



DECODABLE BOOK 22



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Paul and Maggie

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Paul's day started at dawn each morning. It always started with a soft tap from his cat, Maggie.

Maggie gently tapped Paul with her paw until he woke up. She tapped softly, never using her claws. It was her way of saying, "Good morning."

Paul would always yawn and stretch.
Then he and Maggie would go outside
to play.





As the morning sunlight sprawled over the lawn, Paul and Maggie would play. Paul had taught Maggie how to catch her cat toy. Maggie caught it with her paws. It was a fun way to begin each day.

Then one morning, Paul did not feel a gentle tap, tap, tap. Maggie was not there!

When Paul woke, he ran into the kitchen. Maggie's saucer of food was not eaten. Then he saw an open window. Maggie must have crawled out of it.





Paul went back upstairs. On his desk was a drawing of Maggie. Paul felt awful when he looked at it.

Paul knew that Maggie did not have a collar. If people found her, they would not know where Maggie lived.

“This is my fault,” Paul said sadly.
“Maggie should have had a collar with her name on it.”





Just then, Paul heard a knock. It was Mr. Dawson. He lived next door. Mr. Dawson had Maggie in his arms.

“I found Maggie in my house,” Mr. Dawson said. “She must have crawled in my window.”

Paul was glad. Later, he went out and got Maggie a collar. Then he wrote her name on it just to be safe.



Paw Prints

by Susan Bauer

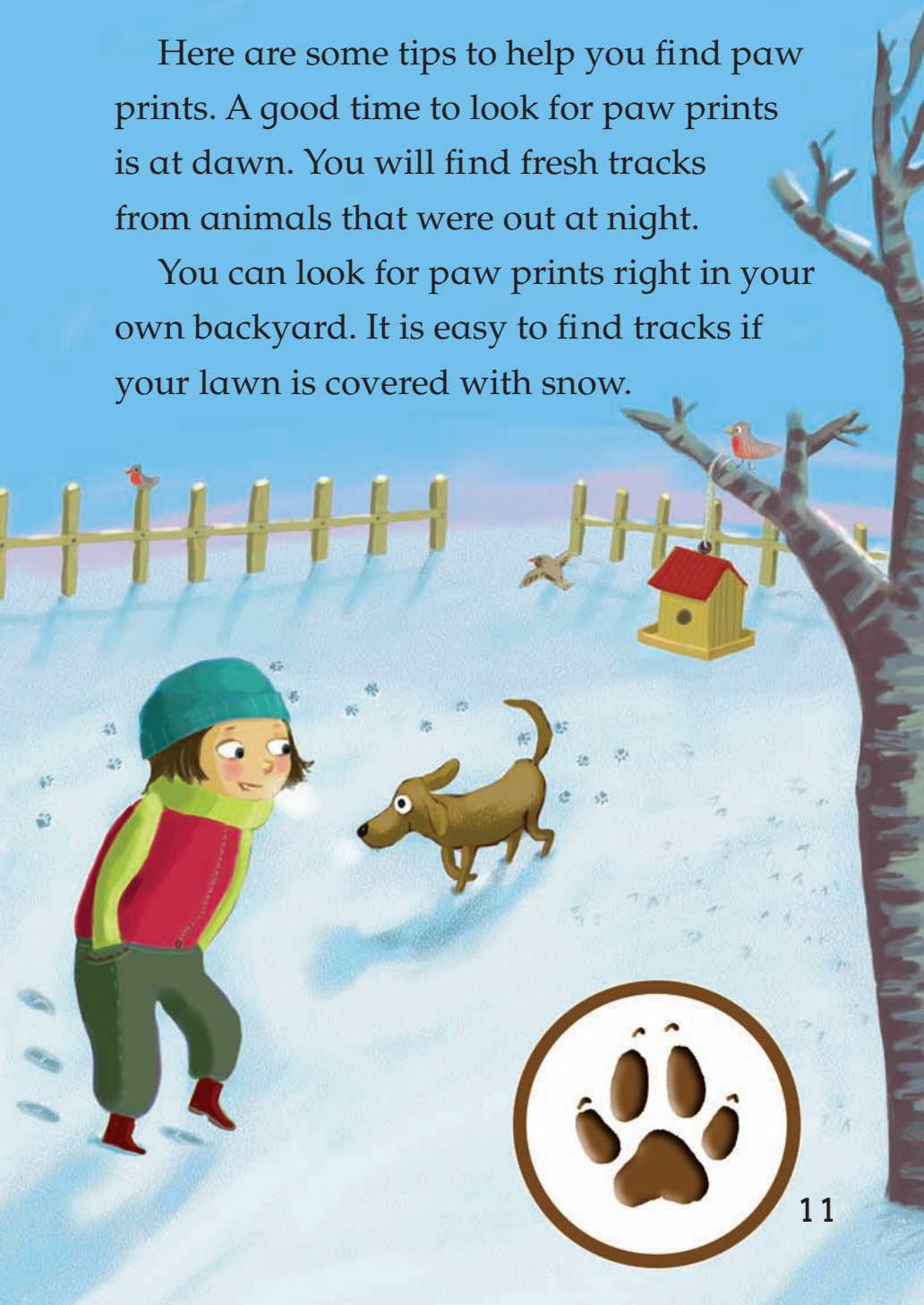
illustrated by
Anne-Sophie Lanquetin



Have you ever found paw prints in the sand or snow? If you ever saw paw prints before, you might know that these paw prints are clues. Looking at paw prints can tell you which animals left them behind.

Here are some tips to help you find paw prints. A good time to look for paw prints is at dawn. You will find fresh tracks from animals that were out at night.

You can look for paw prints right in your own backyard. It is easy to find tracks if your lawn is covered with snow.





If you find a paw print, count the number of toes it has. The paws of a fox, cat, or dog have four toes on the front feet. Their paws have four toes on the back feet, too.

Chipmunks, skunks, and bears have four toes on their front paws, just like dogs and cats. They have five toes on their back paws.



Sometimes paw prints have little marks in front of them. These are claw marks. Skunks, foxes, and dogs have claws on their feet that you can see in their paw prints.





Rabbits make funny kinds of paw prints. Rabbits hop fast, wishing not to get caught by bigger animals. As rabbits hop, their bigger back paws land in front of their front paws.



Now that this book has taught you about paw prints, look for some near your home. See if you can guess the kinds of animals that left these paw prints behind. With what you know, it should be easy.

Paul and Maggie

Word Count: 262

High-Frequency Words

always
door
from
have
into
lived
Mr.
my
of
one
people
said
there
they
to
was
where

Decodable Words*

a	feel
an	felt
and	food
arms	found
as	fun
at	gentle
awful	gently
back	glad
be	go
begin	good
cat	got
catch	had
caught	he
claws	heard
collar	her
crawled	his
dawn	house
Dawson	how
day	I
desk	if
did	in
drawing	is
each	it
eaten	just
fault	kitchen

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Decodable Words*

knew	sadly	way
knock	safe	went
know	saucer	when
later	saw	window
lawn	saying	with
looked	she	woke
Maggie	should	would
Maggie's	soft	wrote
morning	softly	yawn
must	sprawled	
name	started	
never	stretch	
next	sunlight	
not	tap	
on	tapped	
open	taught	
out	that	
outside	the	
over	then	
Paul	this	
Paul's	toy	
paw	until	
paws	up	
play	upstairs	
ran	using	

**Boldface words indicate sound-spelling introduced in this story.*

Paw Prints

Word Count: 262

High-Frequency Words

are
bears
by
covered
from
guess
have
here
of
some
sometimes
their
they
to
toes
too
were
what

Decodable Words*

a	easy
about	ever
and	fast
animals	feet
as	find
at	five
back	for
backyard	found
be	four
before	fox
behind	foxes
bigger	fresh
book	front
can	funny
cat	get
cats	good
caught	has
chipmunks	help
claw	home
claws	hop
clues	if
count	in
dawn	is
dog	it
dogs	just

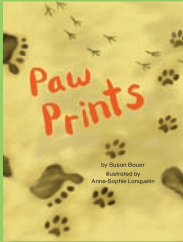
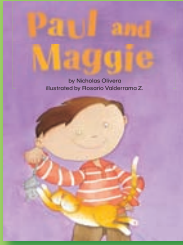
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Decodable Words*

kinds	rabbits
know	right
land	sand
lawn	saw
left	see
like	should
little	skunks
look	snow
looking	taught
make	tell
marks	that
might	the
near	them
night	these
not	this
now	time
number	tips
on	tracks
or	which
out	will
own	wishing
paw	with
paws	you
print	your
prints	

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