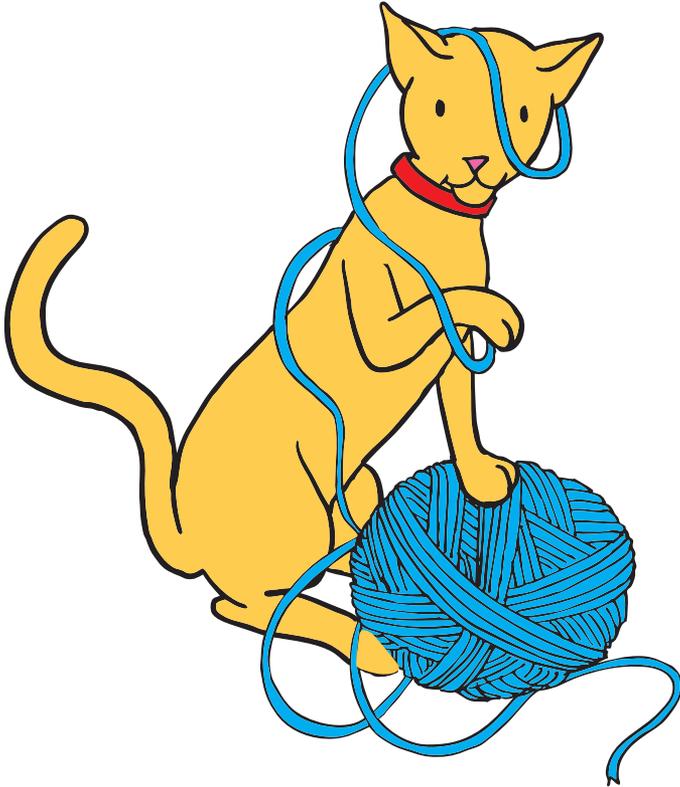




A
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Reader



Sam the Cat



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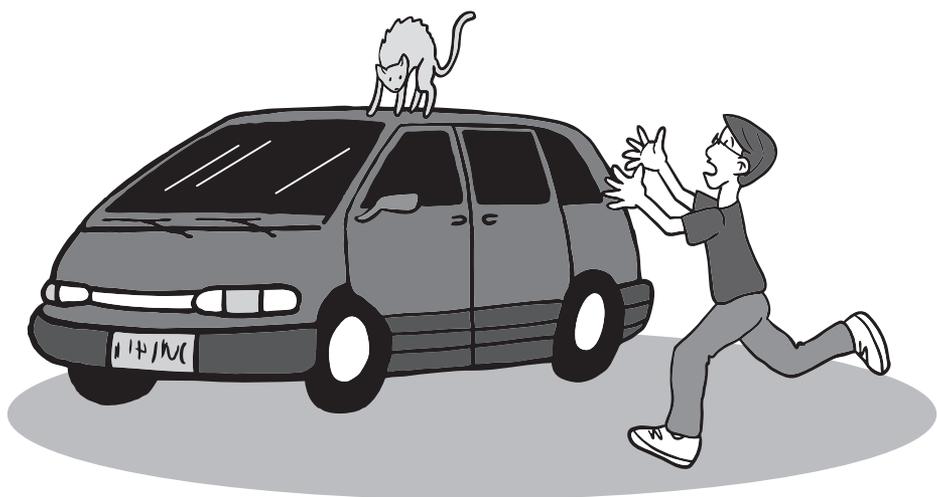
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Small Steps Series

This series of ten books was written to develop the young reader's ability to decode simple closed syllables with short vowels in connected and meaningful text. It reflects the mission of the CR Success Readers:

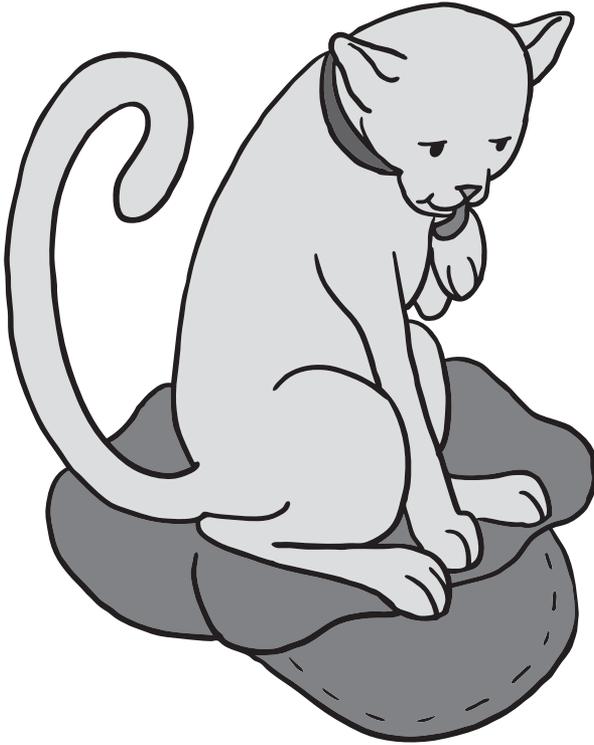
- To provide lively, engaging stories that capture the interest of readers and promote a love of reading.
- To present books that are decodable, based on the reader's developing knowledge of phonetic concepts.
- To advance the literacy abilities of students in a highly sequential manner.



Dad ran.

No, no! Not on the van!

No, Sam!



Sam sat.

Sam sat on a cap.



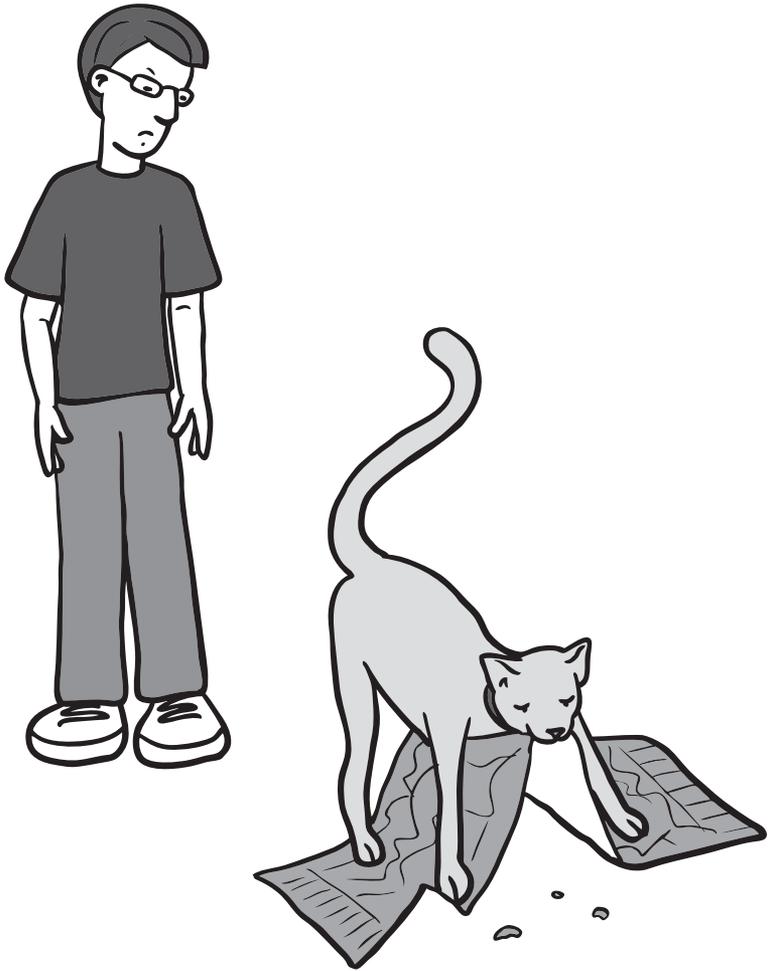
Dad ran.

No, no! Not on the cap!

No, Sam!



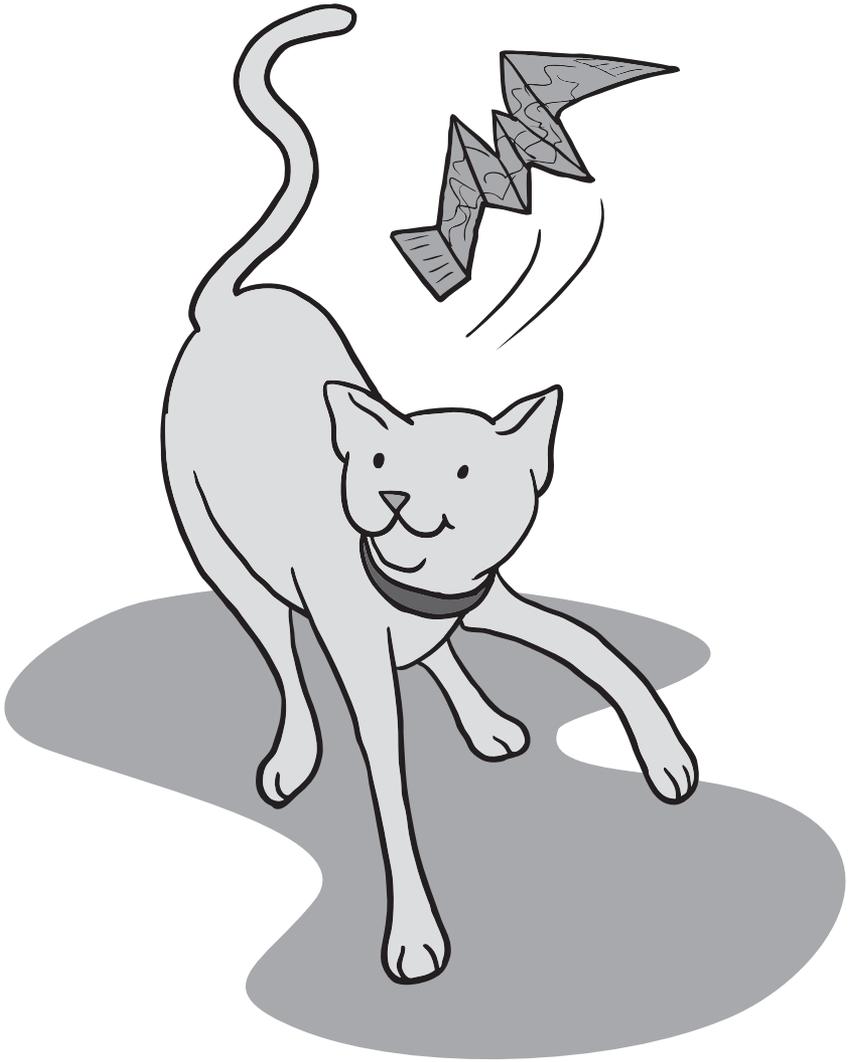
Sam ran.



Sam has a map.

Dad is sad.

No, no! No, Sam.



Sam ran.



Sam is in the jam.

Dad is mad.



No, no, Sam!

Sam ran.



Sam is on Dad's lap.

Dad can pat Sam.



Sam can nap.

Dad and Sam can nap.

Four Step Vocabulary

Closed Syllable Words with Short /a/

●	can	cap	Dad
▲	has	jam	lap
■	mad	map	nap
◆	pat	ran	sad
★	Sam	sat	van

Advanced Closed Syllable Words

●	and	in	is
▲	on	not	

T.R.I.C.K.y Words and Phrases

New T.R.I.C.K.y Words

a no the

Phrases

● Dad and Sam

▲ in the jam

■ is sad

◆ No, no!

★ not on the van

✕ on Dad's lap

✿ on a cap



This book is dedicated to...

Brian and Kelly, who make my world magical.

— Cheryl Rose Campbell

James and Jessica, who were my own joyful first graders.

— Staci Justus

Author Biographies



As a classroom teacher and literacy coach, Cheryl Rose Campbell has taught young children to read for many years. Currently, she is working on creating high-interest, decodable books for struggling readers, as well as professional tools for reading teachers and specialists. Books, stories, and the magical world of reading have been, and will always be, important in her life. She lives in Denver, Colorado, with her husband Brian.



Staci Justus, a first grade teacher, has been a leader at her school and in her district as a teacher of reading. This is the first series of high-interest, decodable books that she has written with Cheryl Campbell. Along with her delight in writing children's books, Staci is a passionate advocate for research-based reading instruction for all children. She lives in Aurora, Colorado.



Anna-Maria Crum wrote and illustrated her first book when she was seven years old. Since then she has illustrated over thirty-five books and written seventeen. She lives in Denver, Colorado, with her dog, Buster. They share their yard with coyotes, foxes, bunnies, great horned owls, red-tailed hawks, and recently, a deer.

Small Steps Series

- 1 Sam the Cat
- 2 Where Is Sam?
- 3 Too Hot
- 4 Liz Can Hop
- 5 Trim and Fit
- 6 Jim and Dad
- 7 Tux
- 8 The Big Box
- 9 The Fib
- 10 The Big Day

**Sam the cat likes to sit on
vans and maps. But Dad
must tell Sam, “No!” Will
Sam listen to Dad?**

