Green Light Readers
For the new reader who’s ready to GO!

Amazing adventures await every young child who is eager to read. Green Light Readers encourage children to explore, to imagine, and to grow through books. Created for beginning readers at two levels of skill, these lively illustrated stories have been carefully developed to reinforce reading basics taught at school and to make reading a fun and rewarding experience for children and grown-ups to share outside the classroom.

The grades and ages within each skill level are general guidelines only, and books included in both levels may feature any or all of the bulleted characteristics. When choosing a book for a new reader, remember that every child progresses at his or her own pace—be patient and supportive as the magic of reading takes hold.

1 Buckle up!
Kindergarten–Grade 1: Developing reading skills, ages 5–7
• Short, simple stories • Fully illustrated • Familiar objects and situations
• Playful rhythms • Spoken language patterns of children
• Rhymes and repeated phrases • Strong link between text and art

2 Start the engine!
Grades 1–2: Reading with help, ages 6–8
• Longer stories, including nonfiction • Short chapters
• Generously illustrated • Less familiar situations
• More fully developed characters • Creative language, including dialogue
• More subtle link between text and art

Green Light Readers incorporate characteristics detailed in the Reading Recovery model used by educators to assess the readability of texts through the end of first grade. Guidelines for reading levels for these readers have been developed with assistance from Mary Lou Meerson. An educational consultant, Ms. Meerson has been a classroom teacher, a language arts coordinator, an elementary school principal, and a university professor.

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Bear is big.
Bear is brown.
Bear goes up.
He comes down.
Bear gets paint.
The paint is blue.
Bear goes up.
The paint goes, too.
Little Bear is playing.
She has a bat.
Oh no! Little Bear!
Do not do that!
Bear was up.
Bear comes down.
Bear is big. . . .
But he's *not* brown!
Bear washes up.
He’s brown once more.
He washes the windows, then the door.
Bear gets more paint.
It's green, not blue.
Bear goes up.
The paint goes, too.
Bear is painting.
He’s all set.
But look out, Bear!
It's not over yet!
Meet the Author-Illustrator

Many of David McPhail's books have bears in them. He likes to draw bears. They remind him of Teddy, the bear he had when he was a child. Teddy would go with him everywhere.

David McPhail doesn't have Teddy anymore, but he has another big toy bear in his office that keeps him company.

Who keeps you company?

Look for these other Green Light Readers— all affordably priced in paperback!

**Level 1/Kindergarten—Grade 1**
- Cloudy Day/Sunny Day
  - Donald Crews
- Down on the Farm
  - Rita Lascaro
- Popcorn
  - Alex Moran
  - Illustrated by Betsy Everitt

**Level 2/Grades 1–2**
- Sometimes
  - Keith Baker
- What I See
  - Holly Keller
- Catch Me If You Can!
  - Bernard Most
- Shoe Town
  - Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel
  - Illustrated by Janet Stevens

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Big Brown Bear is all blue!
What happened?

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