

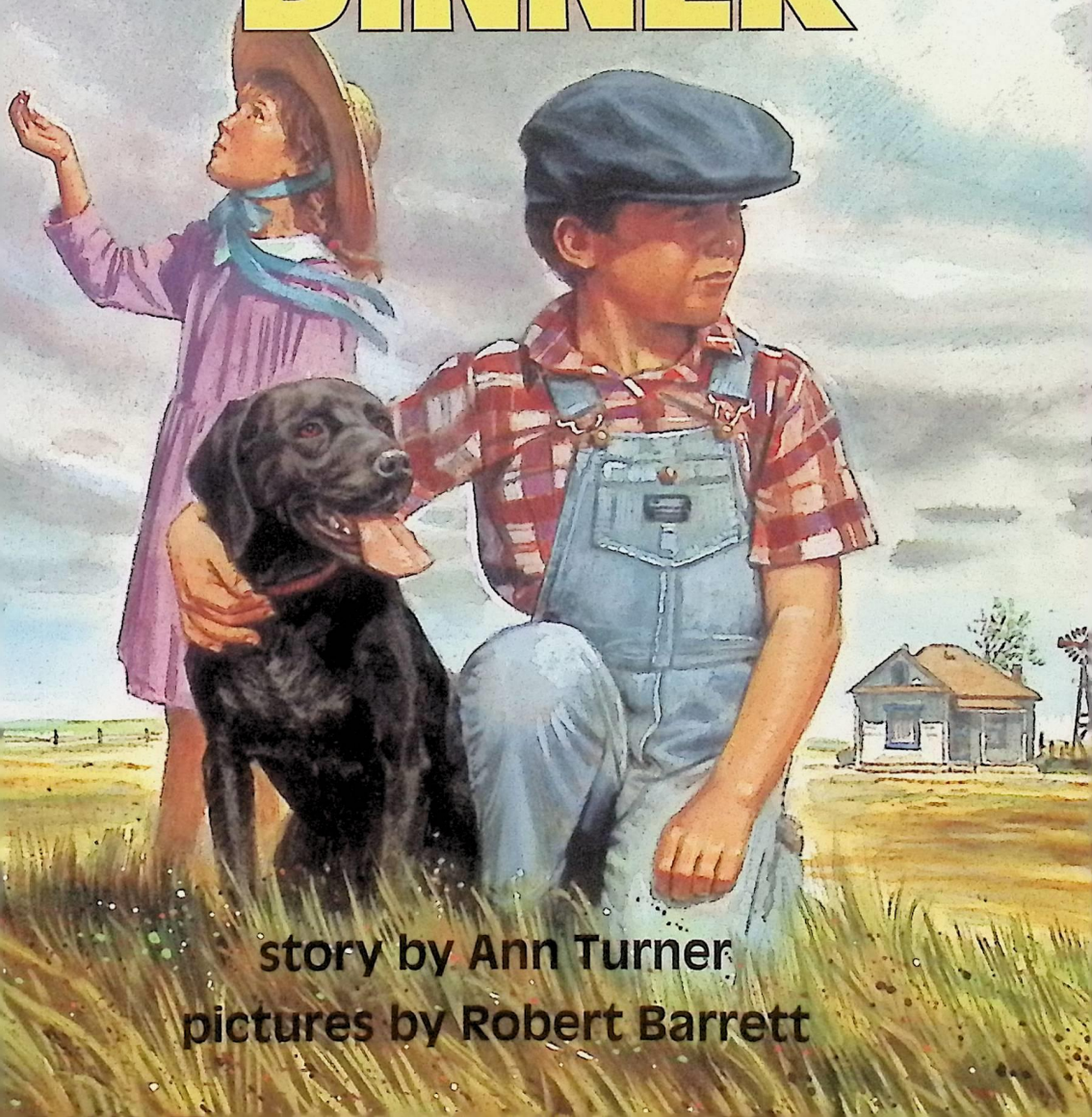
I Can Read!™

READING

3

ALONE

DUST FOR DINNER



story by Ann Turner

pictures by Robert Barrett

CONTENTS

Chapter 1	Dust Storm	5
Chapter 2	Sold!	20
Chapter 3	Moving	31
Chapter 4	Trouble!	40
Chapter 5	A House	50

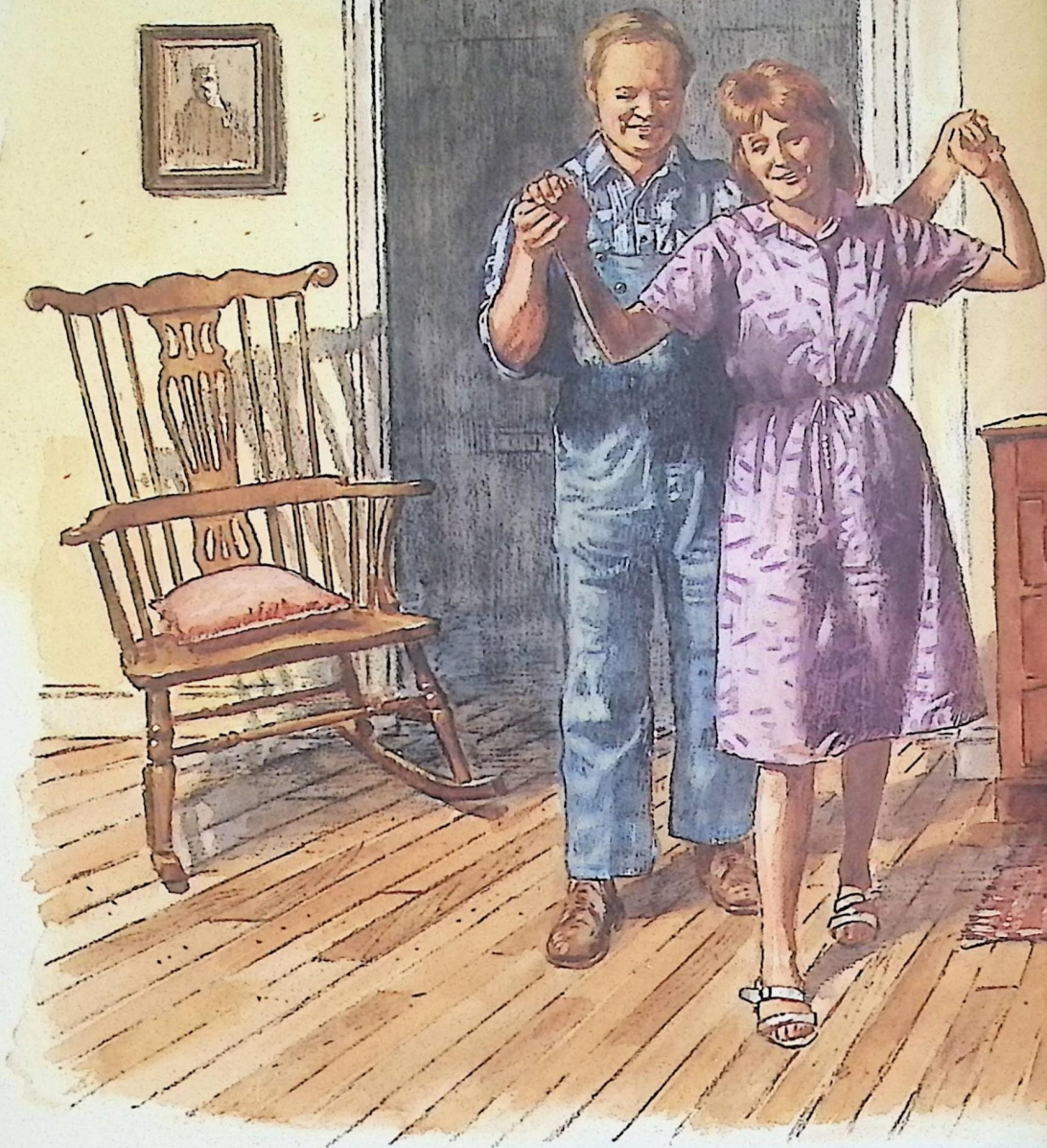


U.S.
MAIL

1 - DUST STORM

Once we lived in a little house
in a wide place.





Mama had a radio,
and we loved to dance at night.



Papa told me,

“You are growing like a weed, Jake!”

“I’m as tall as our corn,” I said.



But one year the rains stopped,
and the wind blew.

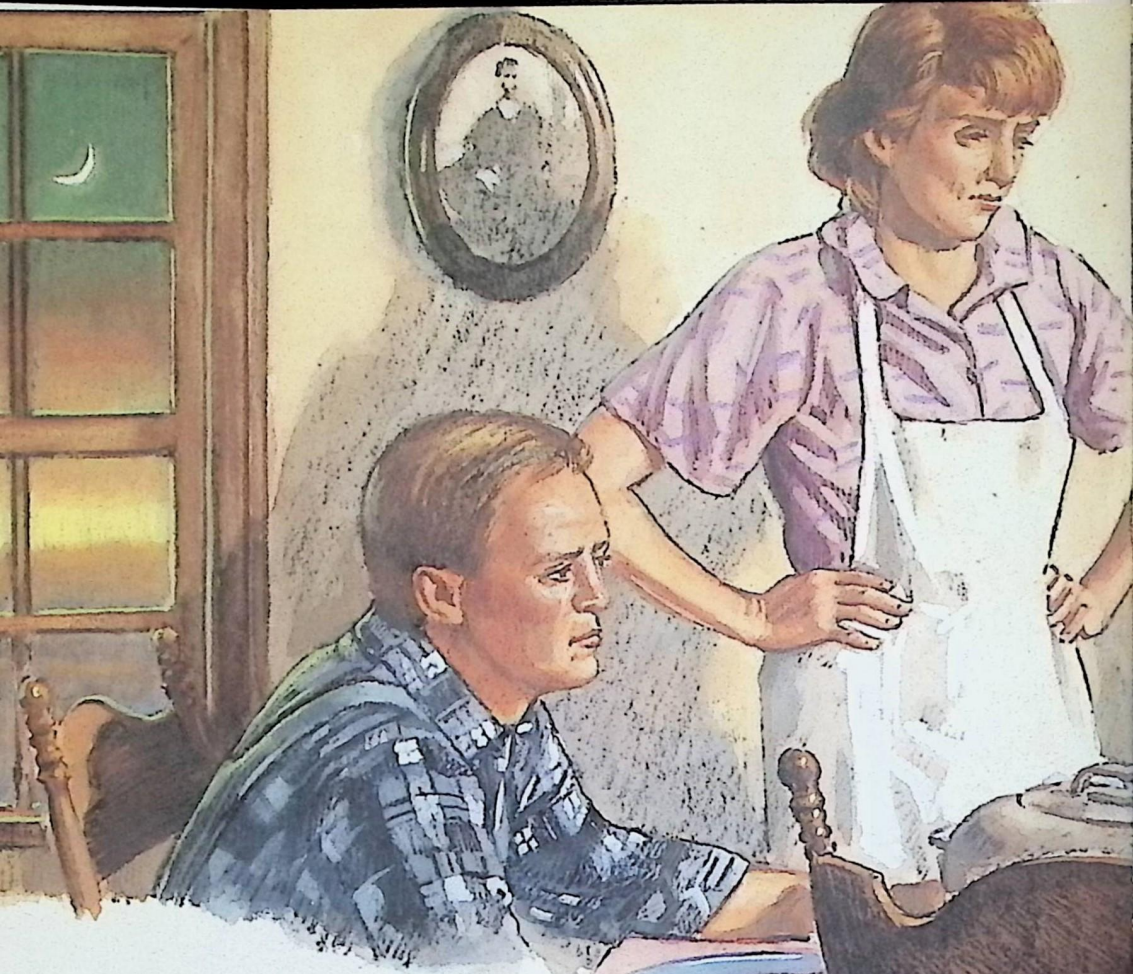
We did not listen
to the radio as much,
and we hardly ever danced.

“I wish our wheat grew
as fast as you, Jake,” Papa said.

“Where did the rain go?” Maggy asked.
Papa just shook his head.

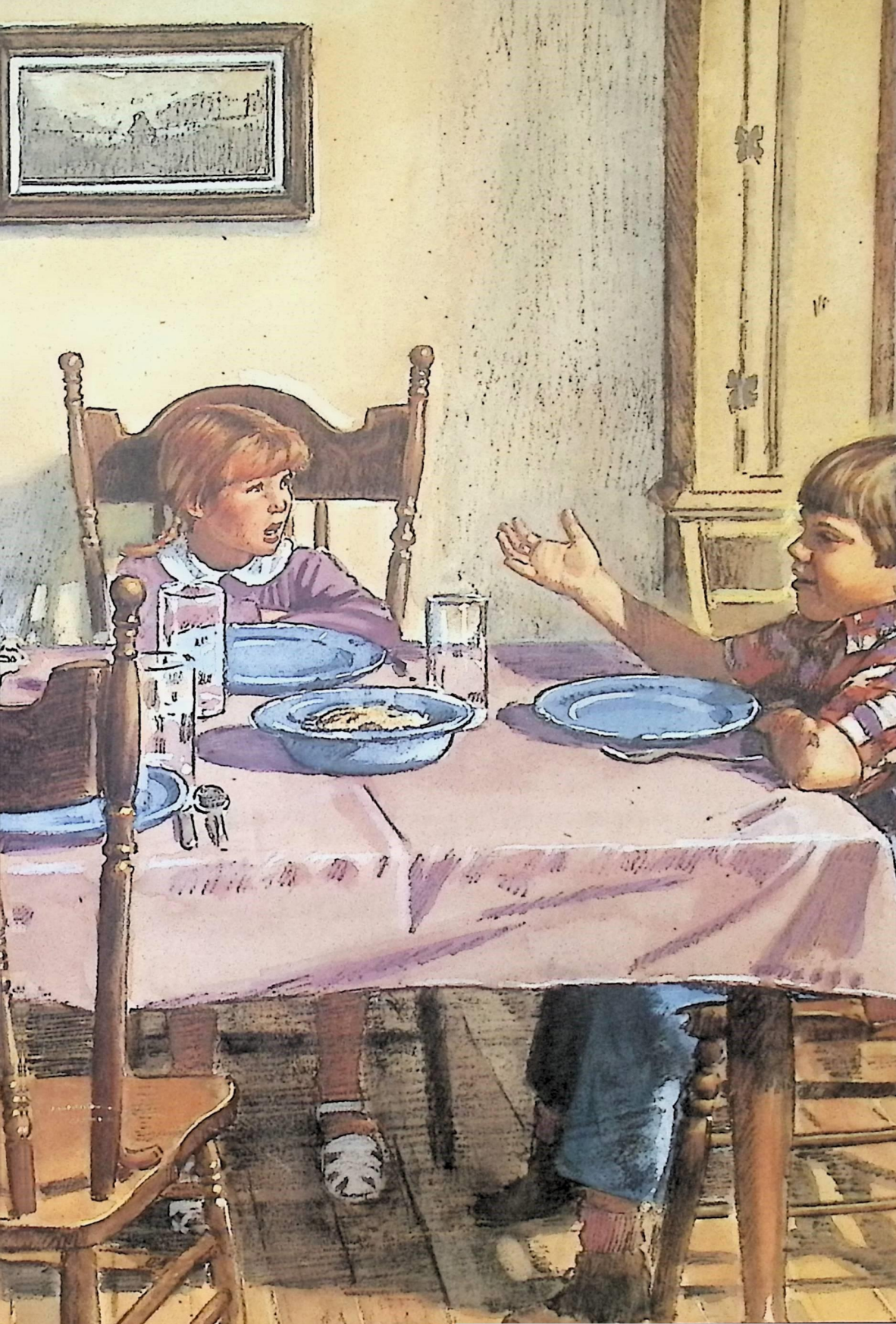
We looked at the sky and worried.





The wind blew dust
into the house,
and into our faces.

One night I said,
“We are having dust for dinner!”
but nobody laughed.





The next day the sky was dark.

“Listen to that thunder!”

Maggy cried.

The cows ran back and forth.

Sam barked and howled.

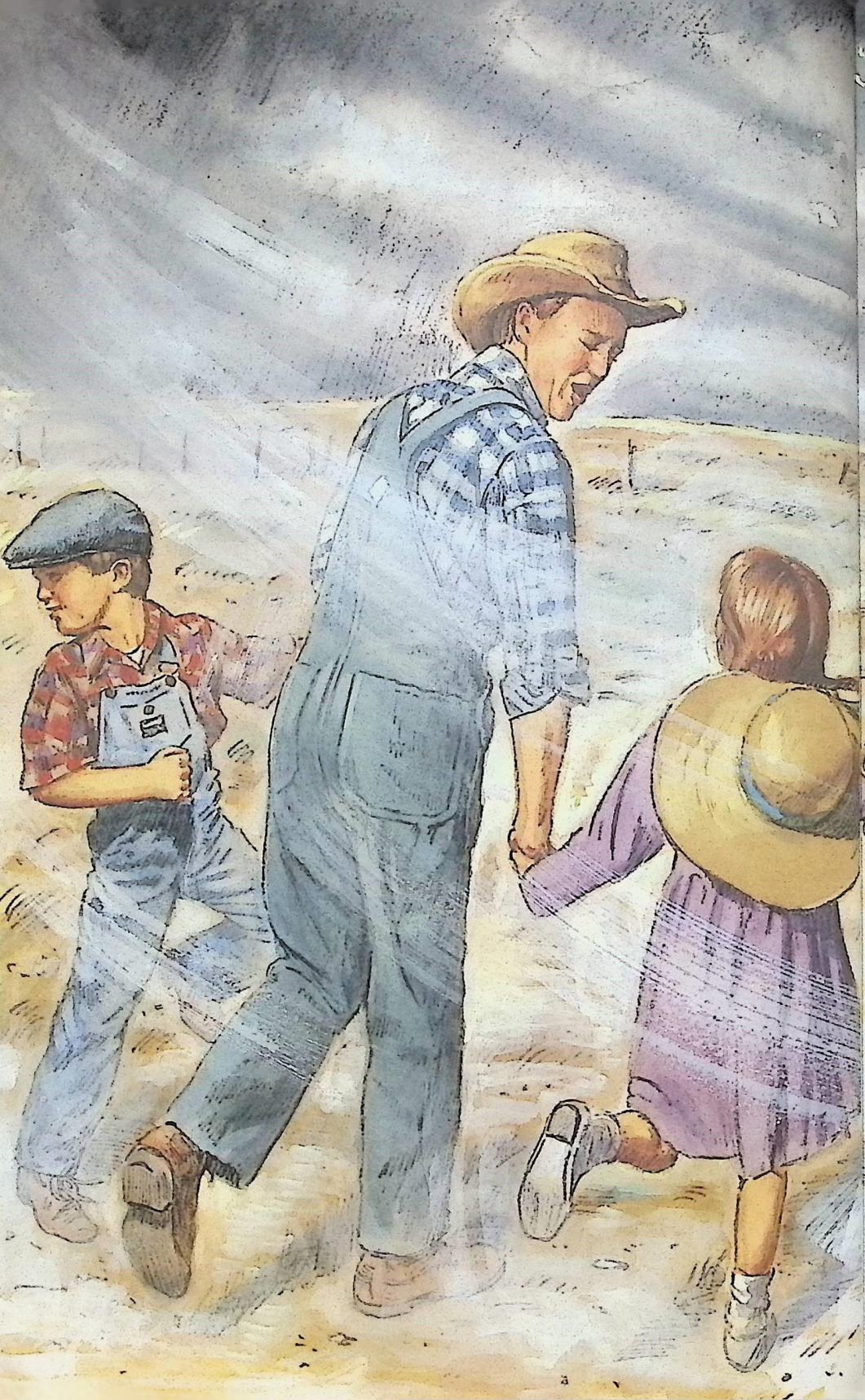


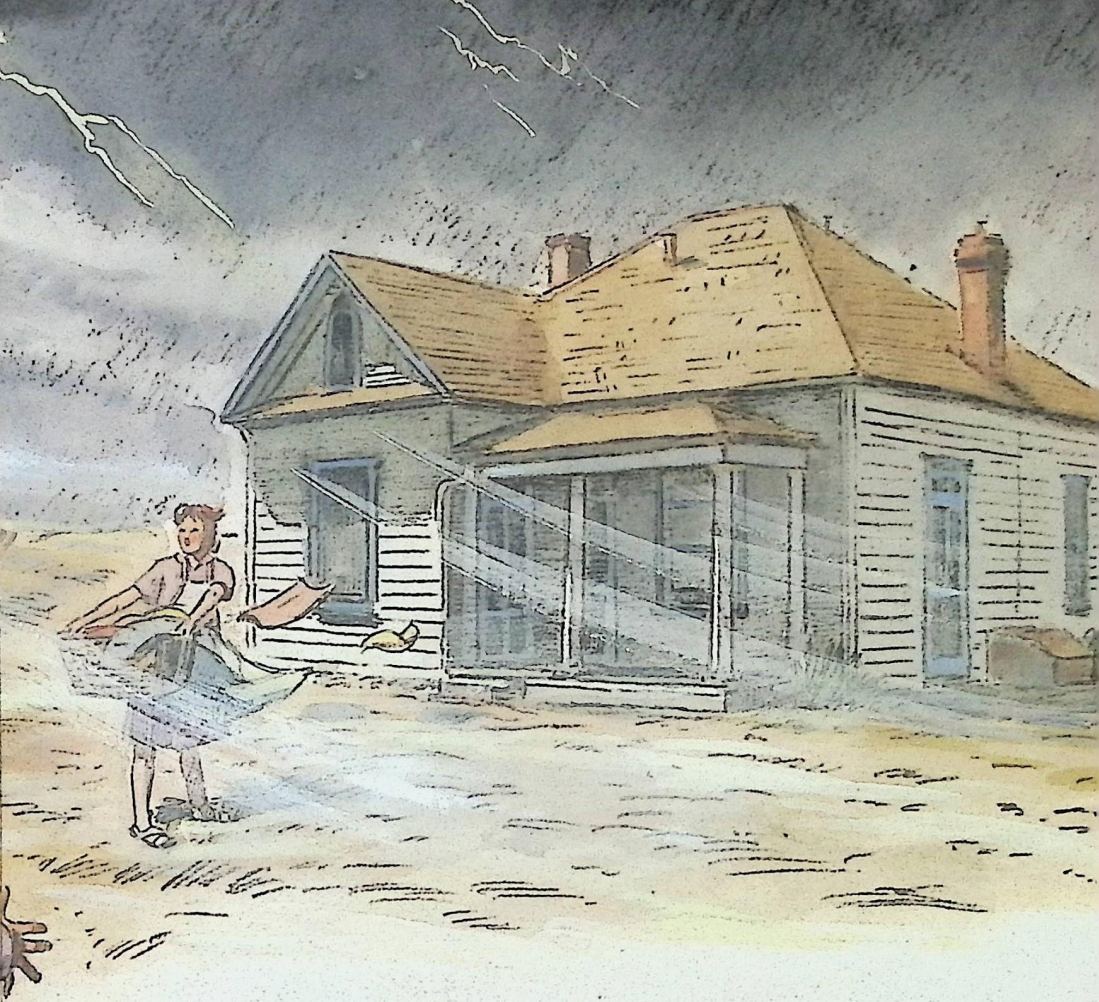
“A storm is coming!” Papa shouted.

“Quick! Help me put the animals
in the barn.”

“Maggy, don’t forget Snowball!”

I said.



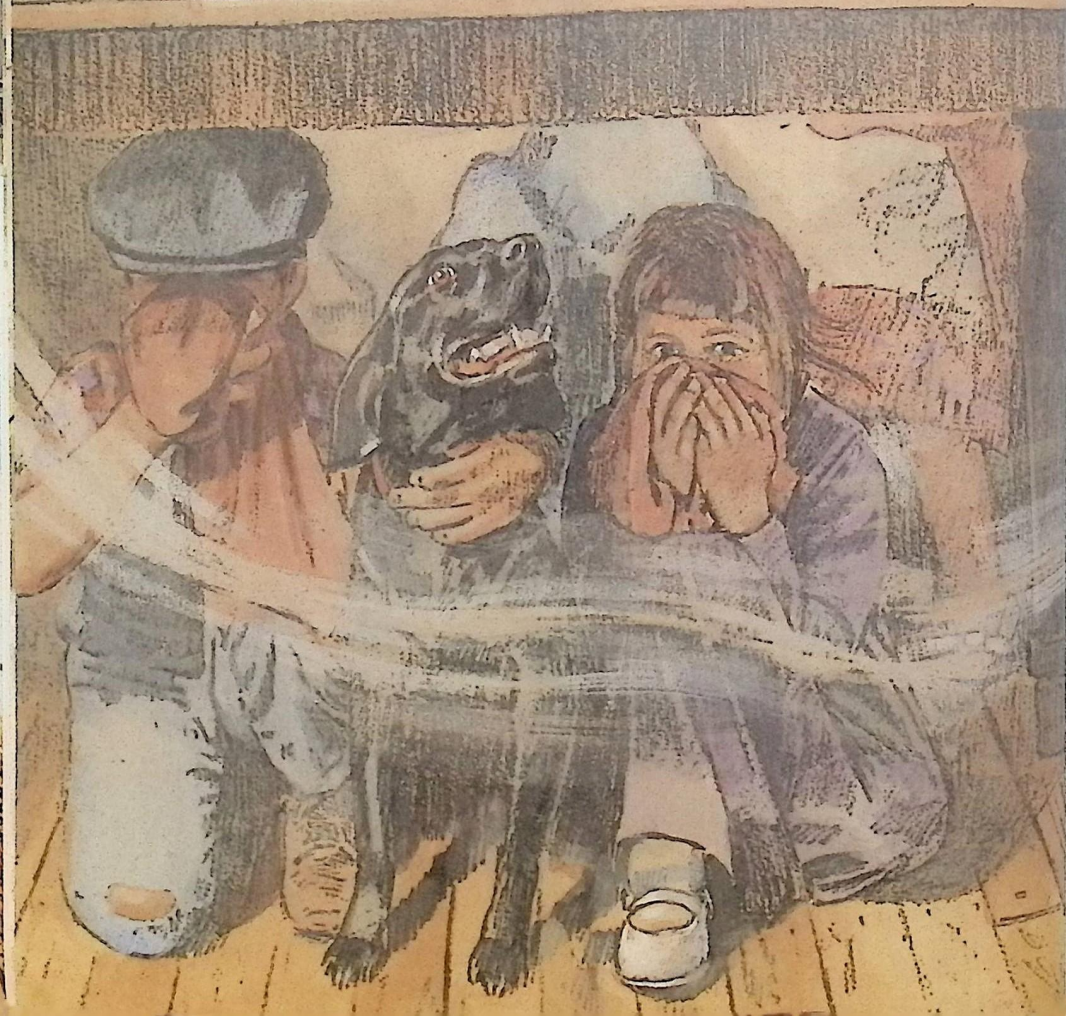


Then a black cloud
rolled over the land.

Lightning flashed.

“Run for the house!” Papa yelled.

The dust stung my face.



I Can Read!

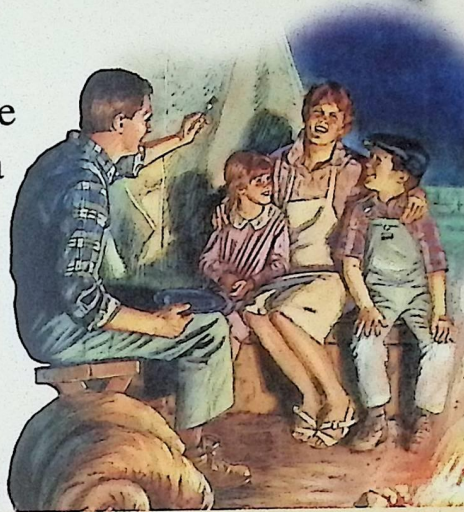
READING

3

ALONE

Jake and Maggy like life on the farm. Then the dust storms come and the crops are ruined, so Papa sells the farm.

Jake and Maggy don't know what they'll find when they get to California, but as long as the family stays together, everything will work out.



My
First

Ideal for sharing with emergent readers

1

Simple sentences for eager new readers

2

High-interest stories for developing readers

3

Complex plots for confident readers

4

The perfect bridge to chapter books

**For more information about the
I Can Read Book® series, see inside!**

GUIDED
READING
LEVEL

L

HARPER

An Imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers

www.icanread.com

Cover art © 1995 by Robert Barrett

www.harpercollinschildrens.com
BOOK NEWS, GAMES, CONTESTS, AND MORE

USA \$4.99 / \$5.99 CAN

ISBN 978-0-06-444225-1



9 780064 442251

5 0 4 9 9

