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New Vocabulary

sturdy: strong or wellmade

trapeze: a bar hanging high in the air used by acrobats

Let's Read!

Scan the QR code to watch a fun 2-minute video about the book.



Wilbur's mom is giving him a surprise trip to see trapeze artists!

She had told Wilbur about her first time seeing the trapeze artists, and now it was Wilbur's turn!



At the rope, a woman in a red shirt and a black skirt says, "Hello, sir! First, do you have tickets?"

Wilbur's mom furnishes the tickets from her purse. The woman confirms them and lifts the velvet rope.



Wilbur runs and turns to see the setup.

A white carpet covers the dirt and grass. Tall, sturdy ladders are on the sides. Trapeze artists twirl and whirl with a curved net under them.



The tent darkens.

"It's starting!" Wilbur chirps.

Wilbur's lips curve into a smile as he runs over to his mom. He squirms in his place.



The performers are at the top of the ladders. Wilbur sees their hands curled with a firm grip on the trapeze.

They swing across in flips and twirls. Their whirls are almost a blur, turning them into swirls.



The artists hurl from their partners' arms. They twirl in a burst of flips like swirling birds and land on the net!

Wilbur stands and claps.

"Amazing!" he blurts out. "And they aren't hurt!"



Wilbur looks at the trapeze and turns to hug his mom.

"Thanks, Mom. This was the best surprise ever!" he says. "It can't hurt to return and see them twirl like birds again!"



Phonics Fun

Write 2 sentences using words from the word list in the book.

Comprehension

What was the problem in the book? How was it solved?



AB CD Decodable Words

bird blur blurt burst

chirp

confirm

curl

curve

dirt firm

first

furnish hurl return shirt skirt sir squirm

hurt

purse

surprise

swirl

turn

twirl

whirl

Wilbur



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