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Reviews

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The reviews section for this themed issue on Reading Recovery is combining the Professional Materials and the Books for Children sections into one. Since frequent reading of “little books” is a key element of a Reading Recovery lesson, the editor has asked those most involved with the materials to review them – teachers and children. The reviews by the children are included as they were submitted, with standard spelling following each review.

The Story Box. (1990). The Wright Group, 10949 Technology Place, San Diego CA 92127. The Complete Story Box, DSB118, 120 titles. US\$399.00.

Reviewed by Stephanie Brinkerhoff
and by first graders from
Green Meadow Elementary, Comstock Public Schools

In addition to implementing Reading Recovery, Comstock Public Schools recognized the concurrent need to build Reading Recovery supportive first grade classrooms. These beginning readers were to be involved in daily writing and immersed in reading books.

The *Story Box* was purchased for each first grade class and the impact of having a *Story Box* in each classroom has been felt by students, teachers and parents. The first graders are enthusiastic about reading a “whole book.” Parents enjoy listening to their child read when a little book comes home as “homework.” Teachers are viewing the collection as basic to the beginning reading program and not to be regarded as enrichment.

The first grade reviewers from Renna Brooks’ and Carol Perry’s Green Meadow Elementary classes had these comments about some favorite little books:

The Dragon. I like the dragon he is funnes! Sir Tim: I can't, your majesty. Not that dragon. 4 Mom.

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Little Brother. I like this book becoss it is neat and the uathor did a good job. It is about a grandma and a grandpa and the rast of the faemly and a little brother.

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What's that? My favorite little book is *What's That?* I like it coas the alene is asceing cwescinds. At the end he ses "What's that?" The boy sese "That's you!"

My favorite little book is *What's That?* I like it because the alien is asking questions. At the end he says "What's that?" The boy says "That's you!"

Birthdays. My favite book is *Birthdays.* I like it because the wives are foney the peopel are foney to. They are so foney very foney.

My favorite book is *Birthdays.* I like it because the wives are funny. The people are funny, too. They are so funny, very funny.

Mr. Whisper. My faverite book is *Mr. Whisper.* I liek Mr. Whispers wan he wispers so saft that the wimin can't heer him so she givs him big noise porridge. The End.

My favorite book is *Mr. Whisper.* I like Mr. Whisper when he whispers so soft that the woman can't hear him, so she gives him big noise porridge. The End.

Clever Mr. Brown. My favorite little book is *Clever Mr. Brown.* I like it because he is clever. One day he ad a very good iada.

My favorite little book is *Clever Mr. Brown.* I like it becuase he is clever. One day he had a very good idea.

Silly Mr. Fox. I love it. Big dogs ran after im. Up came the big dogs. He got away.

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