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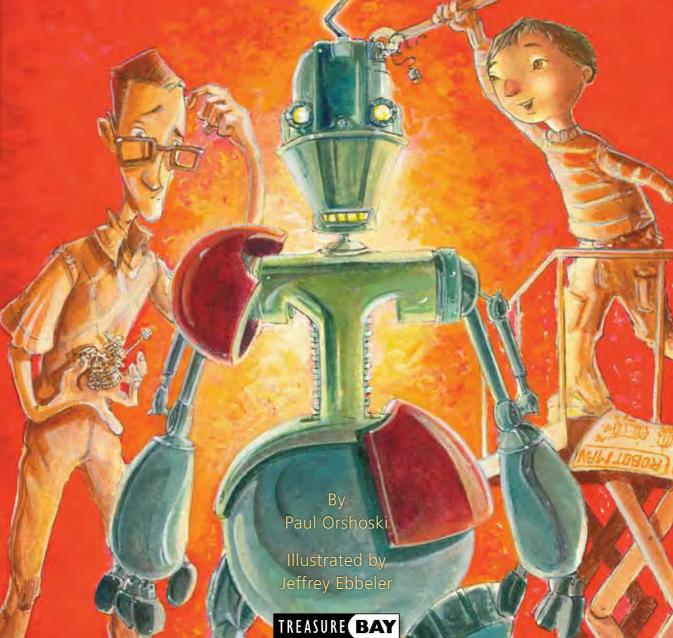
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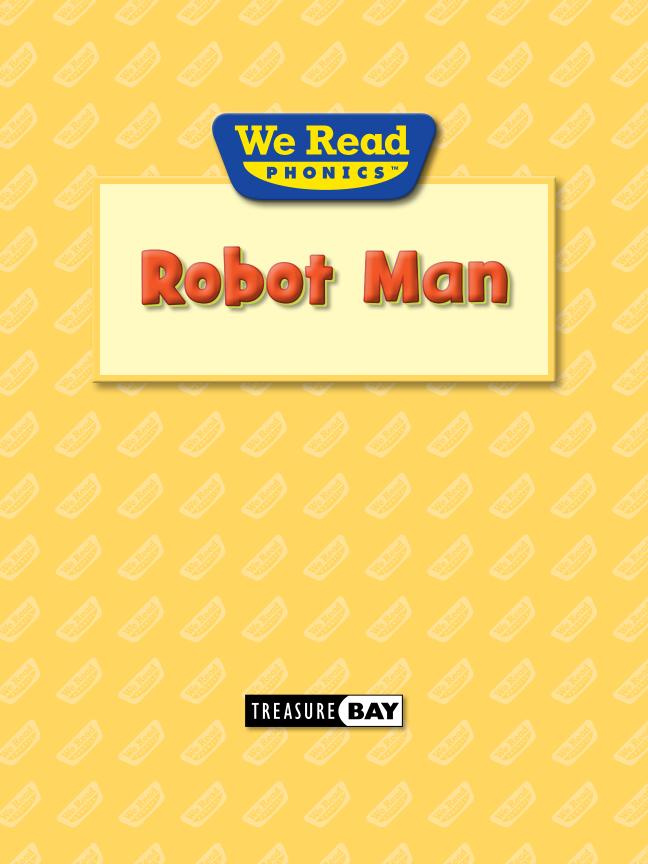
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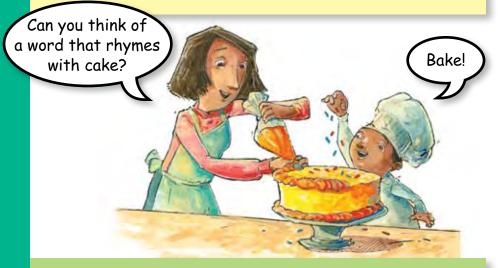
### **Parent's Introduction**

Welcome to **We Read Phonics**! This series is designed to help you assist your child in reading. Each book includes a story, as well as some simple word games to play with your child. The games focus on the phonics skills and sight words your child will use in reading the story.

# Here are some recommendations for using this book with your child:

### Word Play

There are word games both before and after the story. Make these games fun and playful. If your child becomes bored or frustrated, play a different game or take a break.



**Phonics** is a method of sounding out words by blending together letter sounds. However, not all words can be "sounded out." **Sight words** are frequently used words that usually cannot be sounded out.

### Read the Story

After some word play, read the story aloud to your child—or read the story together, by reading aloud at the same time or by taking turns. As you and your child read, move your finger under the words.

Next, have your child read the entire story to you while you follow along with your finger under the words. If there is some difficulty with a word, either help your child to sound it out or wait about five seconds and then say the word.

### 3 Discuss and Read Again

After reading the story, talk about it with your child. Ask questions like, "What happened in the story?" and "What was the best part?" It will be helpful for your child to read this story to you several times. Another great way for your child to practice is by reading the book to a younger sibling, a pet, or even a stuffed animal!





**Level 4** introduces words with long "e," "o," and "u" (as in *Pete, nose,* and *flute*) and the long "e" sound made with the vowel pairs "ee" and "ea." It also introduces the soft "c" and "g" sounds (as in *nice* and *cage*), and "or" (as in *sports*).

#### **Robot Man**

A We Read Phonics™ Book Level 4

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# Robot Man



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# Phonics Game

# Alphabet Soup

Creating words using certain letters will help your child read this story.



#### Materials:

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Option 2—Make Your Own: You'll need paper or cardboard, markers, a small cooking pot and a stirring spoon. Cut 38 two x two inch squares from the paper or cardboard and print letter and letter combinations on the squares. Make two each with r, b, t, m, n, ea, ee, w, d, s, c, l, p, and c. Make three cards with "a" and "e." Make four cards with "o."

- 1 Place the letters into a pretend pot of soup and stir the pot! Then, players take turns taking letters from the pot. When a player can make a word by putting his letters together, he makes and reads the word out loud. Once a word is made, the player can use the letters in that word (and other letters) to make new words. If scoring, give a point for each word that is made.
- 2 Players take turns taking letters and making new words. Once a player has nine letters, he must put one letter back in the pot in order to take another letter.
- 3 If scoring, the words *robot* and *man* can be bonus words worth an extra point. If a player can make both *robot* and *man* at the same time, he automatically wins!
- 4 The winner is the first player to score 12 points. Then, put all the letters back into the pretend pot of soup and play again!

Some words that can be made with these letters include weeds, clean, made, space, speed, cream, and sweet.

# Sight Word Game

# Memory

This is a fun way to practice recognizing some sight words used in the story.



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Option 2—Make Your Own: You'll need 18 index cards and a marker. Write each word listed on the right on two cards. You will now have two sets of cards.

1 Using one set of cards, ask your child to repeat each word after you. Shuffle both decks of cards together, and arrange the cards face down in a grid pattern.

- 2 The first player turns over one card and says the word, then turns over a second card and says the word. If the cards match, the player takes those cards and continues to play. If they don't match, both cards are turned over, and it's the next player's turn.
- 3 Keep the cards. You can make more cards with other We Read Phonics books and combine the cards for even bigger games!

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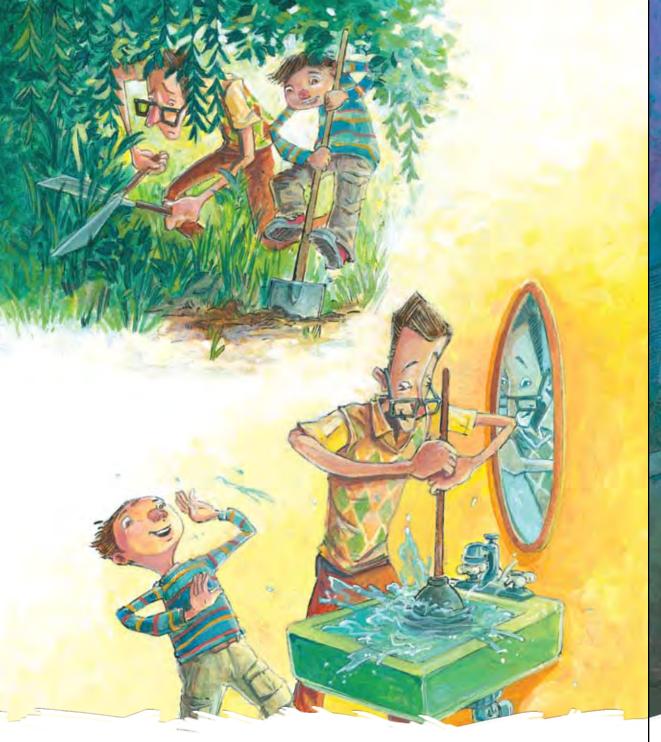
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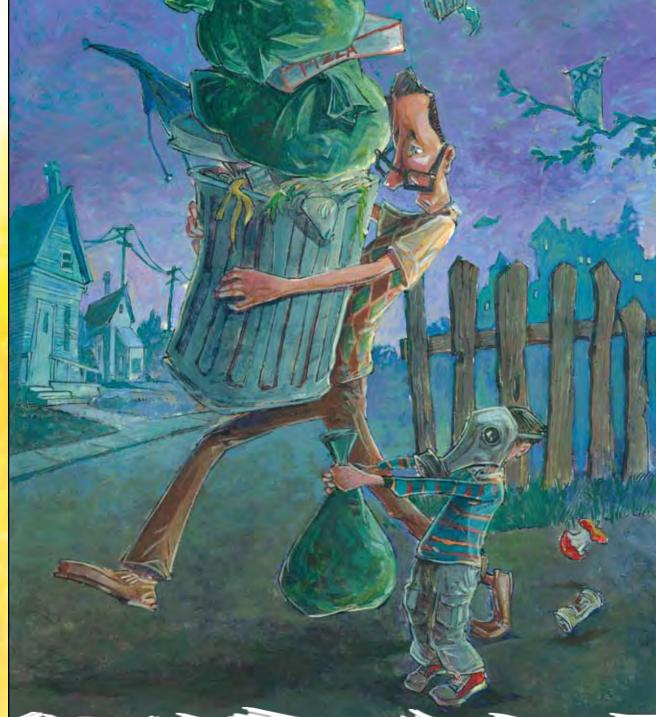
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Toss the trash away. It stinks!

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And Mom said I must do them too.

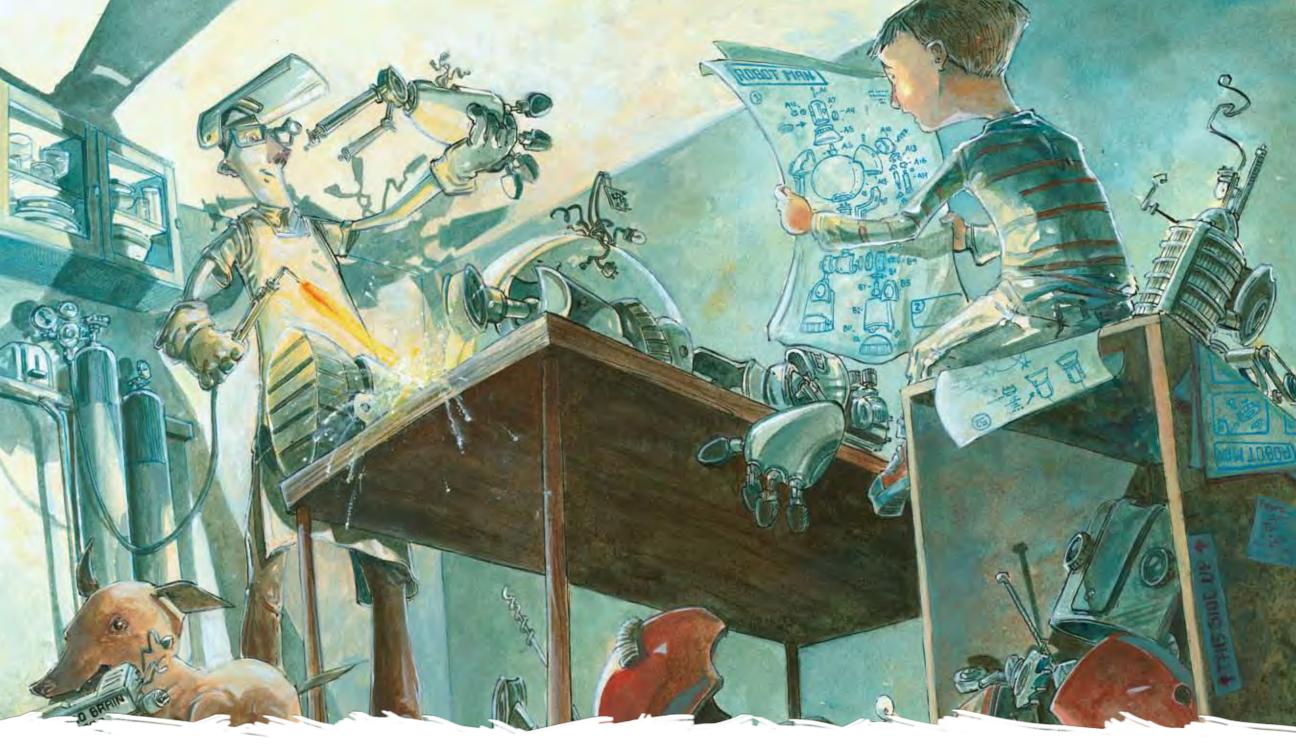


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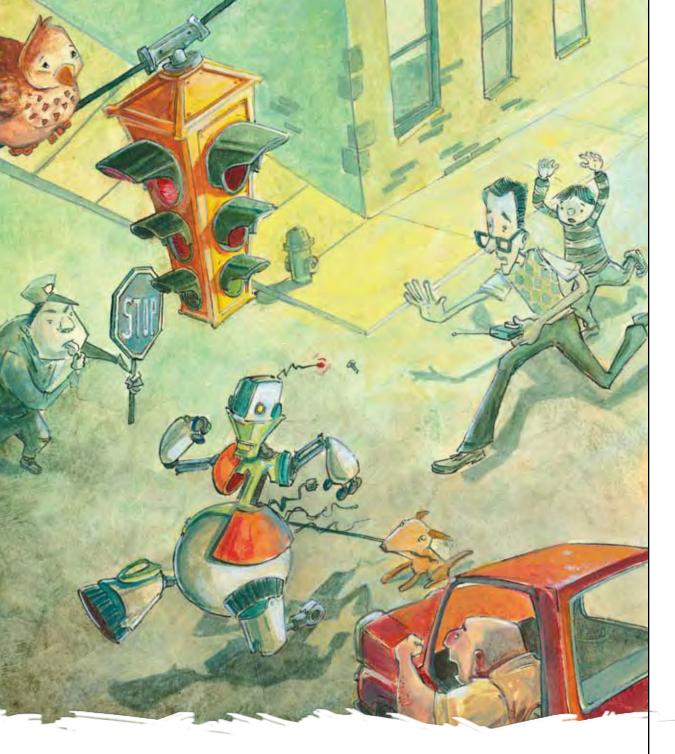
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The robot man came in a kit.

Too bad not all the parts would fit.



Dad got the robot man to go.

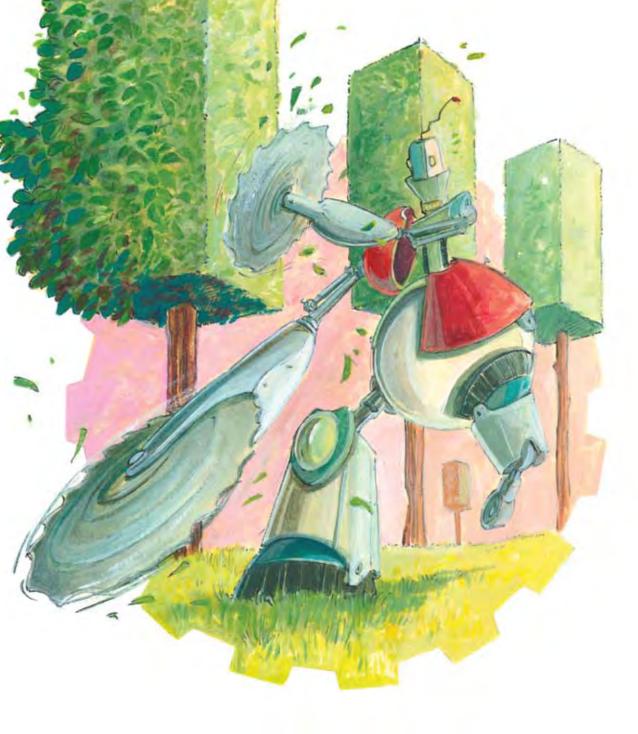


He made the robot wave hello.



The robot man did all the jobs.

So Dad and I could sit like blobs.



The robot man would hoe and weed.



He drove me home at quite a speed.



He froze us all some ice cream treats.



I have to tell you, life was sweet!



Yes, life was good, and all was swell. Then robot man went plunk and fell.



The robot man was out of whack. He put the ice cream down my back.



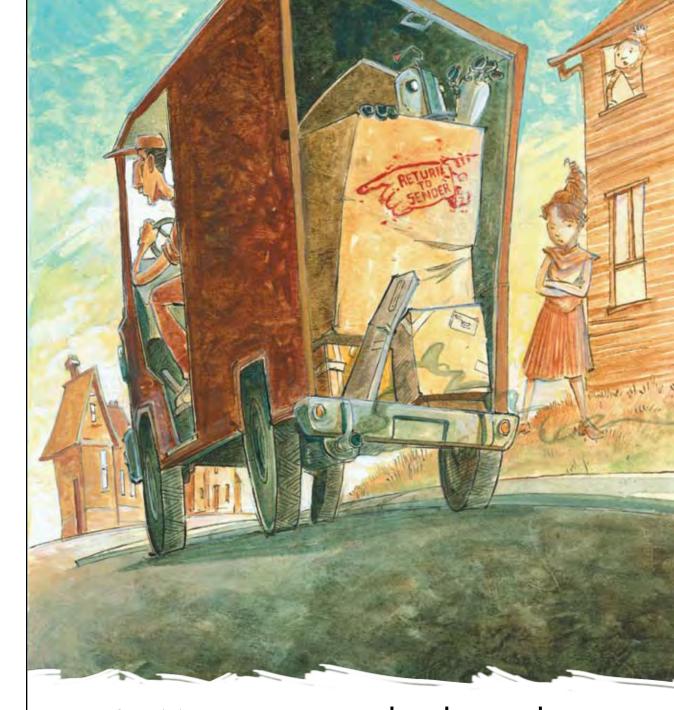
Those brand new lamps, I will not miss.



But then from Mom he stole a kiss.



My mom said there was no excuse. And robot man had no more use.

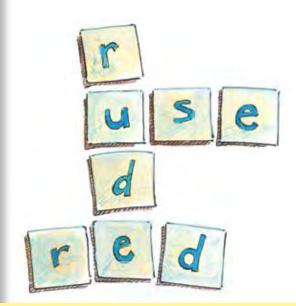


So Mom sent us to hit the sack. And then she sent the robot back.

## Phonics Game

# Word Cross

Creating words from these letters will help your child practice building words like those in this story.



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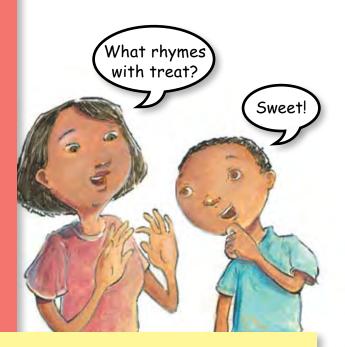
**Option 2—Make Your Own:** Use the same letter cards created for Alphabet Soup (see page 2).

- 1 Place the cards with the letter side down on a table. Each player draws five cards.
- 2 The first player tries to make a word using the cards. If no word can be made, the player discards one card and draws another card, and it becomes the next player's turn.
- 3 If the first player can make a word using the cards, the player makes the word going across. After making a word, a player receives one point for each letter used and draws enough cards to maintain five cards.
- 4 Subsequent words must be built upon words previously made, either across or down, in a crossword pattern. For example, if the first player builds the word *red*, then the next player must build a word going down, using "r," "e," or "d," such as *seed* or *rude*.
- 5 Consider playing with both players showing their letters and helping each other.

# Phonics Game

# Rhyming

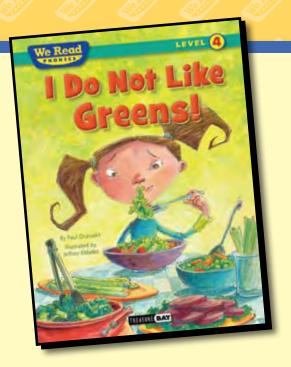
Practicing rhyming words helps children learn how words are similar.



- 1 Explain to your child that these words rhyme because they have the same end sounds: sink, stink, link, mink, pink, rink, think, and wink.
- 2 Ask your child to say a word that rhymes with sink.
- 3 If your child has trouble, offer some possible answers or repeat step 1. It's okay to accept nonsense words, for example, bink.
- 4 When your child is successful, repeat step 2 with these words:
  - olan (possible answers: can, Dan, fan, man, pan, ran, tan, van)
  - kit (possible answers: bit, fit, hit, lit, mitt, knit, pit, sit, wit)
  - jobs (possible answers: blobs, Bobs, globs, lobs, mobs, sobs)
  - weed (possible answers: bead, seed, deed, feed, heed, lead, need, read)
  - treat (possible answers: beat, feet, heat, meet, neat, seat, sweet, wheat)
  - whack (possible answers: back, hack, Jack, knack, pack, rack, sack, tack)

### If you liked Robot Man,

here is another We Read Phonics book you are sure to enjoy!



### I Do Not Like Greens!

Greens, greens, and more greens! Dad likes to cook, but he will only cook healthy food. What if you want some sweet and fatty junk food? Well, junk food is okay—if you are Dad's dog. But for his little girl, Dad only serves greens and other foods that are good for her. What's a girl to do?



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#### **Robot Man**

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New sounds include long "e," "o," and "u," as well as soft "c" and "g."

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