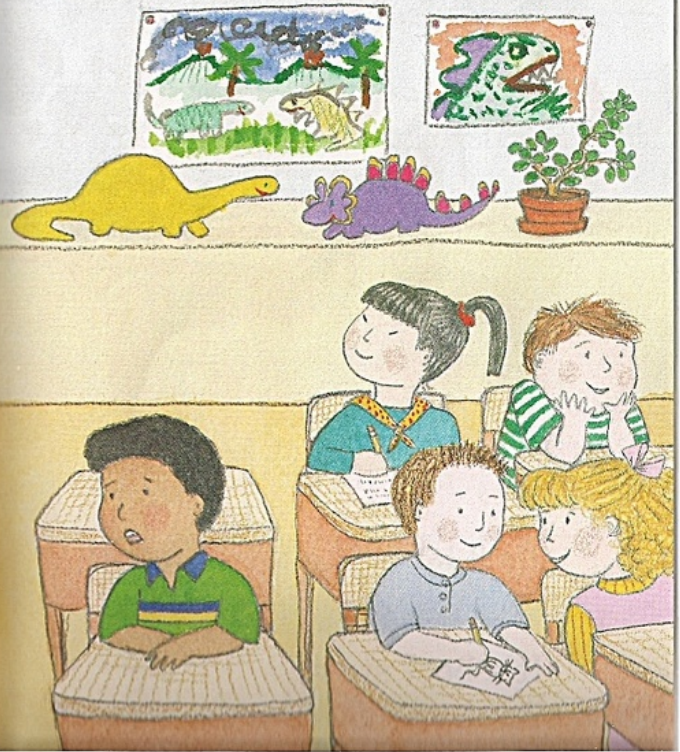
"Yes!" Nicky shouted.
He ran off to school
to find a friend—
a friend who liked beef stew.

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At school Nicky saw Alec.
Alec was his best friend.
"Can you come for supper?"
asked Nicky.



"Sorry," said Alec.
"I have to go to the dentist."





At lunch Nicky went to sit
with Carla.
"Can you come for supper?
It's beef stew."

Carla shook her head.
"I like hot dogs.
I like burgers.
I like pizza.
But I do not like beef stew!"

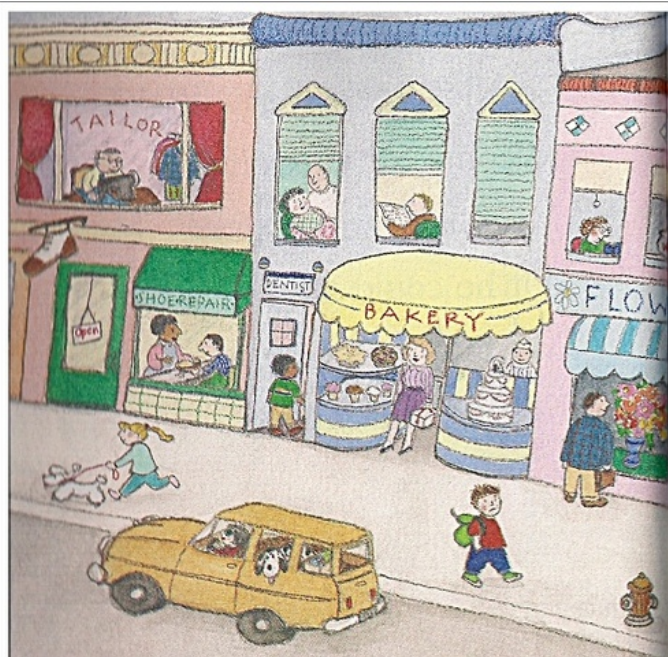


Later Nicky went
to the library.
Mr. Blake found
just the right book for him.



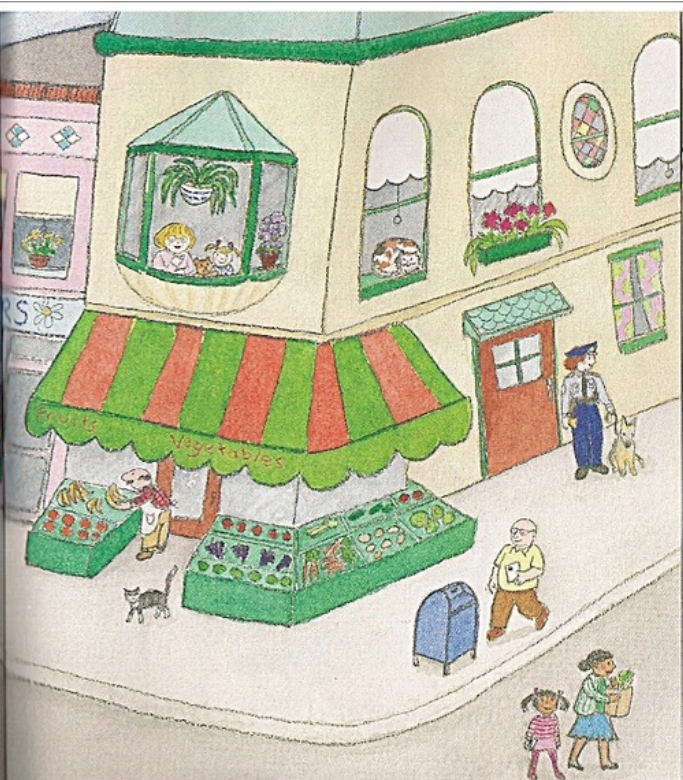
So Nicky asked Mr. Blake
to come for supper.
Mr. Blake was sorry,
but he could not come.
"My family is going
to eat out tonight."





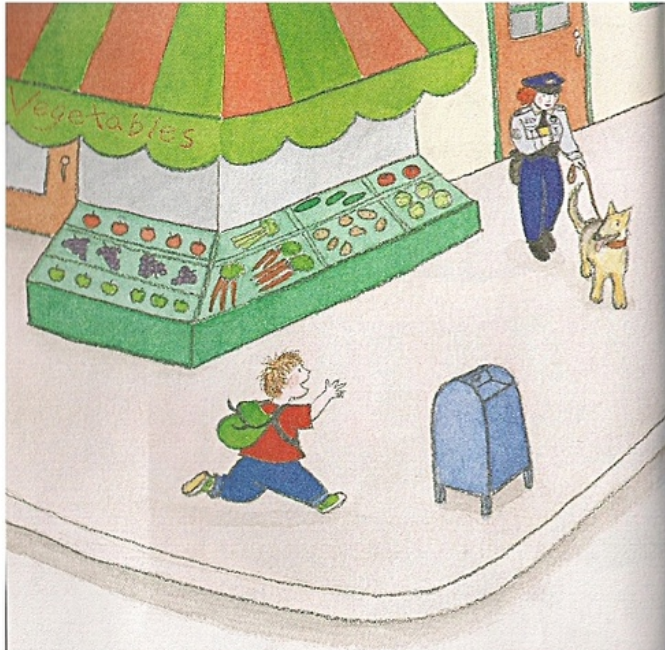
On the way home
Nicky looked for a friend
to come for supper.

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But he did not find anyone—
anyone who liked beef stew.

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Nicky turned the corner.
There was a friend!
"Hi, Officer Gabel,"
Nicky shouted.

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"Can you come for supper?"
asked Nicky.
"It's beef stew."
But Officer Gabel
could not come.
"It's my birthday.
There's a party
at the station tonight."



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"Happy birthday,"
said Nicky.
He headed down the street.



Nicky saw the garbage man.
But the garbage man
never said hello.
He was not a friend.
And Nicky did not ask him
for supper.



Now Nicky was almost home.
And he felt sad.
He kicked a pebble
down the street.

"No one wants to come
for supper tonight.
No one wants to eat beef stew,"
Nicky said to himself.



"Boy! Do you look sad,"
someone said.
Nicky looked up.
It was Mr. Cone.
"Maybe this will cheer you up."

Mr. Cone handed Nicky
a post card.



Nicky read the post card.
He started jumping
up and down.
"Hooray!"

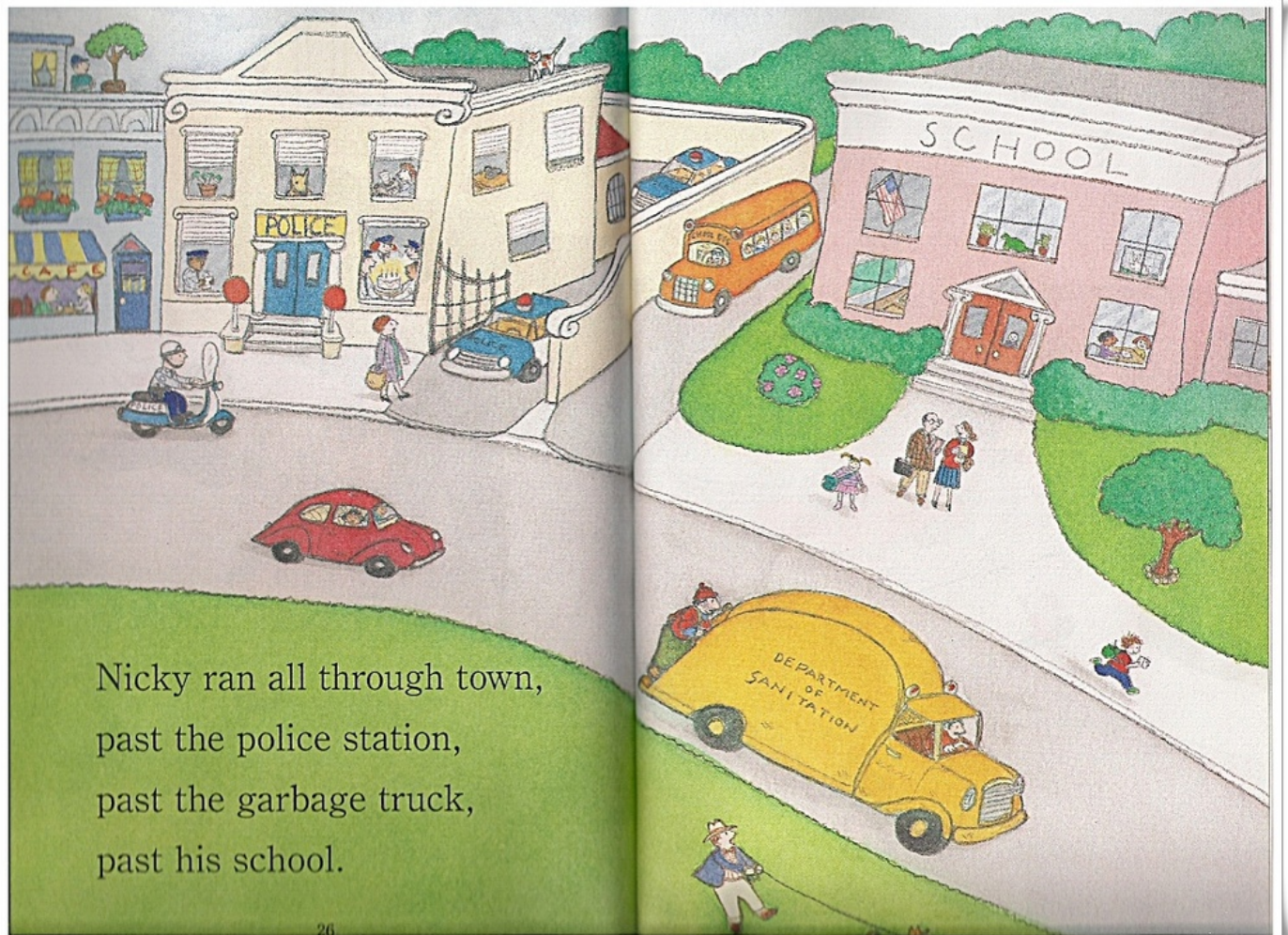


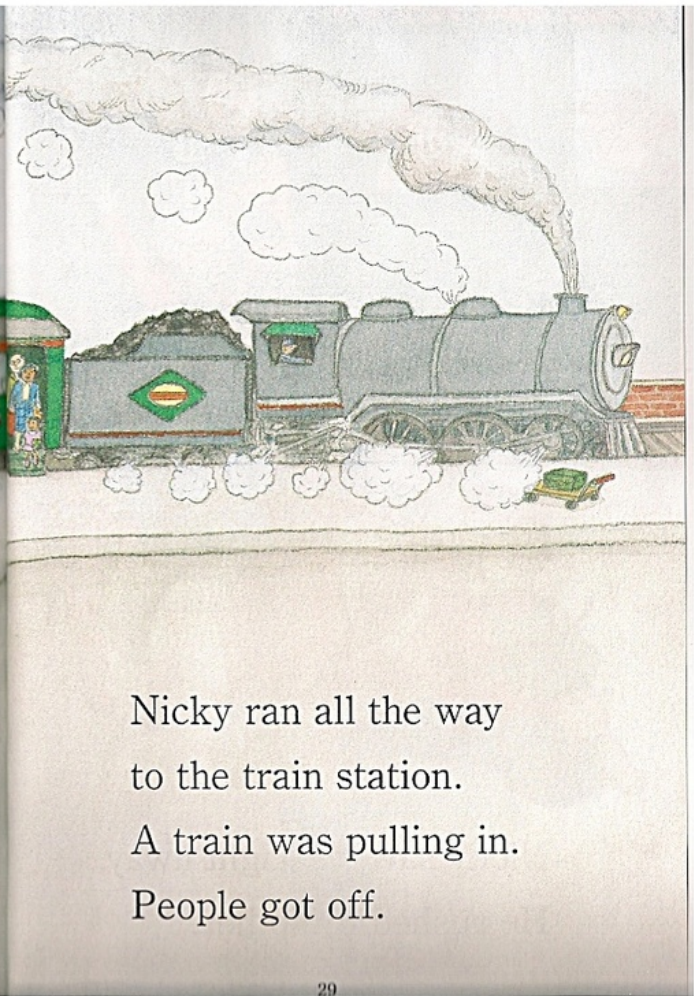
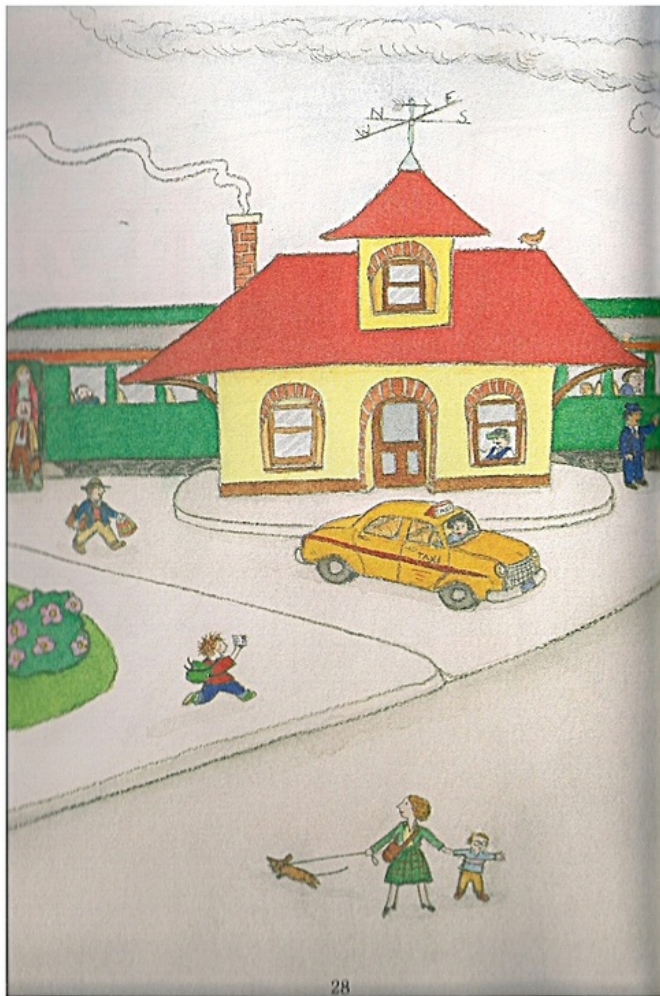
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"Bye, Mr. Cone!"
Nicky called.

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Nicky ran all the way
to the train station.
A train was pulling in.
People got off.



Nicky saw her right away.
He rushed up to her.

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His grandma hugged him.
"What a surprise!"
she said.
"I see
you got my post card."





And that is how
Nicky brought a friend home
for supper.
A friend who liked beef stew!

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If you can recognize familiar words
and sound out new words with help,
look for these Step into Reading books:

ALL STUCK UP
BARBIE: A DAY AT THE FAIR ☆
BARBIE: LOST AND FOUND ☆
BARBIE: TWO PRINCESSES ☆
BEARS ARE CURIOUS
BEEF STEW
THE BERENSTAIN BEARS BY THE
SEA
THE BERENSTAIN BEARS
CATCH THE BUS
BIG BIRDS
BONES
BUZZ'S BACKPACK ADVENTURE ○
CAT AT BAT
CAT ON ICE
CAT ON THE MAT
COUNTING SHEEP ◇
DAVID AND THE GIANT
DINOSAUR BABIES
A DOLLAR FOR PENNY ◇
A DOZEN DOGS ◇
THE EARLY BIRD
FIVE SILLY FISHERMEN ◇
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, THOMAS! ➤
HONEYBEES
I LOVE YOU, MAMA ○
IS IT HANUKKAH YET?
LITTLE CRITTER SLEEPS OVER
LITTLE CRITTER'S
THE BEST PRESENT
LUCKY BEAR
MICE ARE NICE
MIDNIGHT SNACK ○
MOLE IN A HOLE
MY BEST FRIEND IS OUT OF THIS
WORLD
MY LOOSE TOOTH
MY NEW BOY

MY NEW PET IS THE GREATEST
A NEW BRAIN FOR IGOR
NO MAIL FOR MITCHELL
NOAH'S ARK
ONE HUNDRED SHOES ◇
PEANUT
PIE RATS AHOY!
PINOCCHIO'S NOSE GROWS ○
PIZZA PAT
P.J. FUNNYBUNNY CAMPS OUT
P.J. FUNNYBUNNY'S BAG OF TRICKS
POLAR BABIES
A PONY FOR A PRINCESS ○
POOH'S EASTER EGG HUNT ○
POOH'S GRADUATION ○
POOH'S HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN ○
POOH'S HONEY TREE ○
QUICK, QUACK, QUICK!
RAILROAD TOAD
READY? SET, RAYMOND!
RICHARD SCARRY'S THE WORST
HELPER EVER
SILLY SARA ◆
SIR SMALL AND THE DRAGONFLY
THE STATUE OF LIBERTY
SURPRISE FOR A PRINCESS ○
THE TAIL OF LITTLE SKUNK
THE TEENY TINY WOMAN
THOMAS AND THE SCHOOL TRIP ➤
TIGER IS A SCAREDY CAT
TOAD ON THE ROAD
TWO FINE LADIES HAVE A TIFF
TWO FINE LADIES: TEA FOR THREE
WANT A RIDE?
WHAT A MESS!
WHISKERS
WHOSE FEET?
ZOOM ON MY BROOM ○

☆ A Barbie Reader
○ A Critters of the Night Reader
○ A Disney Reader
◇ A Math Reader
◆ A Phonics Reader
➤ A Thomas the Tank Engine Reader