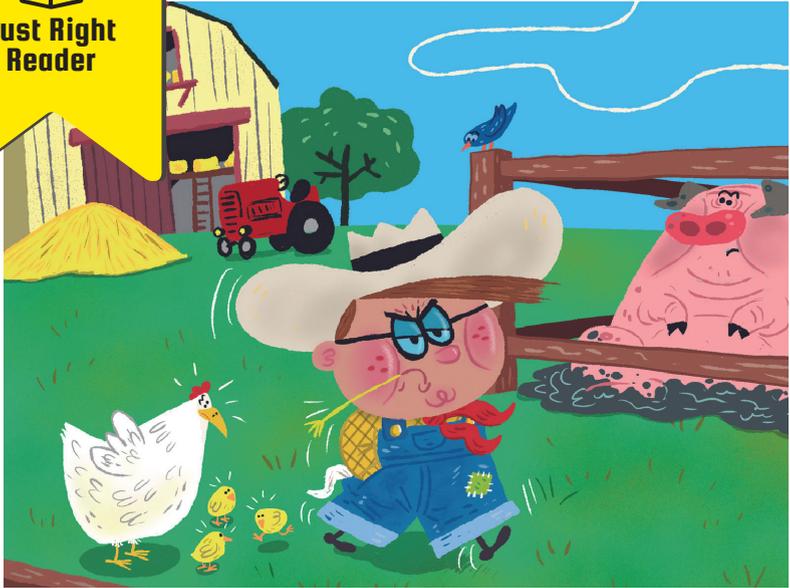




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Grow Your Phonics Skills!

Look for the diphthongs



Try these decodable words!

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hound

scowl

New Vocabulary

sprout: to start to grow

Let's Read!

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



Have you ever seen Cowboy Calvin?
He has dark brown hair and big
eyes like an owl. His brow is
scrunched like he is about to growl.
And his round face always has a
frown. That is why he is called “The
Scowling Cowboy” all over town!



Cowboy Calvin lives in the house just down the road from the playground. You can often find him out on the plow, or looking for a new sprout in his garden on the farm. Other times, he is walking around town, staring at the clouds, or counting the flowers on his land.



Now why does Cowboy Calvin always have a scowl? Because he is a cowboy without a cow!

“Today, I will find my lost cow,” he says.

He makes a vow.

“I will look around all over town until she is found! But how will I ever find her in this big town?” he says.



First, he goes downtown to gather a crowd to help. He rounds up a team to look around just south of his house.



He sends the team to scout the ground near the tower. Then, he hears a sound behind him. Is it his missing cow?



SQUEAK!

No, it is just a mouse. Cowboy Calvin frowns. Then, he hears a howl. But, it is just the old hound.

POW! He stubs his toe on a round rock.

“Ouch!” he says as he bounces up and down on one foot.

Just as Cowboy Calvin is about to give up...



OUCH!

“We found her!” he hears some people yell in the background.

He has a proud smile as he runs downhill to the noise. He wipes his brow and lets out a loud shout.

“WOW! They found my cow!”

Now his scowl is gone forever.





Phonics Fun

- Set a timer for 1 minute.
- With a partner, write as many ow, ou words as you can.
- When the timer goes off, count your words.



Comprehension

Why do you think the author chose to solve the problem by having Calvin go downtown?



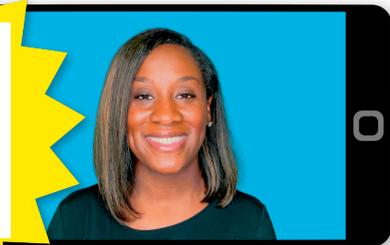
Decodable Words

about	cowboy	growl	out	shout
around	crowd	hound	owl	sound
background	down	house	playground	south
bounce	downhill	how	plow	sprout
brow	downtown	howl	pow	tower
brown	flower	loud	proud	town
cloud	found	mouse	round	vow
count	frown	now	scout	without
cow	ground	ouch	scowl	wow



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