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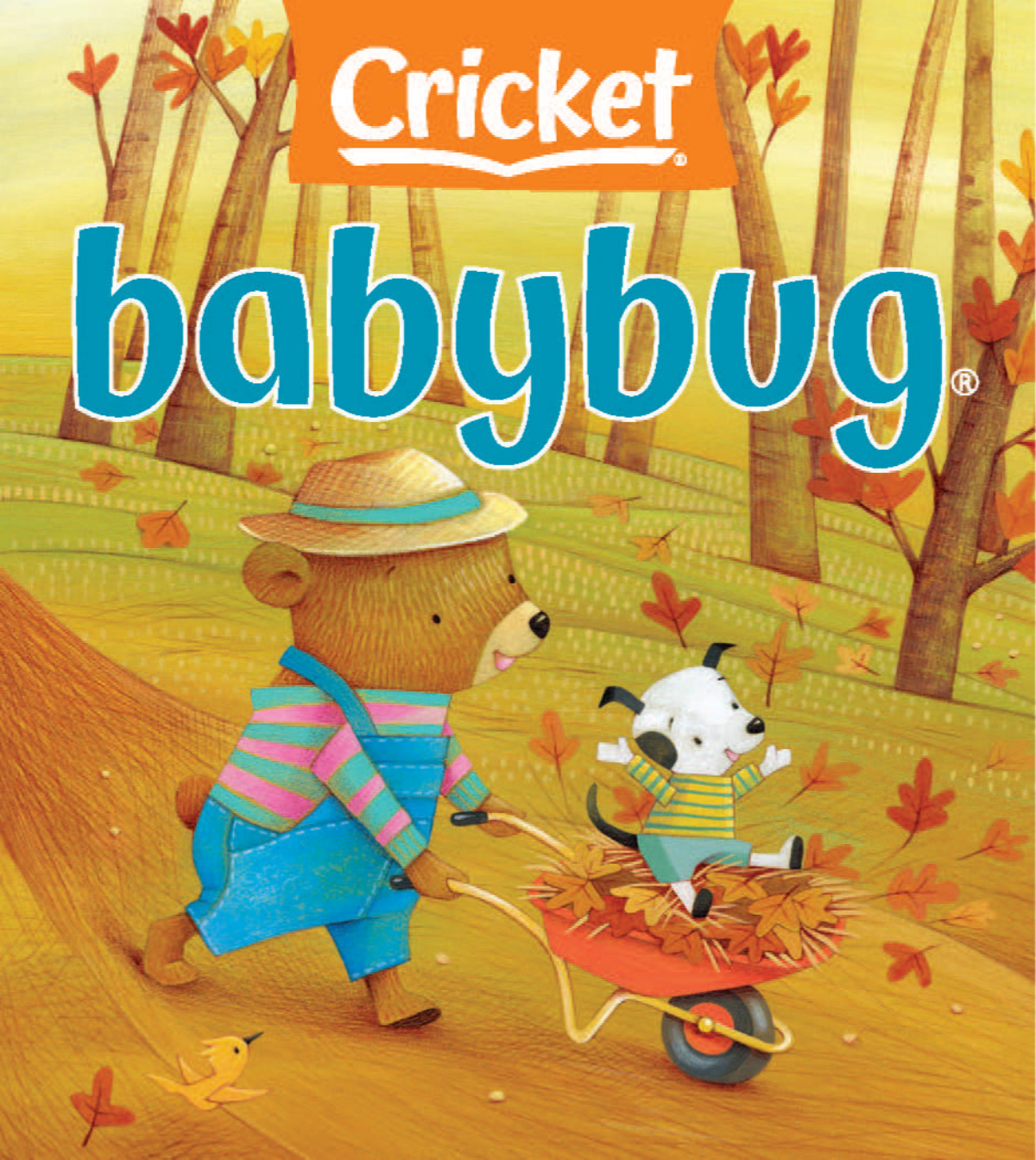
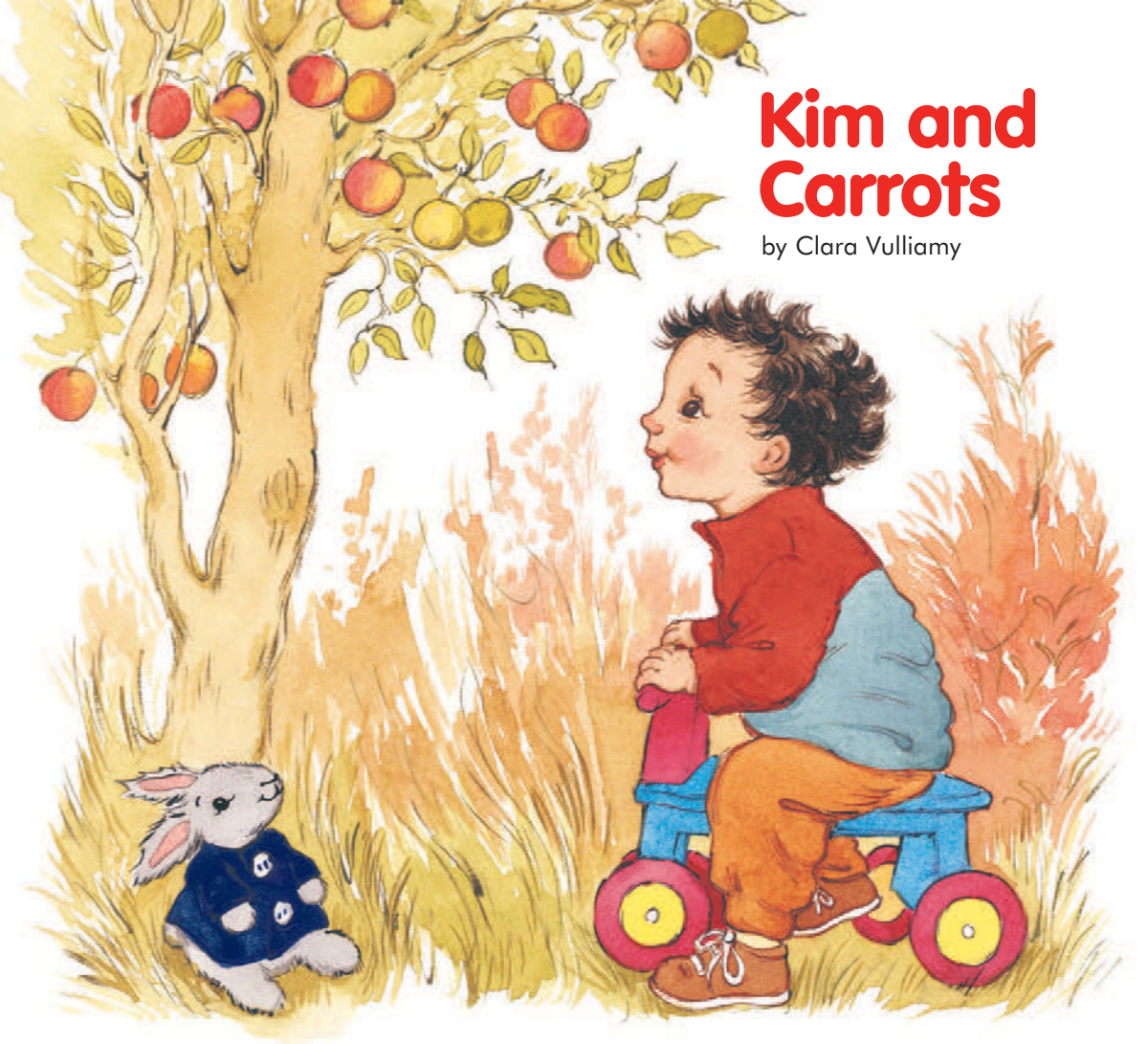


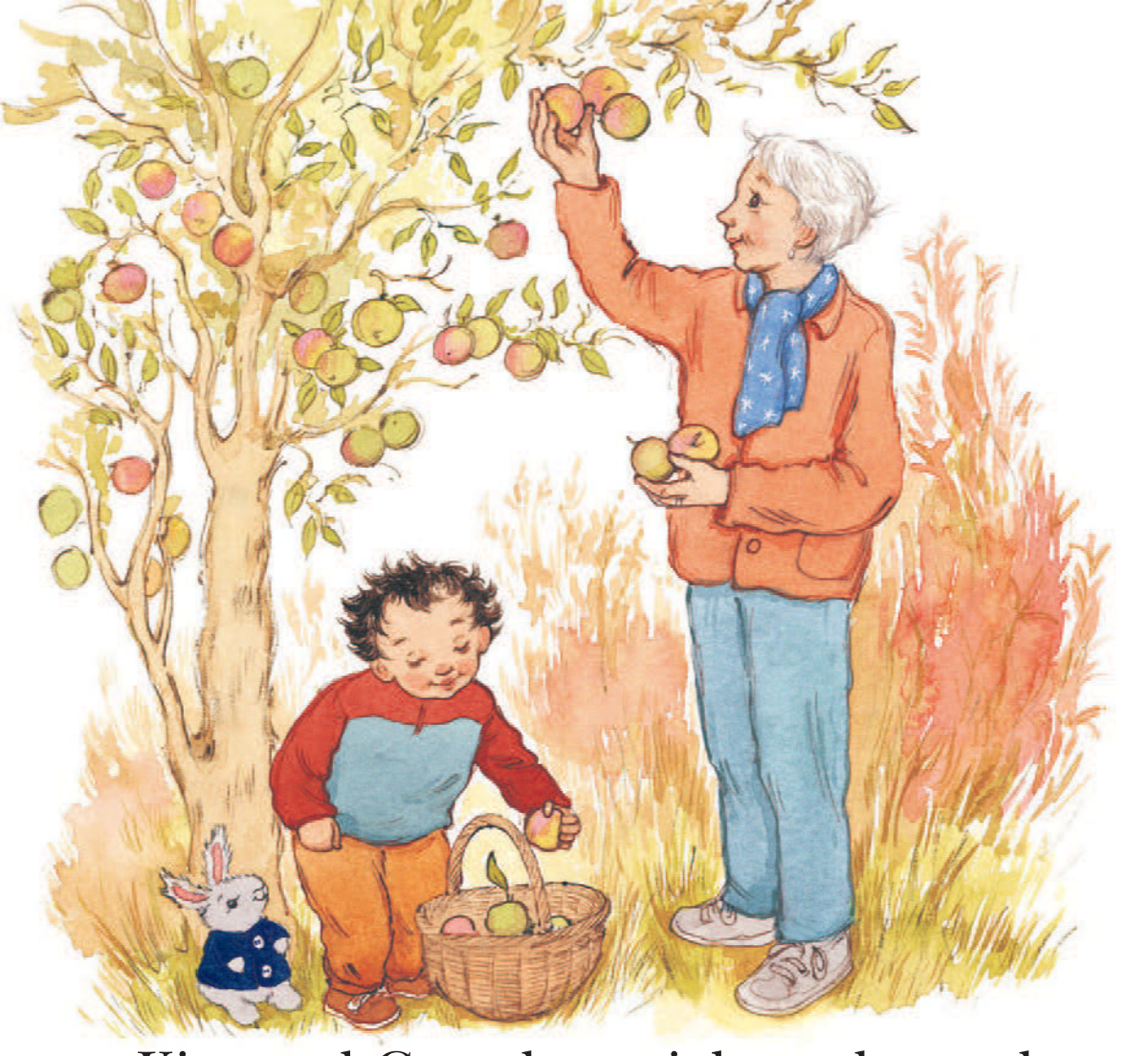


Kim and Carrots

by Clara Vulliamy

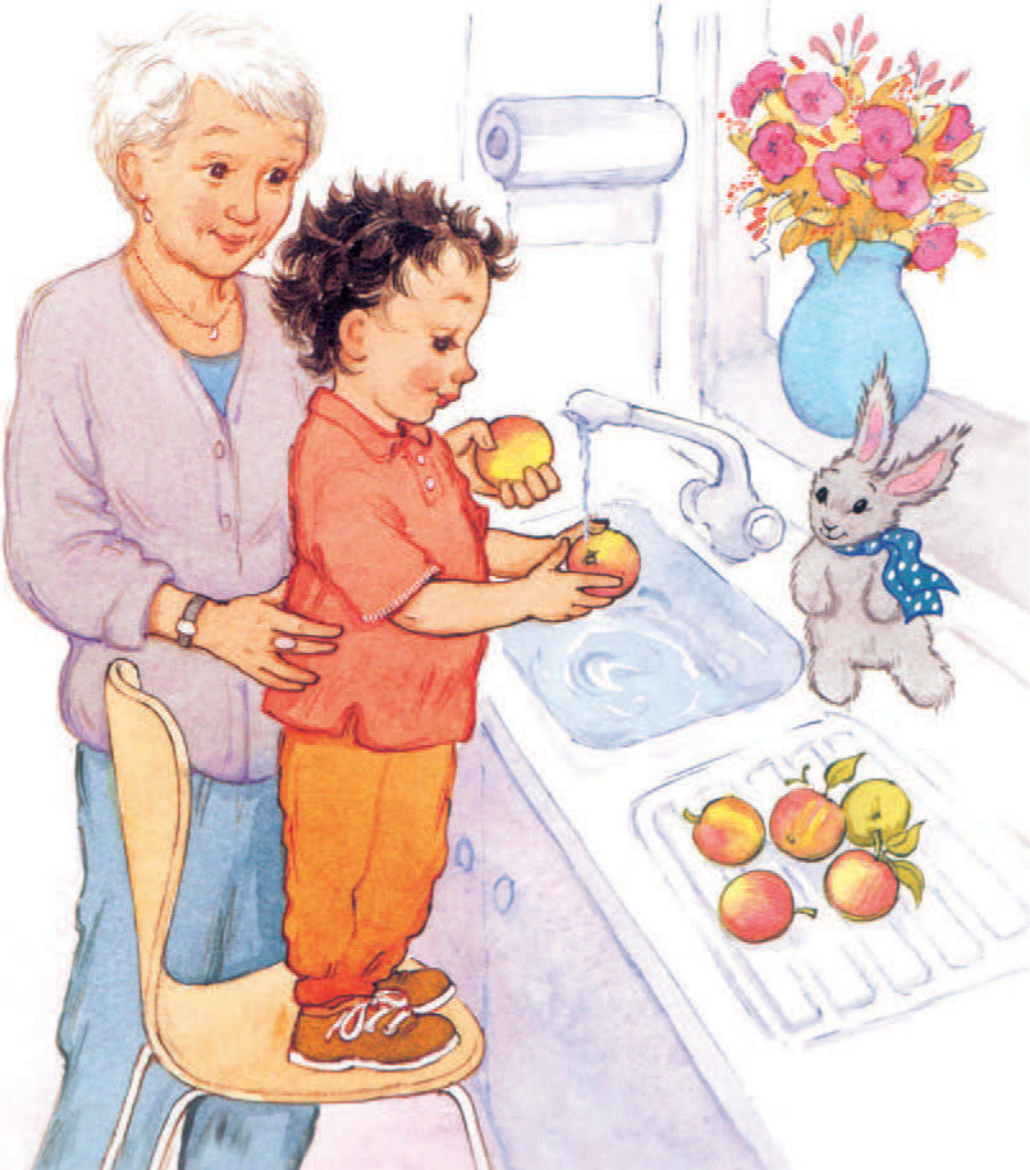
There is an apple tree in Kim's yard.

The apples are red and green
and easy to pick.



Kim and Grandma pick apples and carefully put them in a basket.

Kim helps wash the apples.



Grandma grates some apples.

Kim and Carrots have grated apples with yogurt for lunch. Yum, yum!

Squirrel

by Tina Twito Art by Susan Eaddy

Bushy tail, bushy tail,
eyes so bright.

Scurry to the left
and scurry to the right.

Find a little nut
and bury it deep.

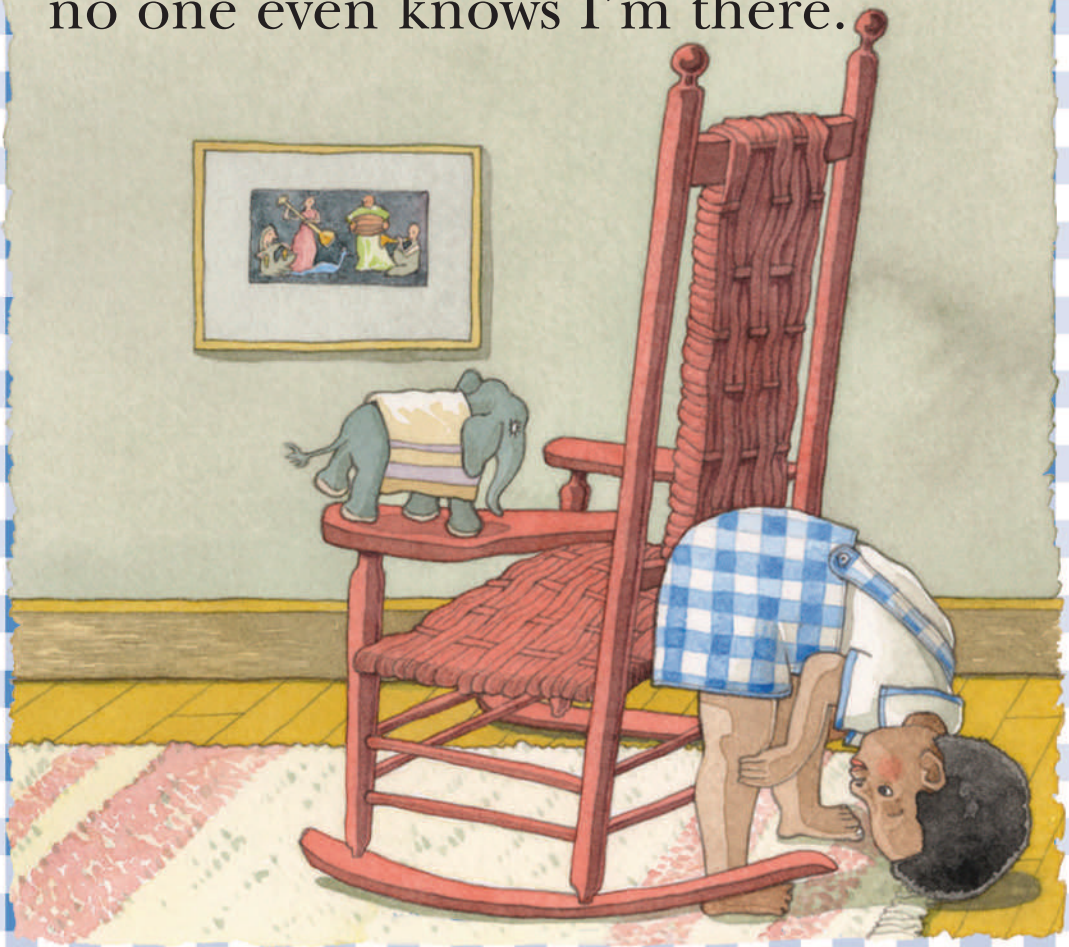
Then curl up in a ball
and fall asleep.

TALES

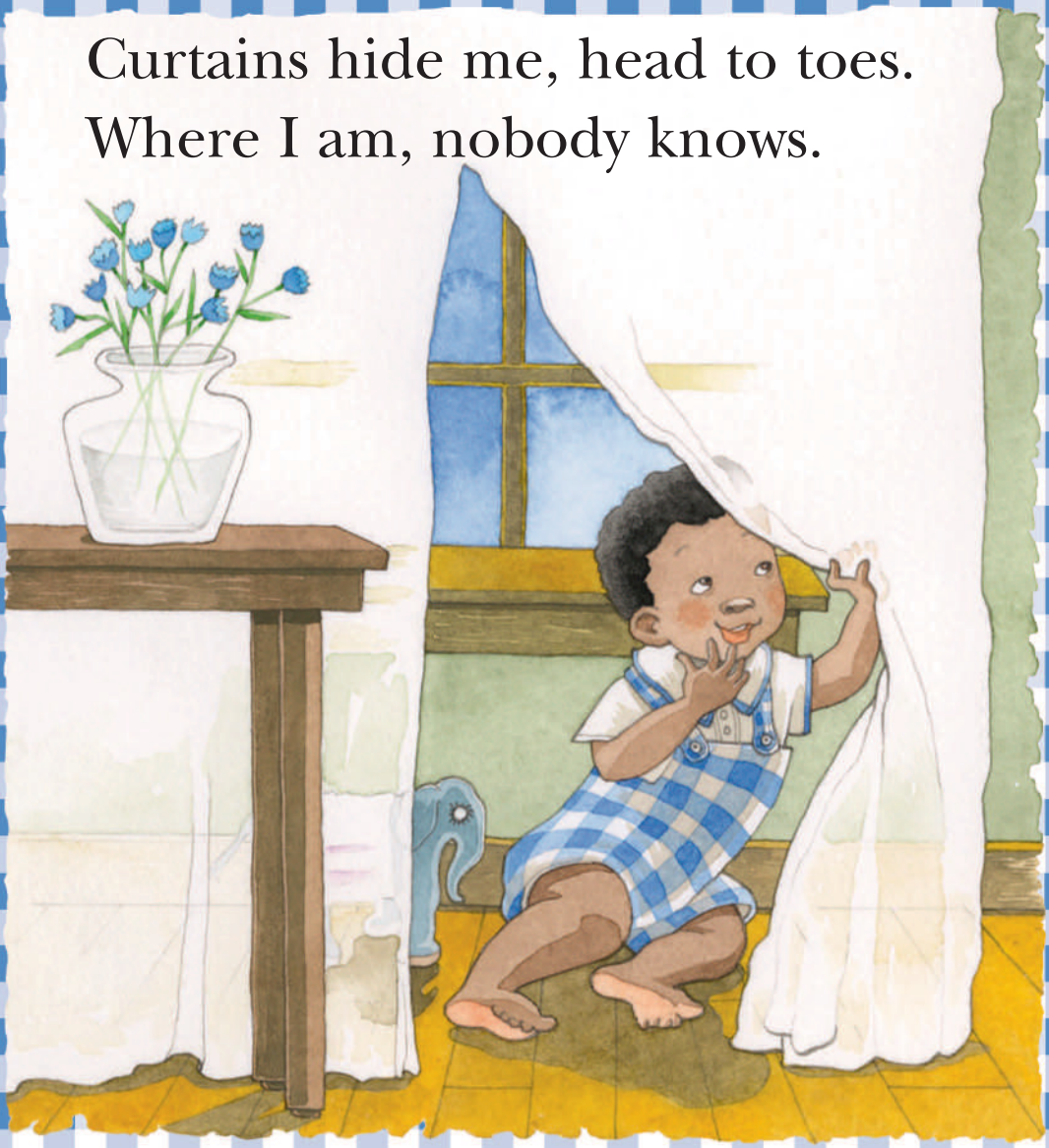
When I Hide

by Dot Cachiaras
Art by Vera Rosenberry

When I hide behind the chair,
no one even knows I'm there.



I can roll up in the rug,
hidden like a little bug.



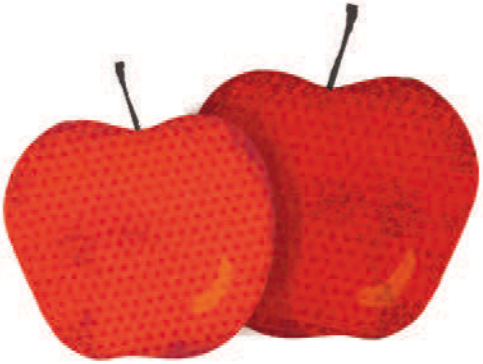
Curtains hide me, head to toes.
Where I am, nobody knows.

When I close my eyes real tight,
I'm completely out of sight!

A FIRST CONCEPT

What Is Red?

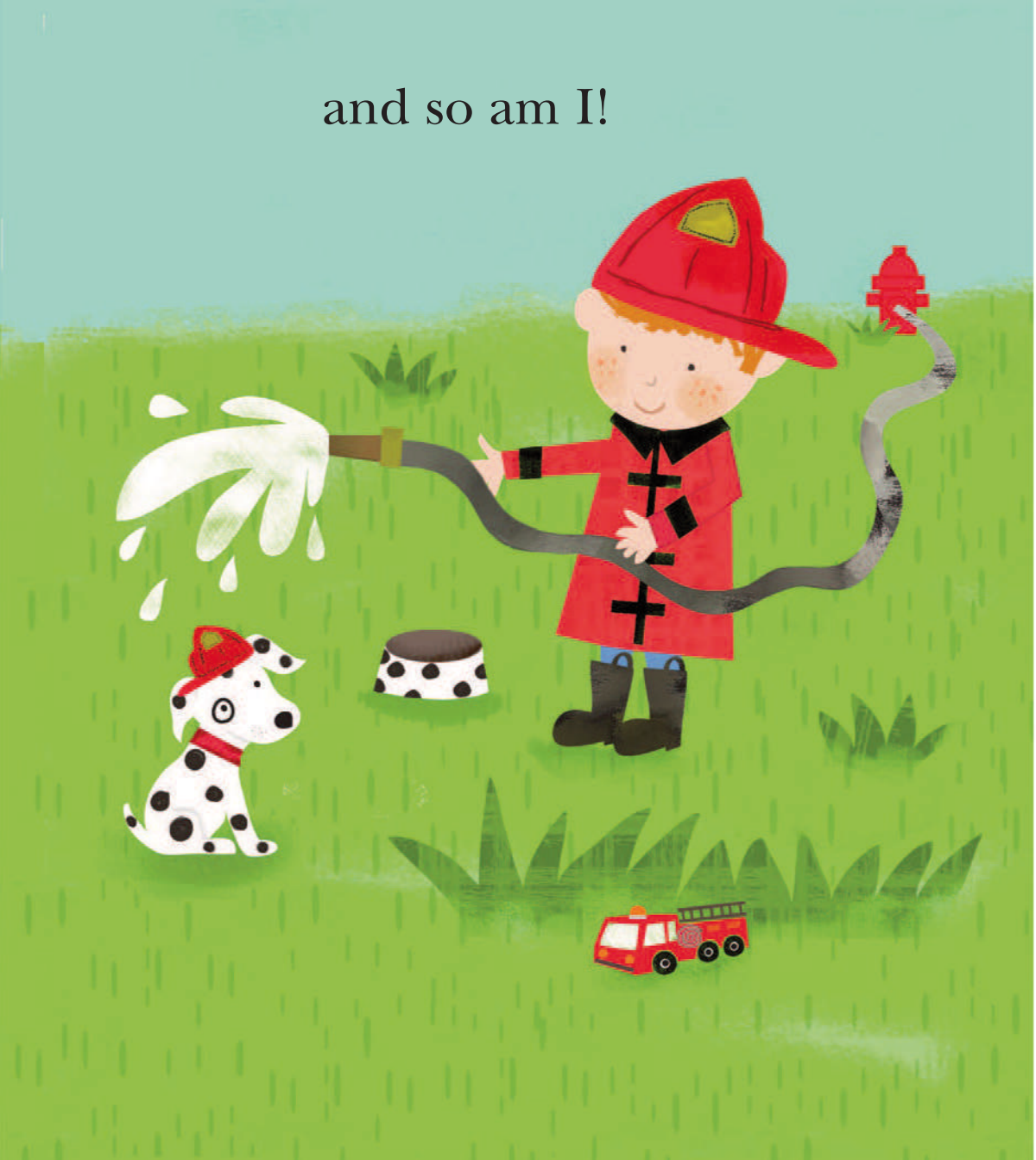
In autumn, leaves are red,



apples are red,

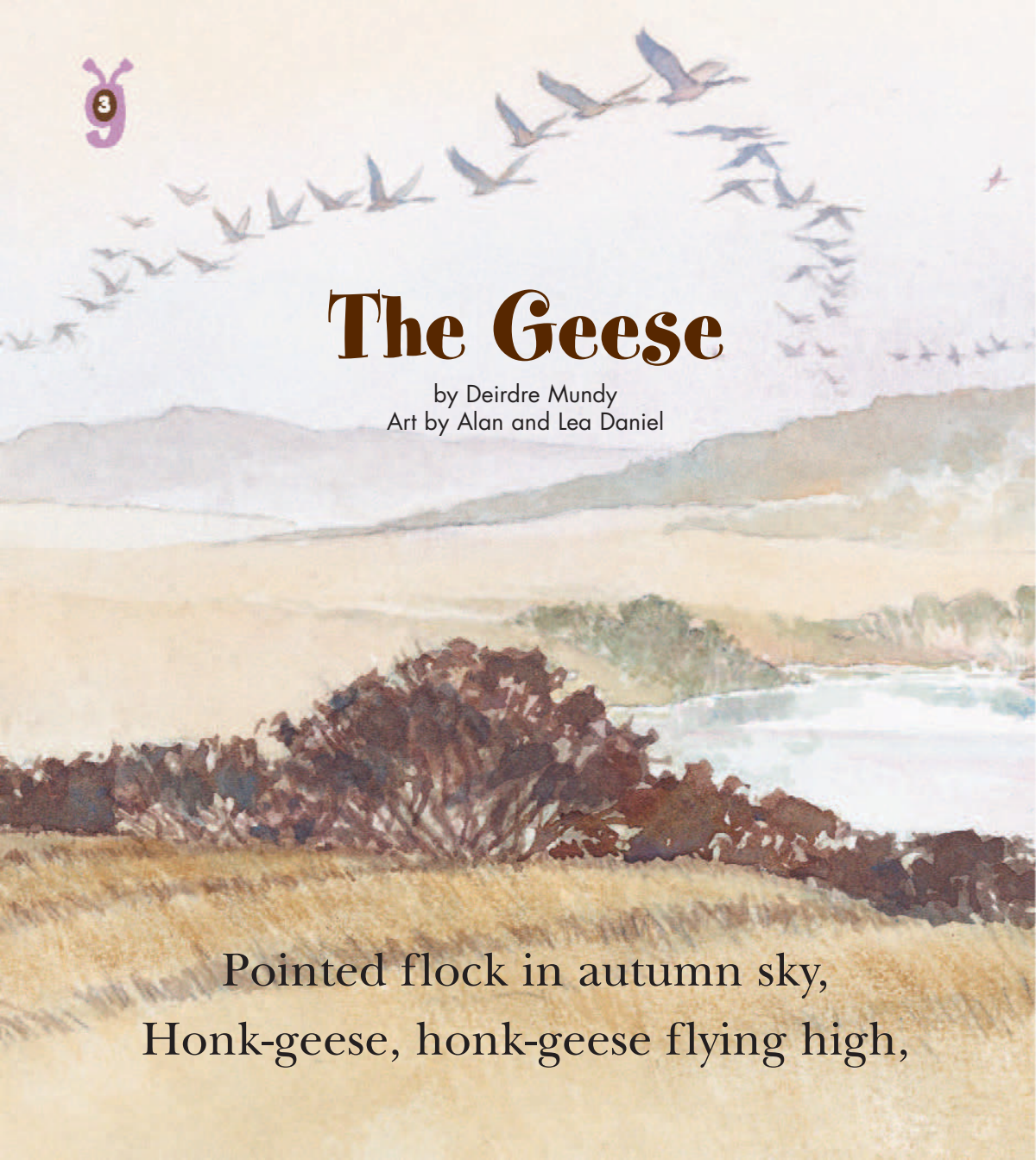
Art by Amy Schimler

and so am I!



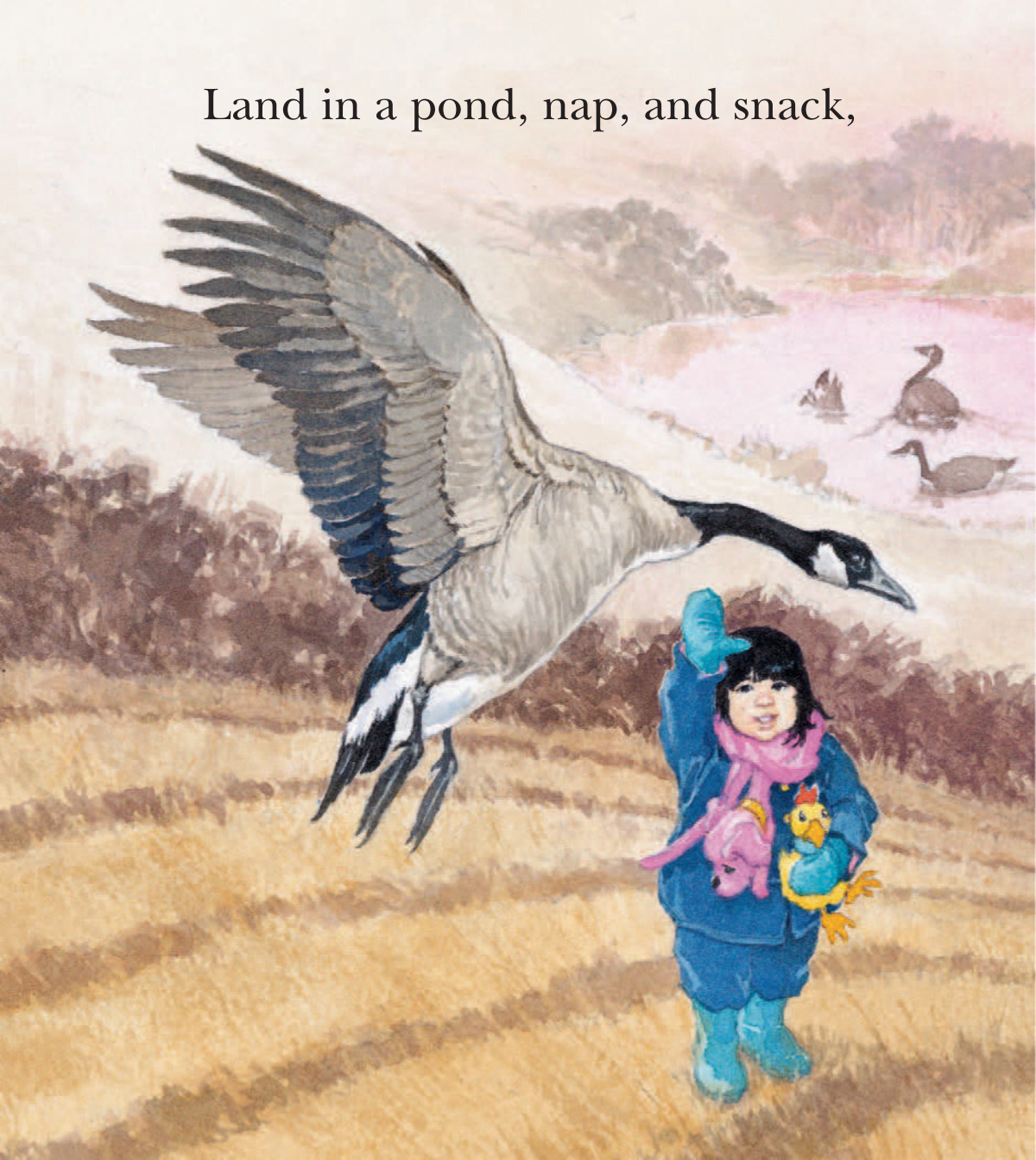
The Geese

by Deirdre Mundy
Art by Alan and Lea Daniel



Pointed flock in autumn sky,
Honk-geese, honk-geese flying high,

Land in a pond, nap, and snack,



Then off to the south. Please come back!

LET'S EXPLORE

Flying

by Jestine Ware

Zoom, zoom,
here I go!
I'm Papa's plane,
A flying pro!

Up, up! Oh my!
I'm a balloon,
Toes in the sky!

Where, Oh Where?

by Septimus Winner ✷ Art by Martha Aviles

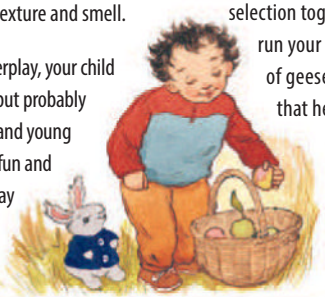
Where, oh where has my little dog gone?
Oh where, oh where can he be?
With his ears so short and his tail so long,
Oh where, oh where can he be?

guide for caregivers

BABYBUG is for babies who love to be read to—and for adults who love to read to them. Here are a few tips to help you get the most out of this "hide-and-seek" issue of BABYBUG.

1. Kim and Carrots: There's a world of natural learning in a single apple. Your child might discover whether apples sink or float; have a hands-on experience with "whole," "half," and "quarter"; and delight in how cooking transforms an apple's texture and smell.

2. Squirrel: When introduced to a new fingerplay, your child may imitate your motions or repeat the words, but probably won't try to do both right away. And for babies and young toddlers, simply listening and watching is both fun and a fine way to participate. Repeat a new fingerplay often enough, and it's sure to become a family favorite.



3. The Geese: What's more wonderful than being outdoors with your child on a crisp fall day and hearing the mysterious calls of geese as they fly overhead? Back indoors, read this selection together. Encourage your toddler to join in as you run your finger from left to right across the flying lines of geese, pretending to honk as you go. It's a game that helps accustom your child to scanning from left to right while reading.

—Sally Nurss, M.Ed.

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