

A Beginning-to-Read Book

Dear Dragon Goes to the Firehouse



by Margaret Hillert

Illustrated by David Schimmell

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The *Beginning-to-Read* series is a carefully written collection of classic readers you may remember from your own childhood. Each book features text comprised of common sight words to provide your child ample practice reading the words that appear most frequently in written text. The many additional details in the pictures enhance the story and offer the opportunity for you to help your child expand oral language and develop comprehension.

Begin by reading the story to your child, followed by letting him or her read familiar words and soon your child will be able to read the story independently. At each step of the way, be sure to praise your reader's efforts to build his or her confidence as an independent reader. Discuss the pictures and encourage your child to make connections between the story and his or her own life. At the end of the story, you will find reading activities and a word list that will help your child practice and strengthen beginning reading skills.

Above all, the most important part of the reading experience is to have fun and enjoy it!

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It is a good day for a walk.
We will go for a walk and—
Guess what?



We will see something big.
A big thing that is a good help to us.





Here we go.
We will walk and walk and walk.
A walk is good for us.





Look up there.
It is red so we have to STOP.

Now it is GREEN.
So we can GO, GO, GO.
Come on.
Come on.



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