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to Mrs. Tama,
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—B.P.C.

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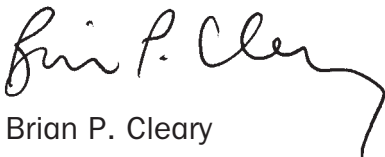
As a former adult literacy coach and the father of three children, I know that learning to read isn't always easy. That's why I developed **Sounds Like Reading™**—a series that uses a combination of devices to help children learn to read.

This book is the seventh in the **Sounds Like Reading™** series. It uses rhyme, repetition, illustration, and phonics to introduce young readers to inflectional endings. These include *-s*, *-es*, *-ed*, and *-ing*.

Starting on page 4, you'll see three rhyming words on each left-hand page. These words are part of the sentence on the facing page. They all feature inflectional endings. As the book progresses, the sentences become more challenging. These sentences contain a "discovery" word—an extra rhyming word in addition to those that appear on the left. Toward the end of the book, the sentences contain two discovery words. Children will delight in the increased confidence that finding and decoding these words will bring. They'll also enjoy looking for the mouse that appears throughout the book. The mouse asks readers to look for words that sound alike.

The bridge to literacy is one of the most important we will ever cross. It is my hope that the **Sounds Like Reading™** series will help young readers to hop, gallop, and skip from one side to the other!

Sincerely,



Brian P. Cleary



naps



caps



laps



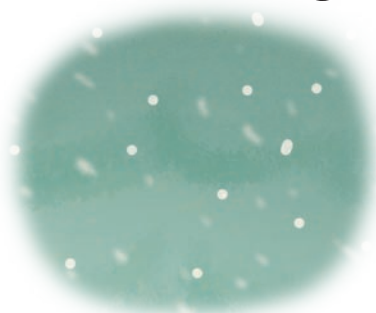


Can you find three words that sound alike?

They took **naps** with **caps** on their **laps**.



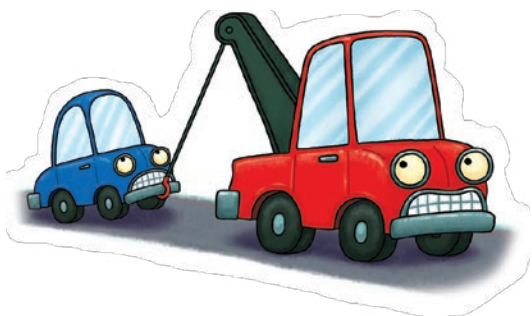
snowing



blowing



towing





Can you find
three words that
sound alike?

It was **snowing** and **blowing**
when the truck was **towing**.



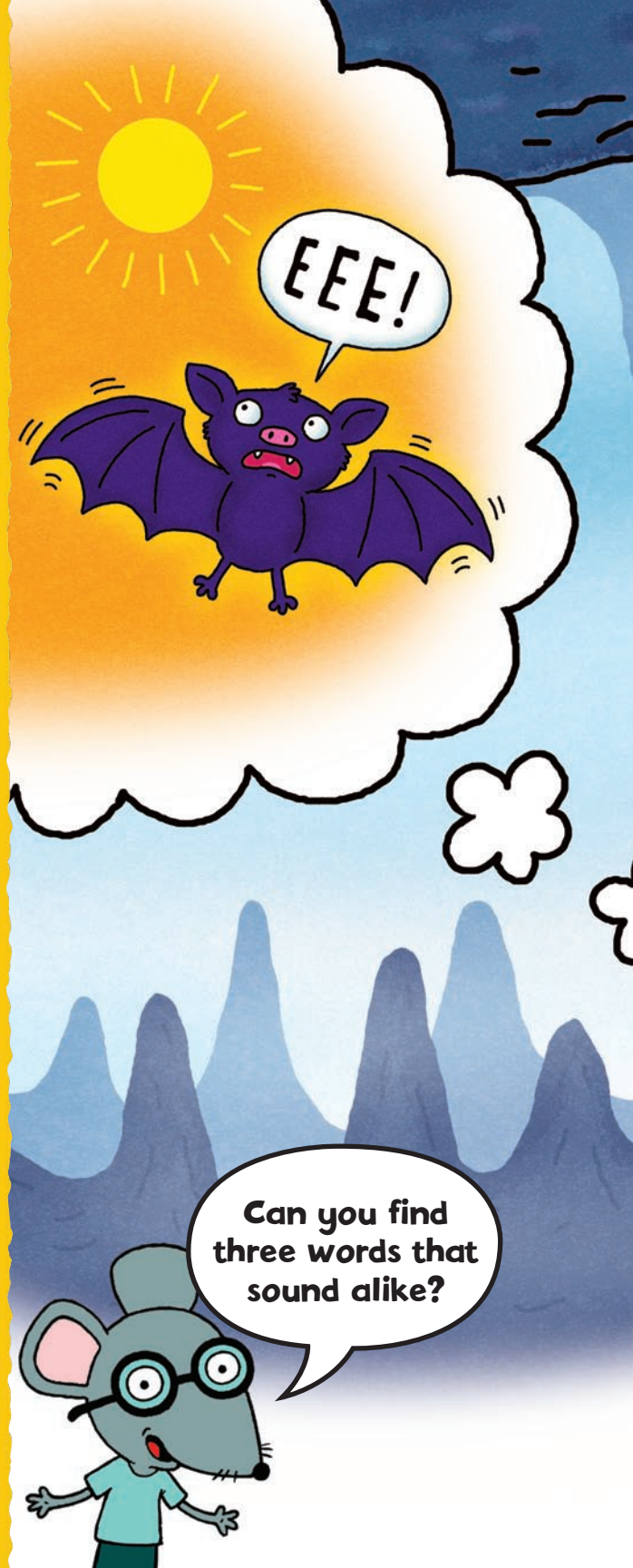
dreamed

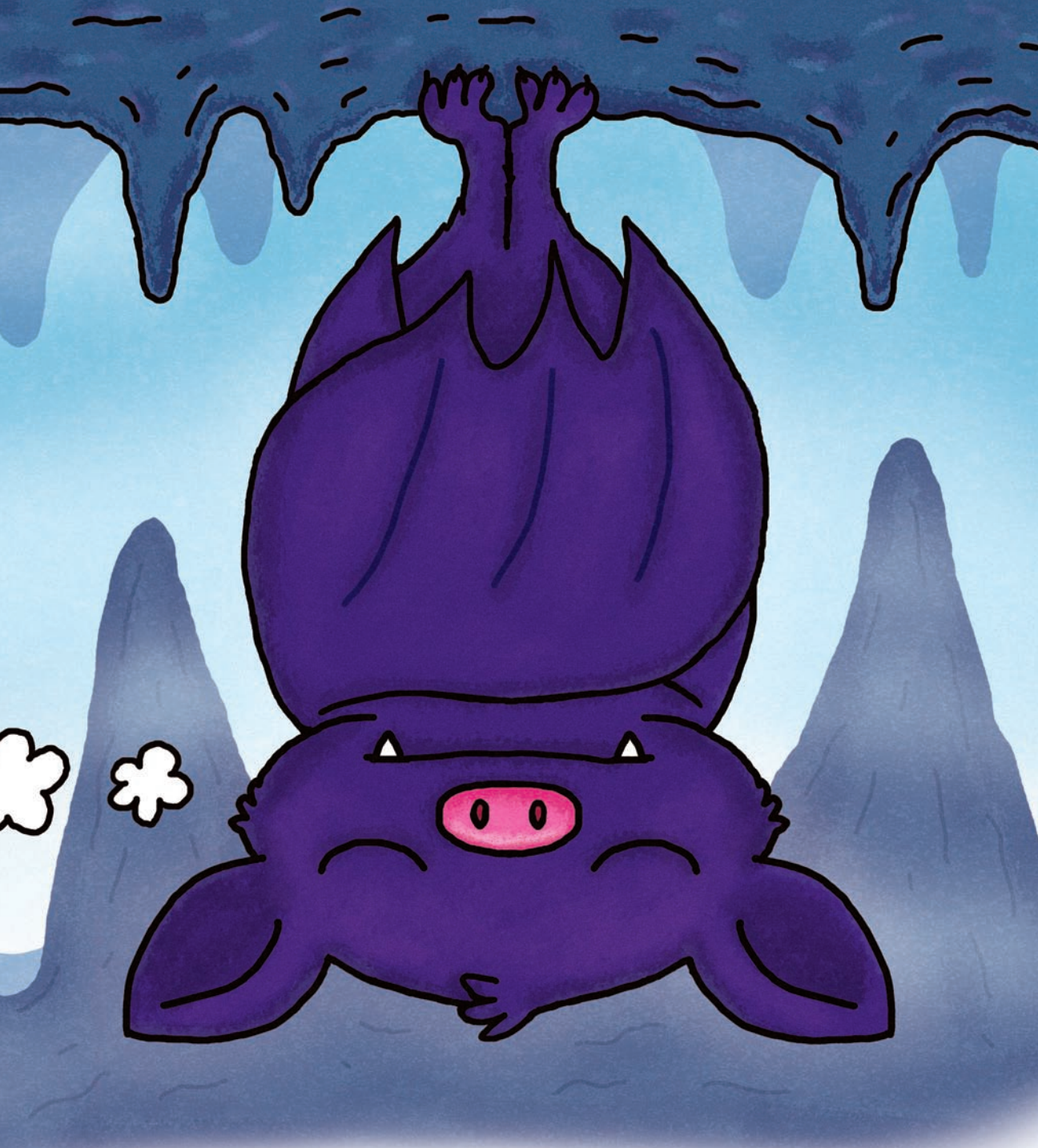


screamed



beamed



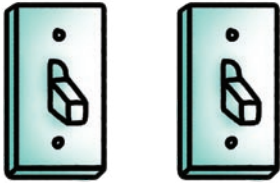


He **dreamed** that he **screamed**
as the sun **beamed**.

witches



switches



ditches





Can you find three words that sound alike?

The **witches** put the **switches** in the **ditches**.



stretches



sketches



fetches





He **stretches** and **sketches**
as the dog **fetches**.

cried



dried

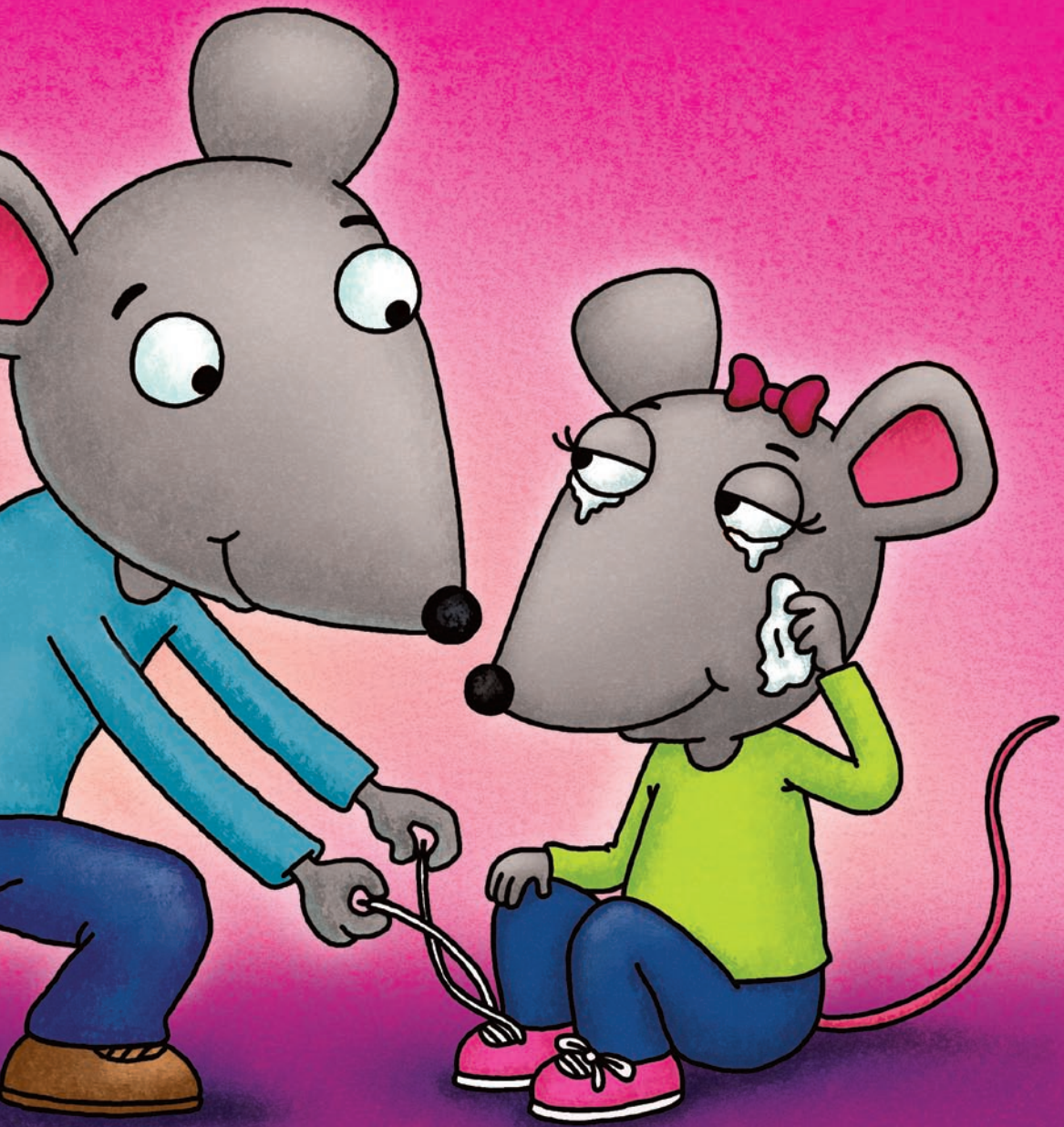


tied



Can you find
three words that
sound alike?





The tears that she **cried dried**
when her shoes were **tied**.

screeches



peaches



leeches





Mom **screeches** at the **peaches**
and the **leeches** on the **beaches**.

clocks



rocks



socks



Can you find
the word that
sounds like clocks,
rocks, and socks?



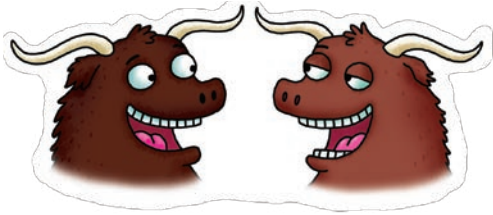


The **ox** by the **clocks** has **rocks**
in his **socks**.

slacks



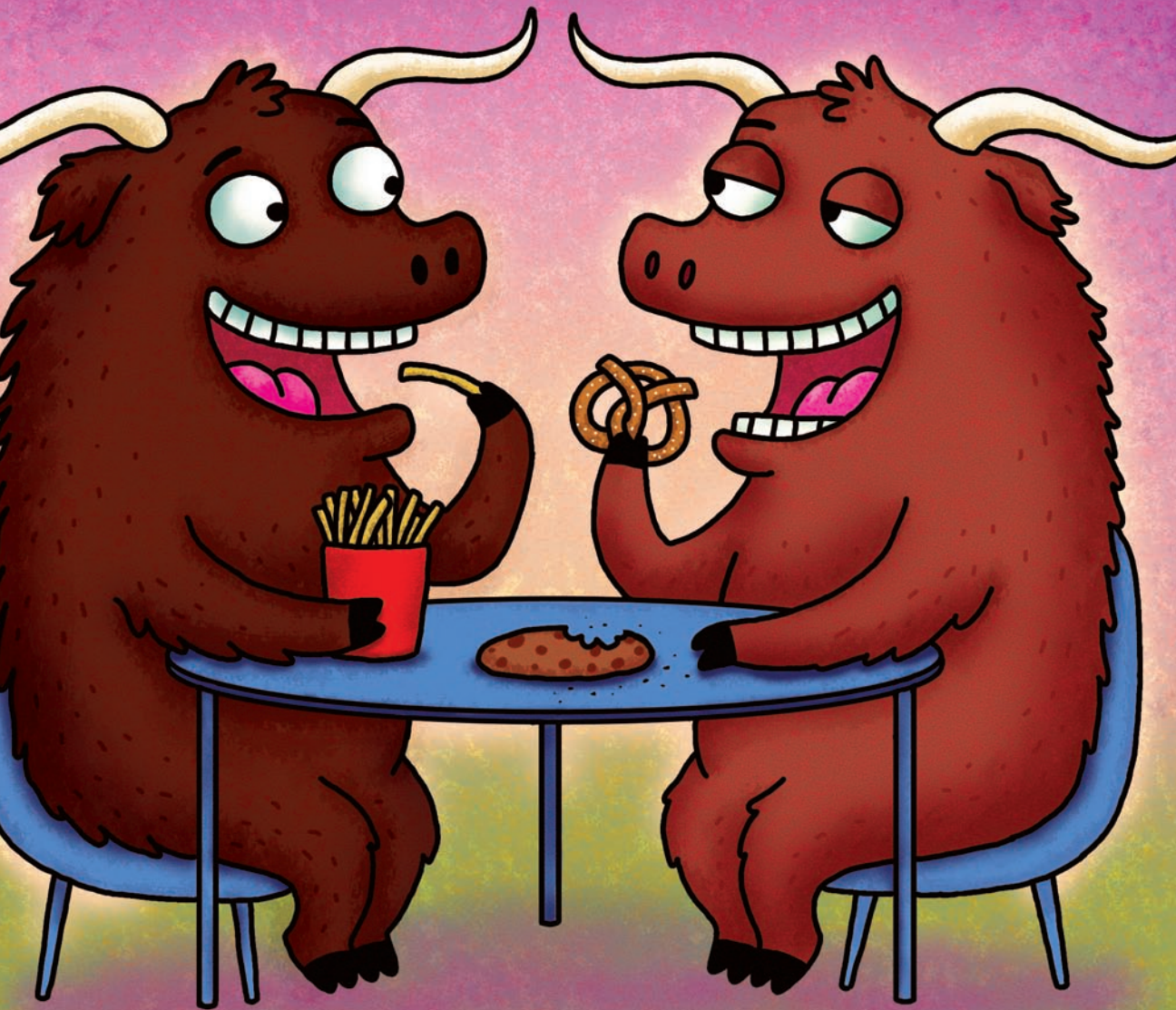
yaks



snacks



Can you find the word that sounds like slacks, yaks, and snacks?



The **racks** of **slacks** are by the **yaks** with the **snacks**.

mopped



dropped



shopped



Can you find the word that sounds like mopped, dropped, and shopped?





The man **mopped** what she **dropped**
as we **stopped** and **shopped**.

cooks



books



hooks



Can you find the word that sounds like cooks, books, and hooks?



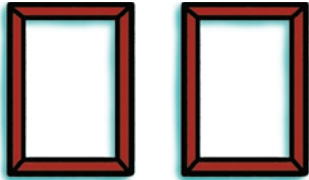


Dad **cooks** as Mom **looks** at the **books** by the **hooks**.

games



frames



flames



Can you find the word that sounds like games, frames, and flames?



We play **games** with our **names** as Dad throws the **frames** into the **flames**.

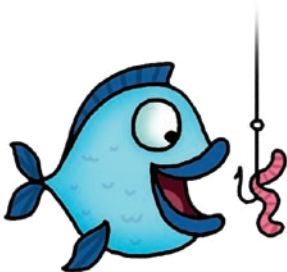
writing



fighting



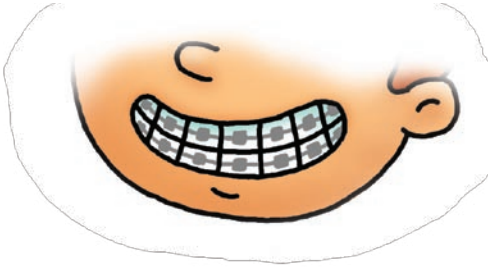
biting





The **exciting writing** about fish **fighting** and **biting** was quite **inviting**.

braces



faces



vases



Can you find two words that sound like braces, faces, and vases?




They wore **braces** on their **faces** and brought **vases** in **cases** to the **races**.

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A Short Vowel Sounds Book

BOOK 2 Stop, Drop, and Flop in the Slop
A Short Vowel Sounds Book with Consonant Blends

BOOK 3 The Nice Mice in the Rice
A Long Vowel Sounds Book

BOOK 4 The Frail Snail on the Trail
A Long Vowel Sounds Book with Consonant Blends

BOOK 5 The Thing on the Wing Can Sing
A Short Vowel Sounds Book with Consonant Digraphs

BOOK 6 Whose Shoes Would You Choose?
A Long Vowel Sounds Book with Consonant Digraphs

BOOK 7 The Peaches on the Beaches
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