

MOONLIT MOUNTAIN
READERS

FANTASY DECODABLE BOOKS



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Introducing *Moonlit Mountain Readers*

The *Moonlit Mountain Readers* is a groundbreaking collection of decodable fantasy books designed to inspire young readers and provide structured decoding practice. This innovative collection bridges the gap between the enchanting worlds of fantasy and the foundational skills of early literacy, making the genre accessible to children who are just beginning to read. This 90-book collection combines captivating storytelling with intentional phonics instruction, ensuring each book is interesting, comprehensive, instructive, and inclusive.

From the Scottish Highlands with Nox, a lovable Loch Ness Monster, to a futuristic city with Ro-Bo 7 and her robot family, the *Moonlit Mountain Readers* immerse children in a collection of imaginative worlds. Each of the 13 series introduces a unique cast of vibrant, relatable characters and their stories, fostering engagement and connection. With compelling visual storytelling guided by spectacular artists, this series invites readers to fall in love with these mythical creatures, anthropomorphic animals, and fantastical landscapes—all while building the skills and confidence to become lifelong readers.



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What's Included in the *Moonlit Mountain Readers*

Set A: Early Phonics Concepts

- **48 titles** across 6 unique series
- Gradual progression in text complexity and length, ranging from **8-page books to 16-page books**
- An expanding collection of **high-frequency words**
- **Gradual progression of phonics concepts in single-syllable words:**
 - Alphabet Knowledge
 - Short Vowels
 - Blends
 - Digraphs
 - Open Syllable
 - Cumulative Review

Set B: Advanced Phonics Concepts

- **42 titles** across 7 unique series
- Gradual progression in text complexity and length, ranging from **16-page narratives to 32-page chapter books.**
- An expanding collection of **high-frequency words**
- **Gradual progression of phonics concepts in single-syllable and multisyllabic words:**
 - Review of Set A Concepts
 - Silent E
 - Inflectional Endings
 - Cumulative Review
 - Vowel Teams
 - Consonant -LE
 - R-Controlled Vowels
 - Special Vowels

Available Sets

Set A: Classroom Set

(6 copies each of 48 titles, 288 total books)

Set B: Classroom Set

(6 copies each of 42 titles, 252 total books)

Set A: Single-Copy Set

(1 copy each of 48 titles, 48 total books)

Set B: Single-Copy Set

(1 copy each of 42 titles, 42 total books)



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Using Decodables in the Classroom

Decodable books are an essential tool for early literacy instruction, offering students the opportunity to apply phonics skills in context. In the classroom, decodables can be used as part of small group instruction, guided reading, or independent practice. Teachers can select books aligned with the phonics concepts students are currently learning, such as short vowels, digraphs, or silent E, ensuring that the texts provide meaningful decoding practice. During small group lessons, teachers can model decoding strategies, guide students through sounding out challenging words, and engage in discussions about the story to build comprehension alongside phonics.

Decodables are also valuable for fostering fluency. Repeated readings of the same text help students develop accuracy, speed, and expression, building their confidence as readers. Classroom routines might include paired reading, where students take turns reading aloud to a partner, or choral reading, where the whole group reads together. Teachers can also incorporate decodables into literacy centers, allowing students to practice decoding independently or in small groups with gradually-released guidance. By embedding decodables into daily literacy instruction, educators create a supportive environment where students can successfully apply and reinforce their phonics knowledge.



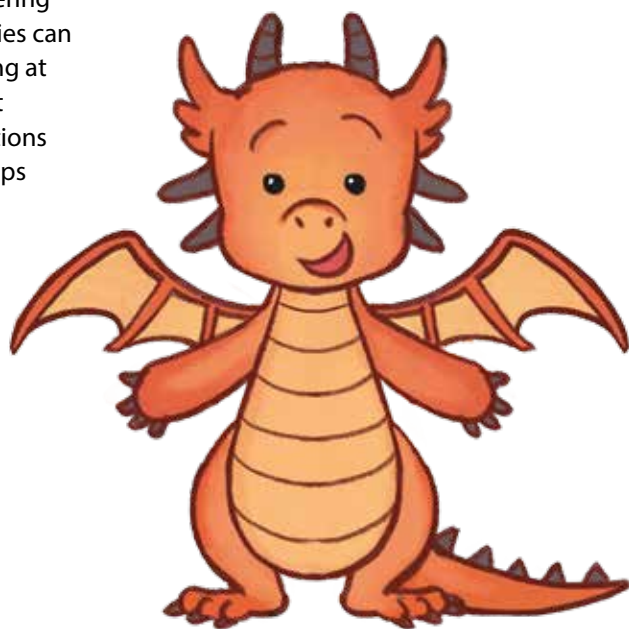


Using Decodables at Home

Decodable books are equally effective for building reading skills at home, offering caregivers a practical way to support their child's literacy development. Families can start by choosing books that match the phonics concepts their child is learning at school. Sitting side-by-side, caregivers can encourage their child to sound out unfamiliar words, celebrating their efforts and successes. Asking simple questions about the story, like the ones suggested on the inside cover of each book, helps reinforce comprehension while keeping the experience engaging and fun.

Repetition is key to mastery, so families can encourage their child to read the same book multiple times. Each rereading builds fluency and confidence, helping children transition from decoding individual words to reading with ease and expression. Parents can also make reading interactive by playing games, such as spotting specific phonics patterns in the text or acting out parts of the story.

Incorporating decodables into everyday routines—whether as part of bedtime reading or a quiet moment after school—makes learning consistent and enjoyable. By using decodables at home, parents not only strengthen their child's reading skills but also foster a love for reading that extends beyond the classroom.



Scope and Sequence

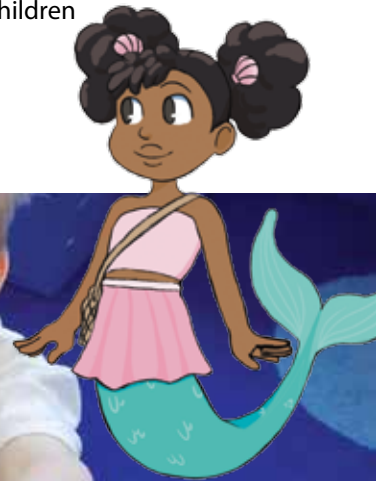
CVC Words**Blends****Digraphs****CV Words****Silent E****Inflectional Endings****Vowel Teams****R-Controlled Vowels****Special Vowels**

The *Moonlit Mountain Readers* series offers young readers systematic practice with essential phonics concepts, following a carefully sequenced progression. Each book provides concentrated decoding practice with new phonics features, building skills step by step. For instance, when introducing a digraph like “ch,” early texts focus on simple three-phoneme words such as *chop* and *much* before gradually incorporating more complex words like *chunk* or *stench*. This intentional approach ensures that readers gain confidence with new concepts while reinforcing previously learned skills.



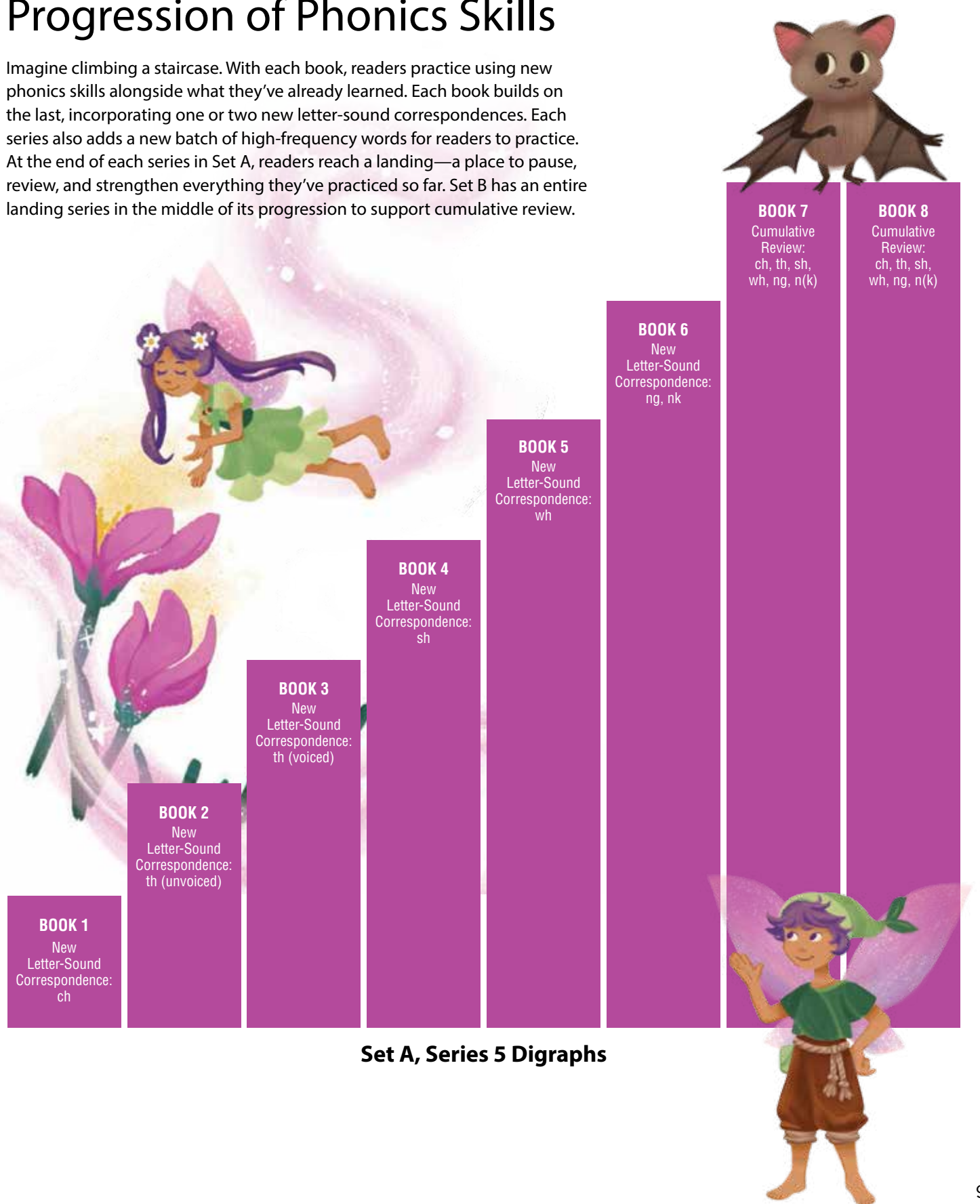
The series follows a structured phonics scope and sequence, with Set A introducing foundational skills and Set B expanding into advanced phonics and multisyllabic words. Cumulative review books within each series provide landing points to consolidate learning, reinforcing earlier concepts without adding new ones. This design supports a steady, staircase-like progression through phonics and decoding challenges.

The books also gradually increase in length and complexity. Set A begins with 8-page stories, extends to 16 pages midway through, and culminates in 32-page chapter books in Set B. With its thoughtful design and captivating fantasy themes, the *Moonlit Mountain Readers* helps children grow as confident, capable readers.



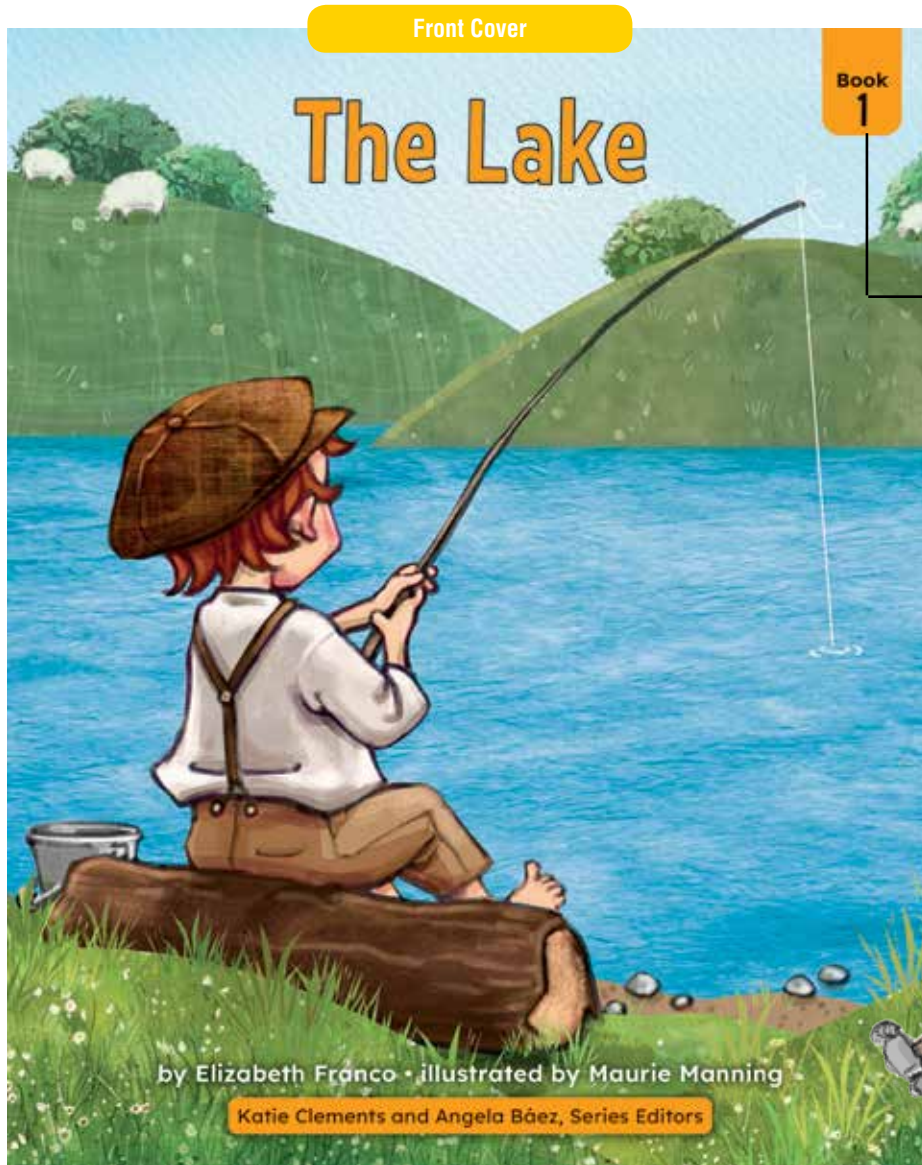
Progression of Phonics Skills

Imagine climbing a staircase. With each book, readers practice using new phonics skills alongside what they've already learned. Each book builds on the last, incorporating one or two new letter-sound correspondences. Each series also adds a new batch of high-frequency words for readers to practice. At the end of each series in Set A, readers reach a landing—a place to pause, review, and strengthen everything they've practiced so far. Set B has an entire landing series in the middle of its progression to support cumulative review.



Using *Moonlit Mountain Readers*

Each *Moonlit Mountain Reader* contains lots of helpful features. While most features are designed to support beginning readers, a few features will be especially useful for teachers or caregivers. Here are some of the features and how they can be used as you read.



Each series stars a distinctive main character along with a familiar cast of supporting characters.

Vibrant illustrations promote engagement and support understanding.

Color-coded and numbered tabs identify where each title fits within the series.



WARM UP

Activate phonics knowledge by coaching readers to decode words in isolation.

"Sound out the words and read them!"

hip	hop	fig	fog	rid	rod
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INTRODUCE THE BOOK

Share a gist of the story and highlight any story words.

"I'm so excited to introduce you to the first book in a new series about a kid named Finn. Finn lives in the countryside with his mom. Finn is adventurous and loves to explore the outdoors. You'll get to know him well in this series." Show the cover and the title. "This story is called *The Lake*." Point to the word *lake* on the cover. "This is the word *lake*. Read it with me, *lake*. In this story, Finn goes fishing at the lake. I wonder what he will catch. Do you have any ideas?"

Invite readers to preview the text. Then, coach them as they read independently.

"Let's take a sneak peek to think about what might happen in this story." Study the cover, read the back blurb, and flip through the first few pages. Invite readers to say what they notice and to share ideas or predictions about the story. "Oh, you're noticing Finn has a fishing pole and a bucket. It looks like he's hoping to catch a lot of fish. The lake seems to be at the bottom of a big hill. I wonder what will happen when he gets to the lake. Let's read and find out!" Distribute copies of the text. Then, listen in and coach as needed.

TALK ABOUT THE BOOK

After reading, engage in a conversation to support text-based comprehension.

Invite readers to share ideas and use supporting details from the text.

Ask questions like:

- What happened in the story? Retell the beginning, middle, and end.
- What do you know about Finn so far?
- Finn caught something at the end. What do you think it is?
- How do you think Finn feels at the end of the story? What makes you think that?

A phonics "Warm Up" activity provides decoding practice in isolation.

A book introduction serves as guidance for educators and caregivers as they introduce kids to new books, including a preview of the storyline or topic and any non-decodable words the text may contain.

A "Talk About the Book" section contains a list of literal, inferential and evaluative text-dependent questions to help guide conversations about the book and gauge understanding.

Inside Front Cover

Interior Pages

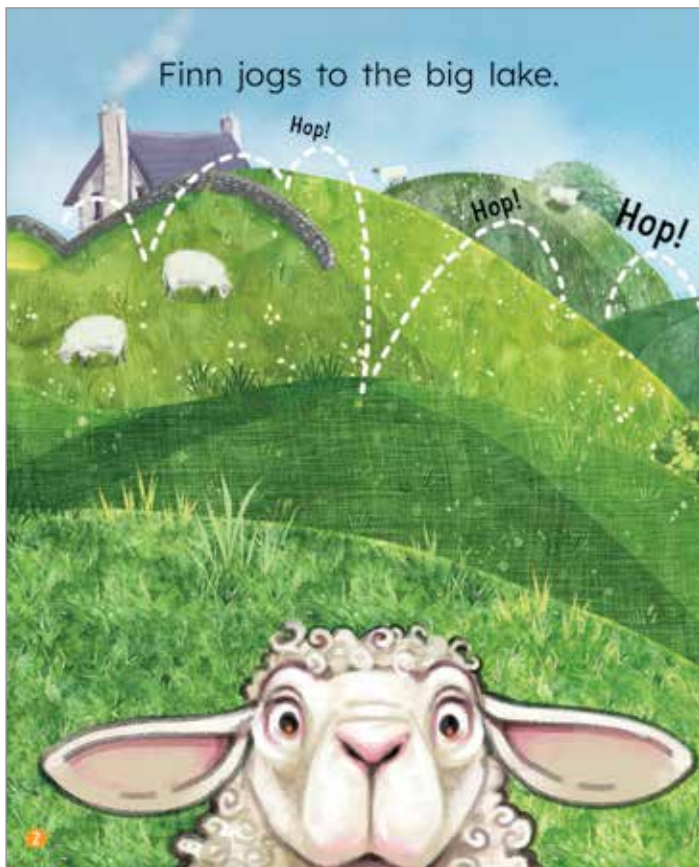


Finn is on a hill.
He can see fog
at the top.

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Engaging, full-color illustrations and decodable text feature natural story-telling language and speech bubbles.

Sound effects embedded in the images provide additional opportunities for decoding.



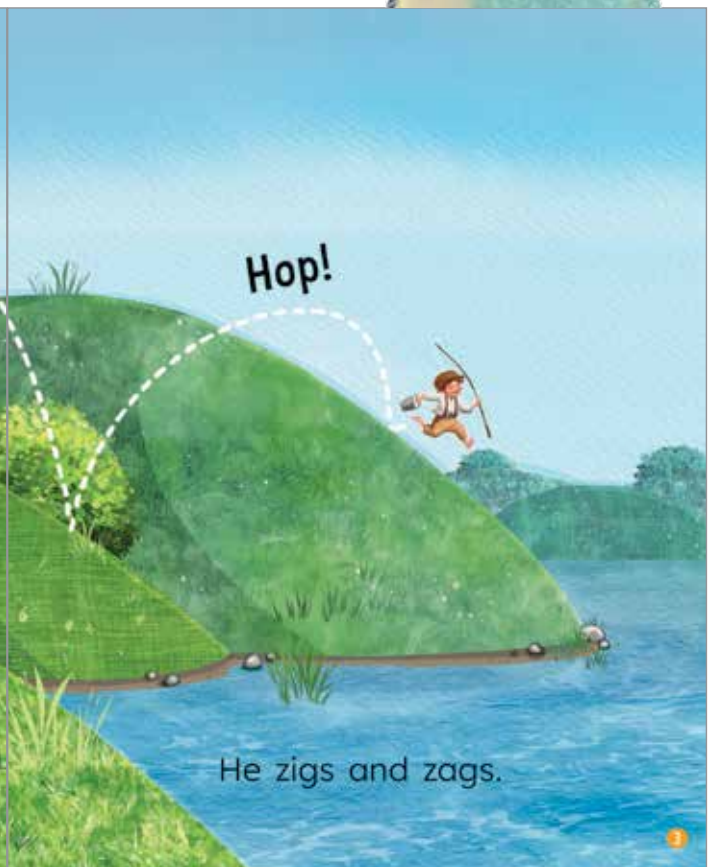
Finn jogs to the big lake.

Hop!

Hop!

Hop!

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Hop!

He zigs and zags.

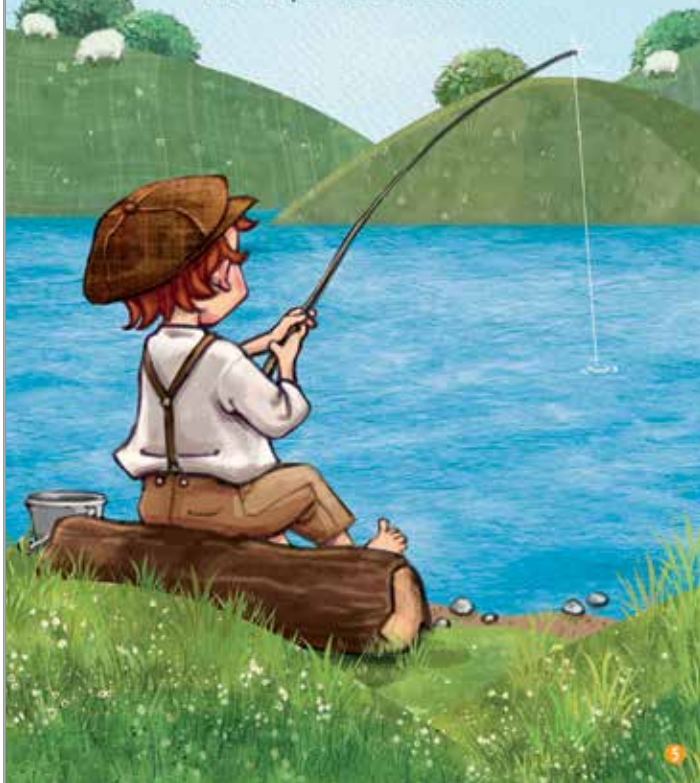
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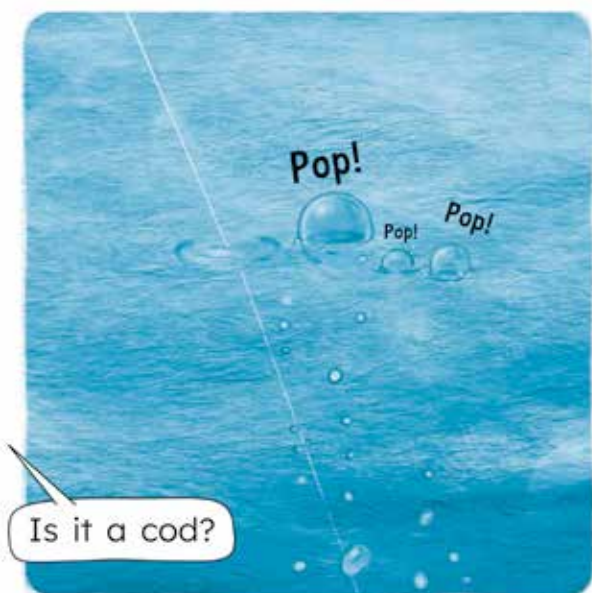
Finn sits on a log.

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He dips the rod in.



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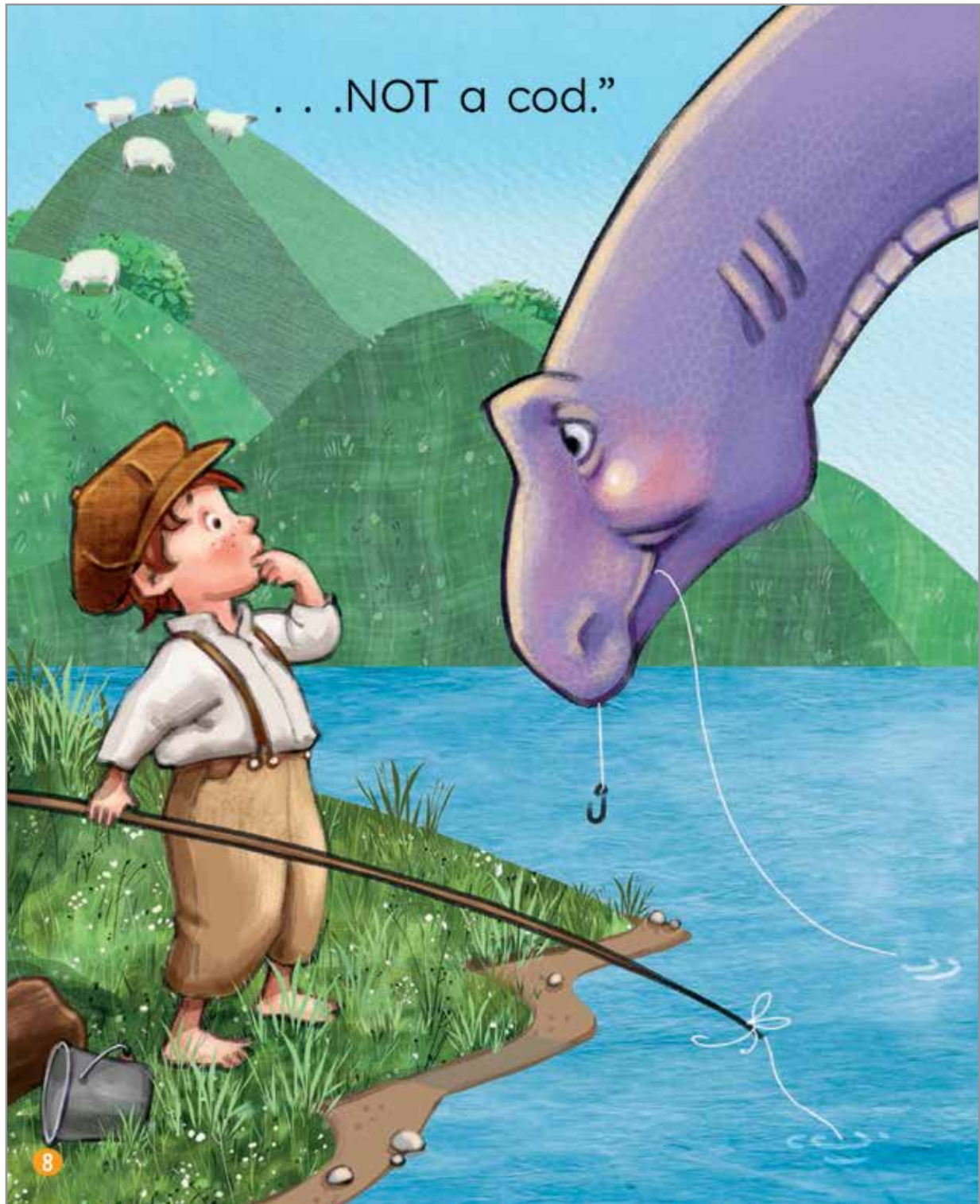
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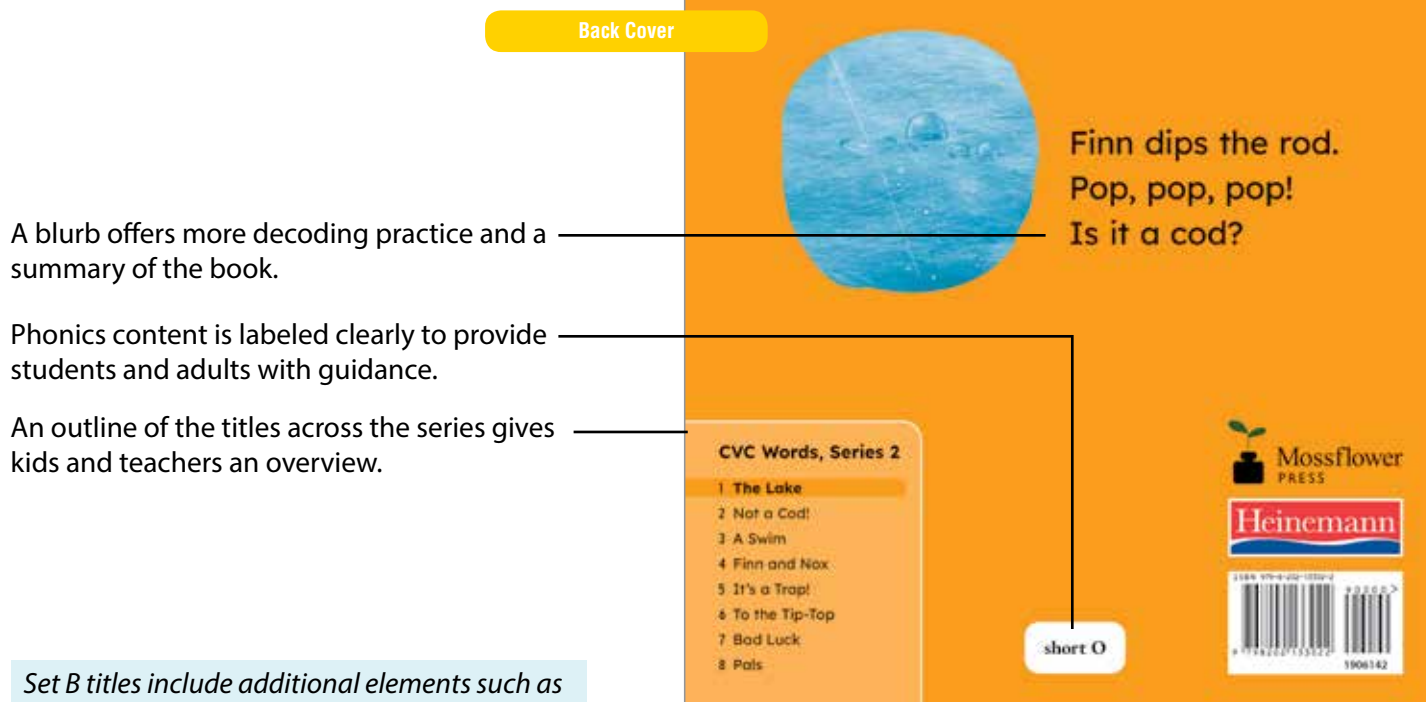
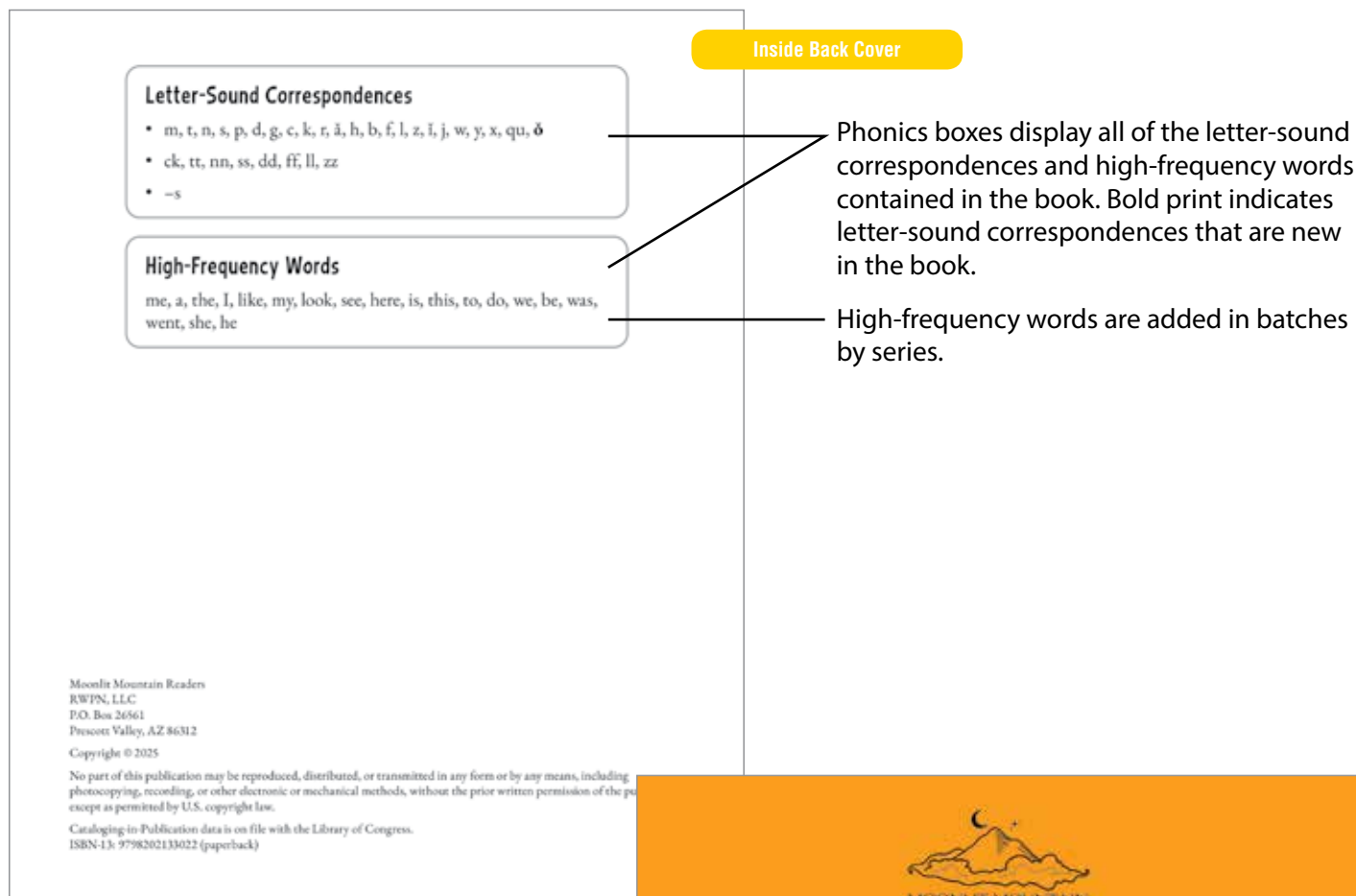
"I got it! I got it!"
Finn nods.

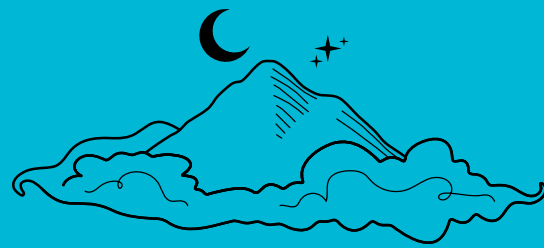


"It is. . .

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