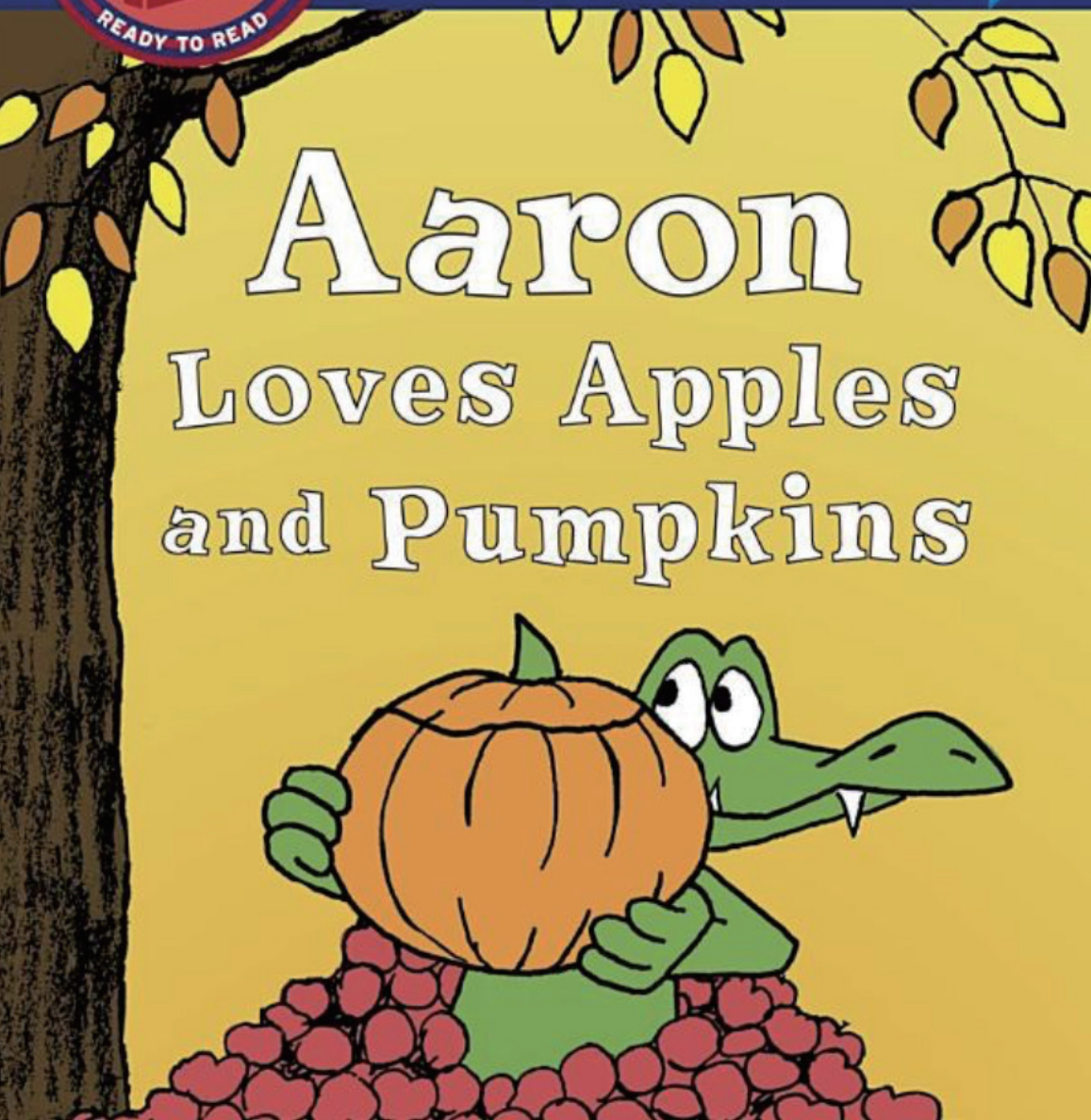


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READY TO READ



Aaron Loves Apples and Pumpkins



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- picture clues

For children who know the alphabet and are eager to begin reading.



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- short sentences
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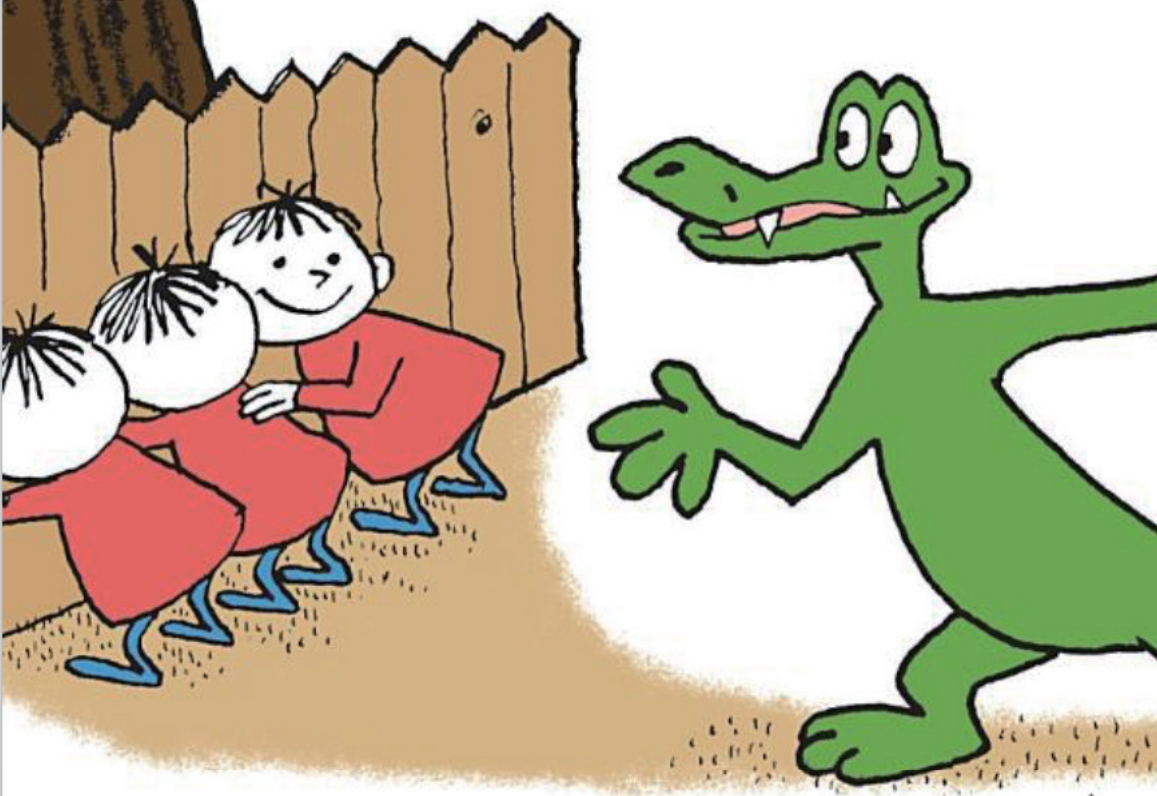


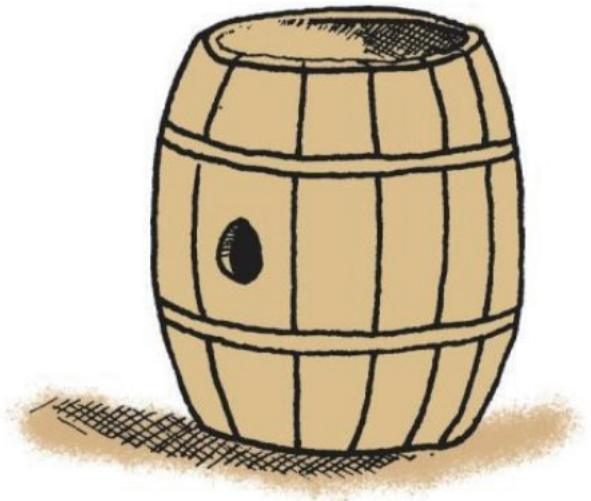
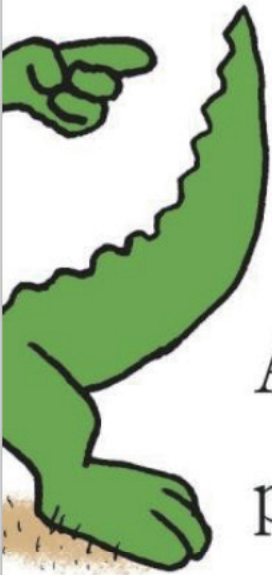
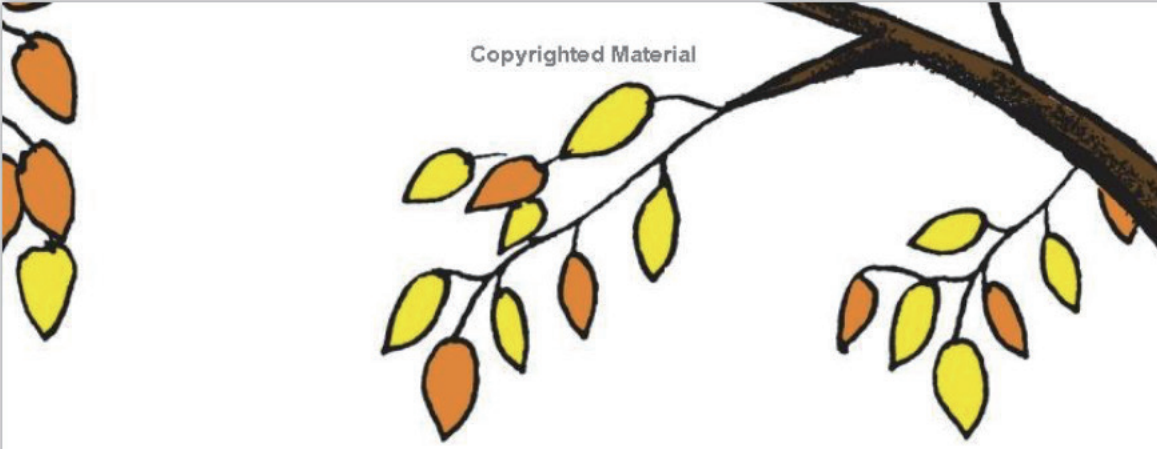
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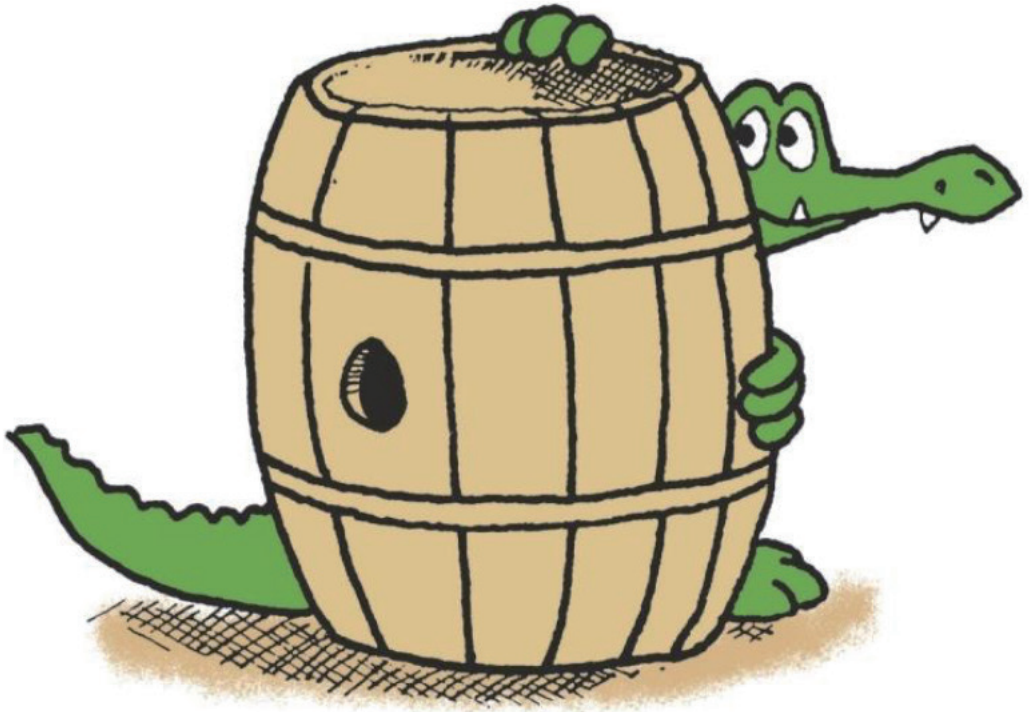
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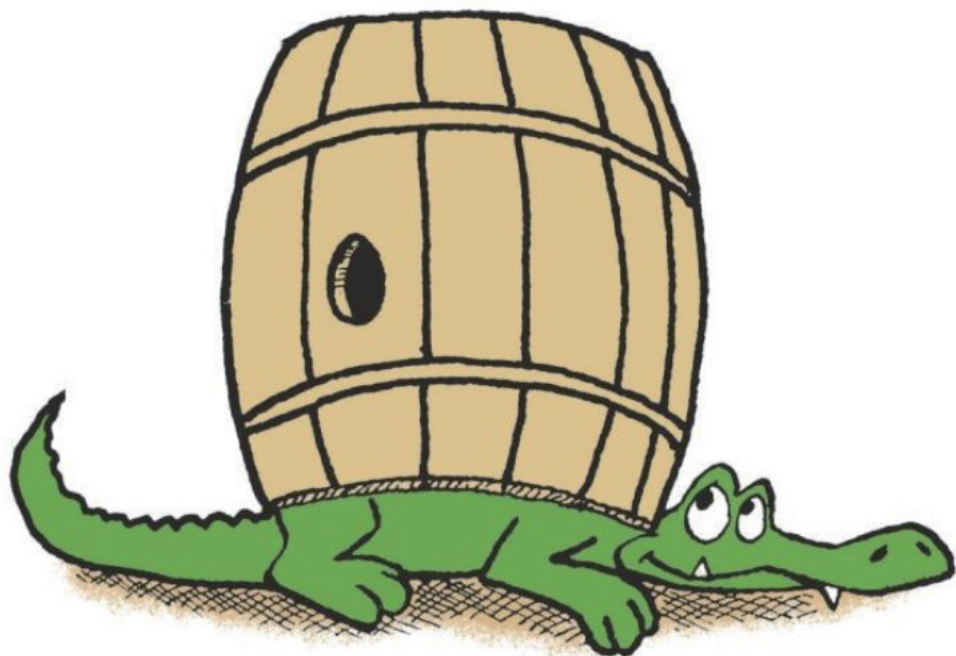




Aaron and his friends
play hide-and-seek.

Maybe he will hide
behind the barrel.





Maybe he will hide
under the barrel.

They found Aaron
in the barrel!



How did they know
he was in there?

