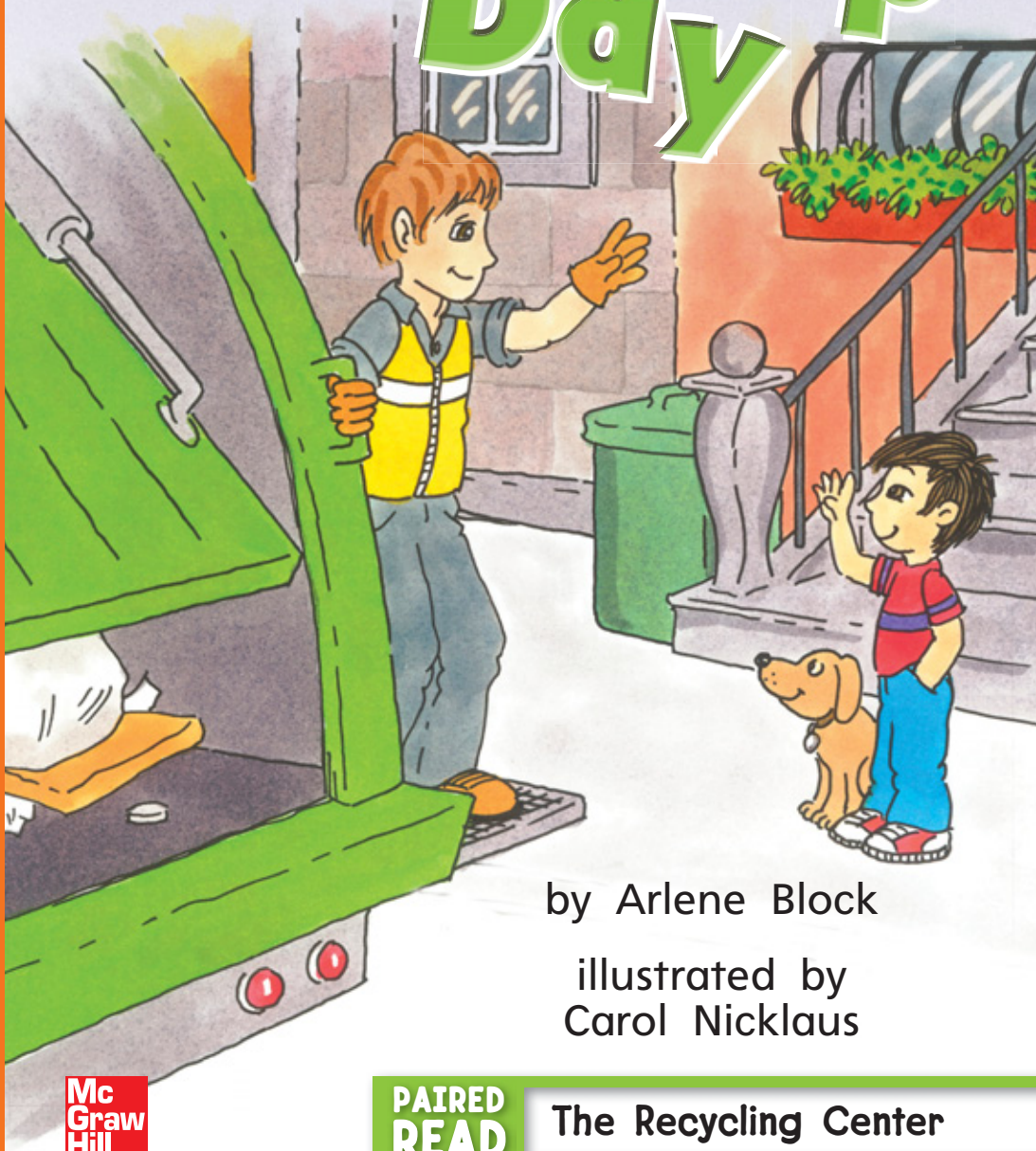
Realistic Fiction

Pick Up Day



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PAIRED READ

The Recycling Center

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STRATEGIES & SKILLS

Comprehension

Strategy: Make and Confirm Predictions

Skill: Character, Setting, Events

High-Frequency Words

again, help, new, there, use

Phonics

Short *e* spelled *e, ea*

Content Standards

Social Studies

Economics

Word count: 108**

**The total word count is based on words in the running text and headings only. Numerals and words in captions, labels, diagrams, charts, and sidebars are not included.

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CCSS **Genre** Realistic Fiction

Essential Question

What jobs need to be done in a community?

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Dad set out the can.
I sit on the step.

Sniff, sniff!
There is a bad smell!
Is it the trash?

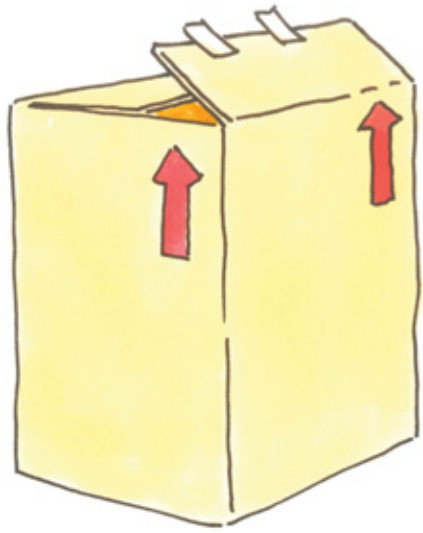
Clack! Bam!
A truck is up the block.

Here is the truck.
Ted is on it.

Ted can jump down.
He can get the can.
He can toss it in the trash.

What a mess!
Ted can use help.

Meg can help Ted
toss the bags.
They have a lot to do.
Ted and Meg sweat.



This box is big!
Can it fit?

Yes, the box can fit!
Ted pulls the rod.

The truck will get new trash.
It will fill up again.

Respond to Reading

Retell

Use your own words to retell events in *Pick Up Day*.

Character	Setting	Events

Text Evidence

1. Who are Ted and Meg?

   Character, Setting, Events

2. How does Meg help Ted? What does she do? Character, Setting, Events

3. How can you tell that *Pick Up Day* is realistic fiction? Genre

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Compare Texts

What happens to some trash after it is picked up?

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We can sort some trash.

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Make Connections

Look at both stories. How are they alike? Text to Text

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Focus on Genre

Realistic Fiction Realistic fiction is a made-up story. It tells about something that could happen in real life.

What to Look for The characters in *Pick Up Day* are like real people. The story happens in a place that seems real. The events could happen in real life.

Your Turn

Plan a realistic fiction story about a job in your community. List characters, a setting, and events that could be real.

Fiction

Thinkmark

Setting

Where did *Pick Up Day* take place?

Characters

Who are the characters in *Pick Up Day*?

Sequence of Events

What happened in this story? Tell what happened first, then, and finally.

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