

# Big Shark, Little Shark, and the Missing Teeth



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## Dear Parents:

Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!

**STEP INTO READING®** will help your child get there. The program offers five steps to reading success. Each step includes fun stories and colorful art or photographs. In addition to original fiction and books with favorite characters, there are Step into Reading Non-Fiction Readers, Phonics Readers and Boxed Sets, Sticker Readers, and Comic Readers—a complete literacy program with something to interest every child.

### Learning to Read, Step by Step!



#### **Ready to Read** **Preschool–Kindergarten**

- big type and easy words
- rhyme and rhythm
- picture clues

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



#### **Reading with Help** **Preschool–Grade 1**

- basic vocabulary
- short sentences
- simple stories

For children who recognize familiar words and sound out new words with help.



#### **Reading on Your Own** **Grades 1–3**

- engaging characters
- easy-to-follow plots
- popular topics

For children who are ready to read on their own.



#### **Reading Paragraphs** **Grades 2–3**

- challenging vocabulary
- short paragraphs
- exciting stories

For newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.



#### **Ready for Chapters** **Grades 2–4**

- chapters
- longer paragraphs
- full-color art

For children who want to take the plunge into chapter books but still like colorful pictures.

**STEP INTO READING®** is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides; children will progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading. The F&P Text Level on the back cover serves as another tool to help you choose the right book for your child.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

*For Laetitia, Isabelle, Cyrus, Emeline,  
Frankie, Clara, Clark, and Elinor,  
who all have teeth  
—A.M.*

*To you, the reader—you're brilliant!  
Happy reading!  
—T.B.*

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Big Shark.

Big teeth.



Little Shark.  
Small teeth.





Big Shark has a  
loose tooth.



Pop!

It fell out!



Sharks lose teeth  
all the time.

Big Shark has lost  
a lot of teeth.



