

Helping a Bird

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“Chirp, chirp. Chirp, chirp.”
“Is that a bird?” asked Fern.



“Yes,” Bert whispered to his sister.
“It’s under this plant. It fell in the dirt.”

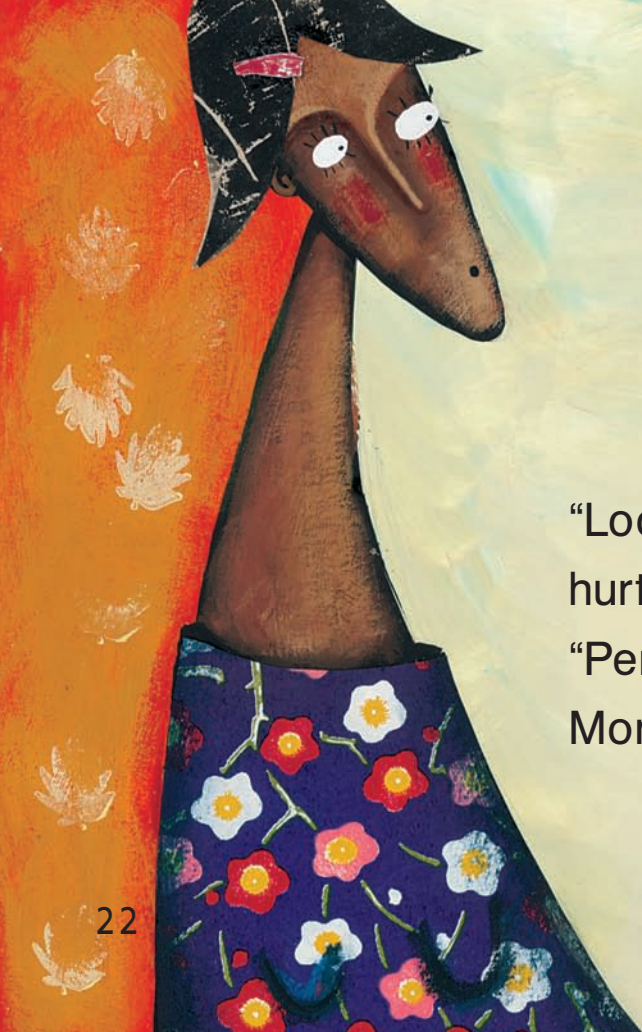


“Look at its leg,” Fern said.
“It can’t get up to fly.
It can’t sit on its perch.
Let’s help it.”



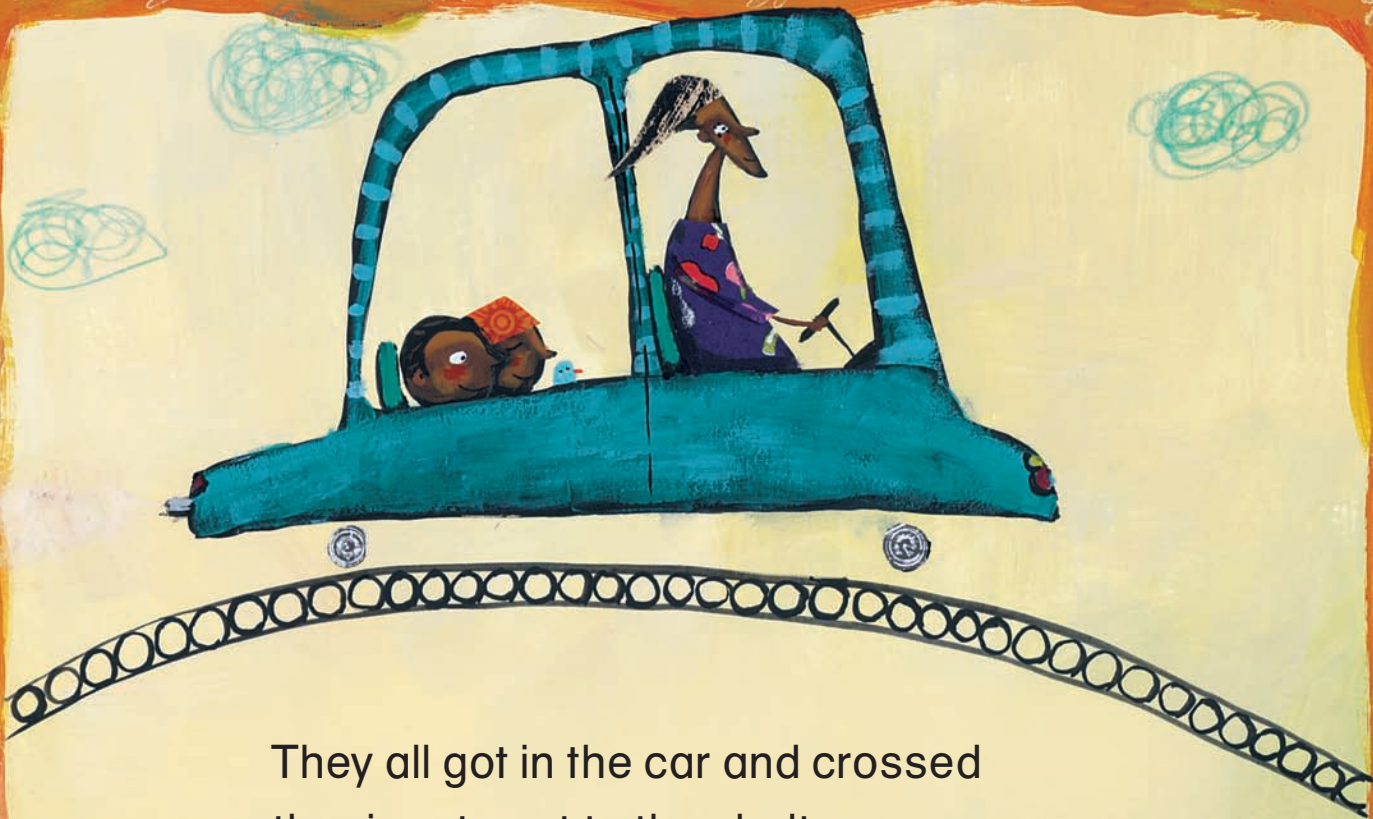
Fern held out her skirt. Bert slid the bird onto it.





“Look, Mom,” said Bert. “It’s a bird. It hurt its leg.”

“Perhaps the animal shelter can help,” Mom said. “First, I’ll tuck it in this shirt.”



They all got in the car and crossed
the river to get to the shelter.



“This is a perfect spot for the bird,” a man said. “We will let the bird go when it gets better!”

Burt's Bag

Word Count: 120

High-Frequency Words

go
going
have
he
my
now
one
said
to
was
what
you

Decodable Words*

a	first	is	stuffed
all	for	it	then
am	fun	let's	thing
and	fur	lift	this
bag	get	Mom	trucks
ball	Gramps	not	turn
better	grin	pack	visiting
big	had	packed	went
burst	hat	pants	will
can	his	pick	with
cars	hurt	shirts	yelled
Burt	I	soccer	
did	if	started	
dog	in	stuff	

*Words with /ûr/ur appear in **boldface** type.

King Curtis and Shirl

Word Count: 127

High-Frequency Words

day
have
he
now
of
one
said
the
to
too
you
your

Decodable Words*

a	felt	king	will
and	get	land	with
as	gets	leg	yard
asked	had	must	
bed	has	not	
better	hat	or	
big	help	rest	
but	her	sad	
can	his	Shirl	
curls	hurt	still	
Curtis	I	then	
dad	in	tripped	
dad's	is	turned	
fell	job	up	

*Words with /ûr/ur appear in **boldface** type.

Helping a Bird

Word Count: 122

High-Frequency Words

animal
fly
go
look
onto
out
said
the
they
to
we

Decodable Words *

a
all
and
asked
at
Bert
better
bird
can
can't
car
chirp
crossed
dirt
fell
Fern
first
for
get
gets
got
held
help
helping
her
his
hurt
I'll

in
is
it
it's
its
leg
let
let's
man
Mom
on
perch
perfect
perhaps
plant
river
shelter
shirt
sister
sit
skirt
slid
spot
that
this
tuck
under
up

when
whispered
will
yes

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