

# Books & Selection



## Inspiring a Love of Books and Reading

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library puts books into the hands and hearts of children across the world. The Imagination Library books are specially-selected, age-appropriate, high-quality books that are delivered to registered children each month from birth to age five. These books are personalized with the child's name and mailed directly to the child's home to create a gifting experience that makes books exciting and shows the child someone is thinking of them.

Title-Specific Reading Tips

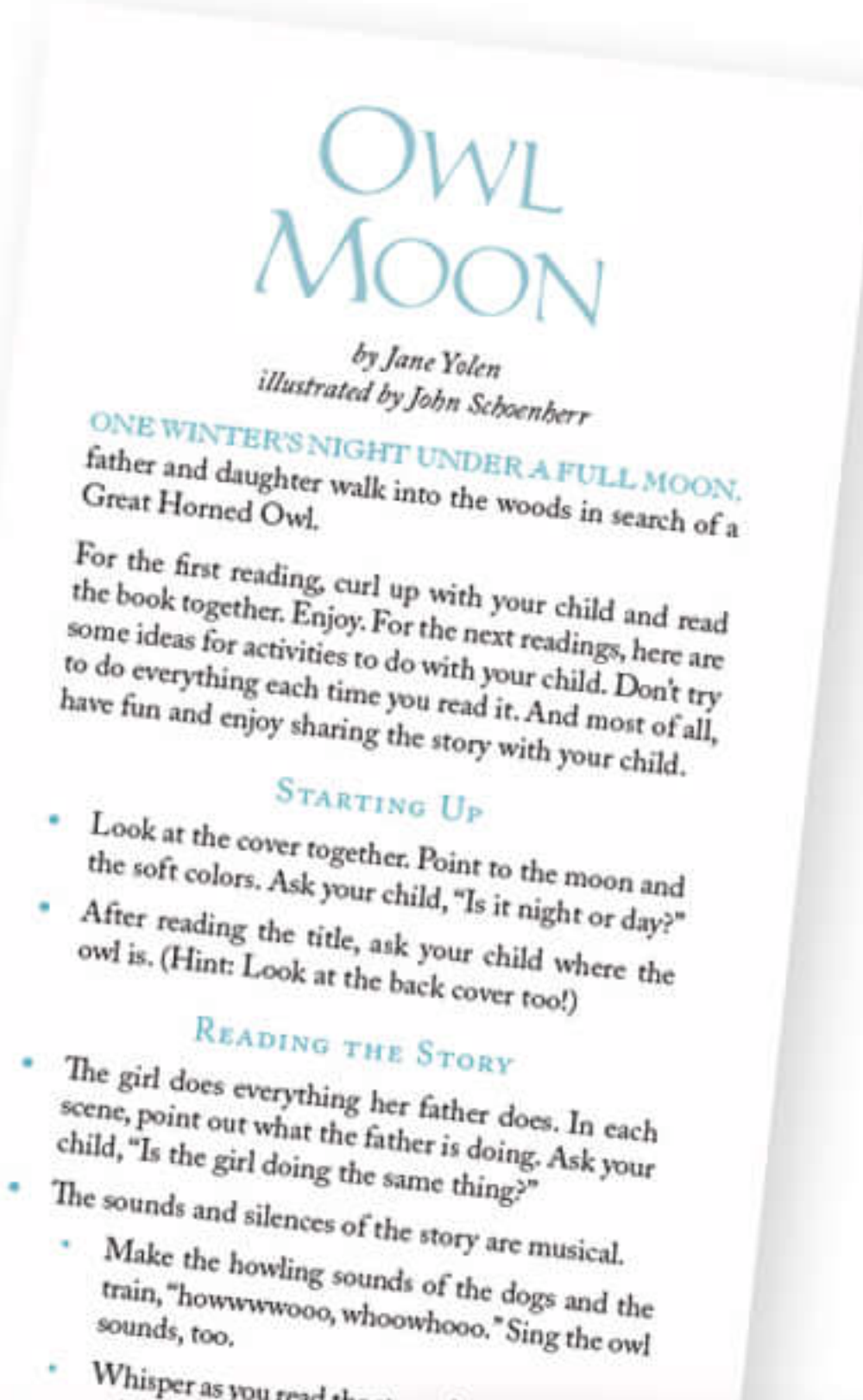
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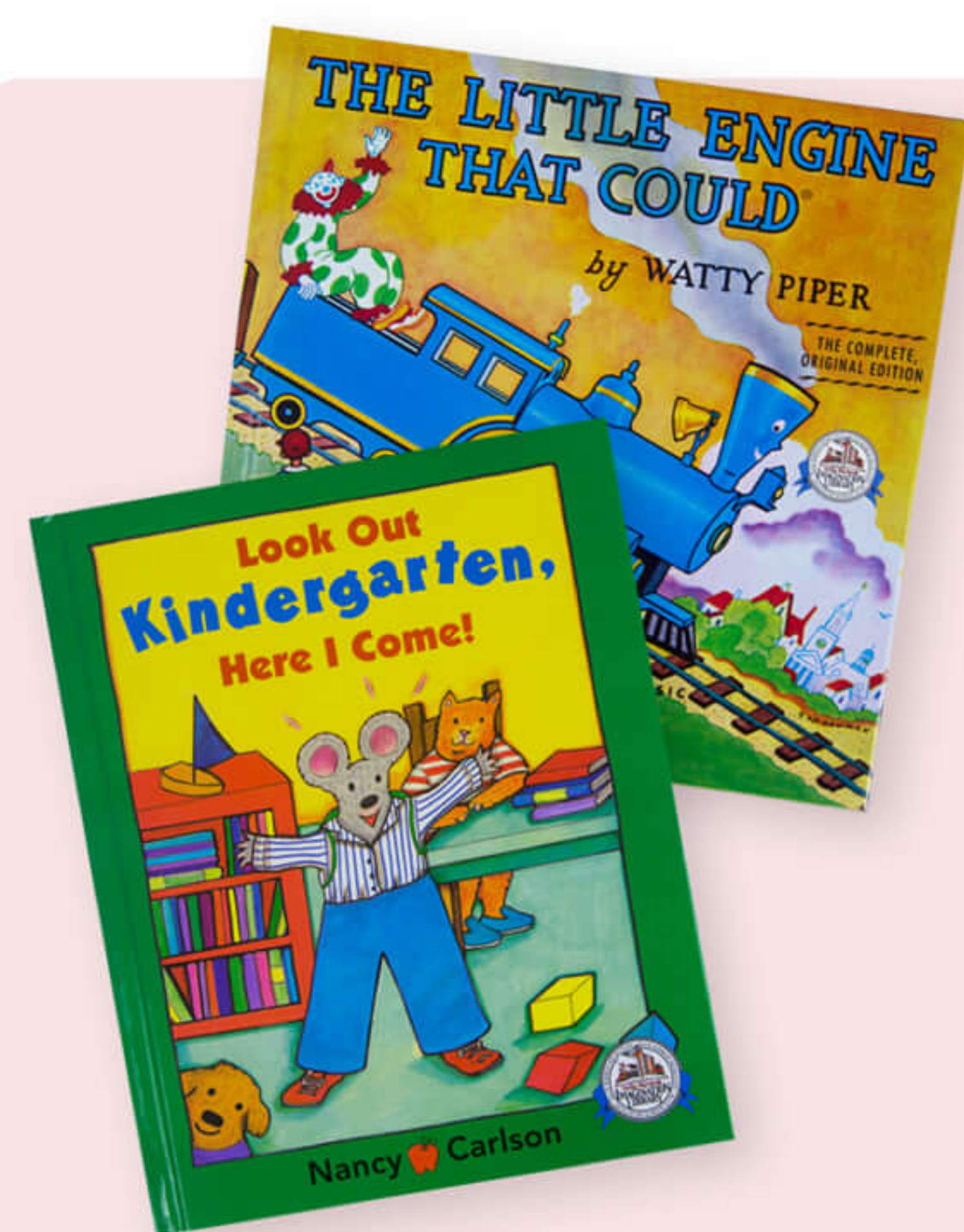
Progressive Format



Each title is specially selected by a panel of leading childhood literacy experts.

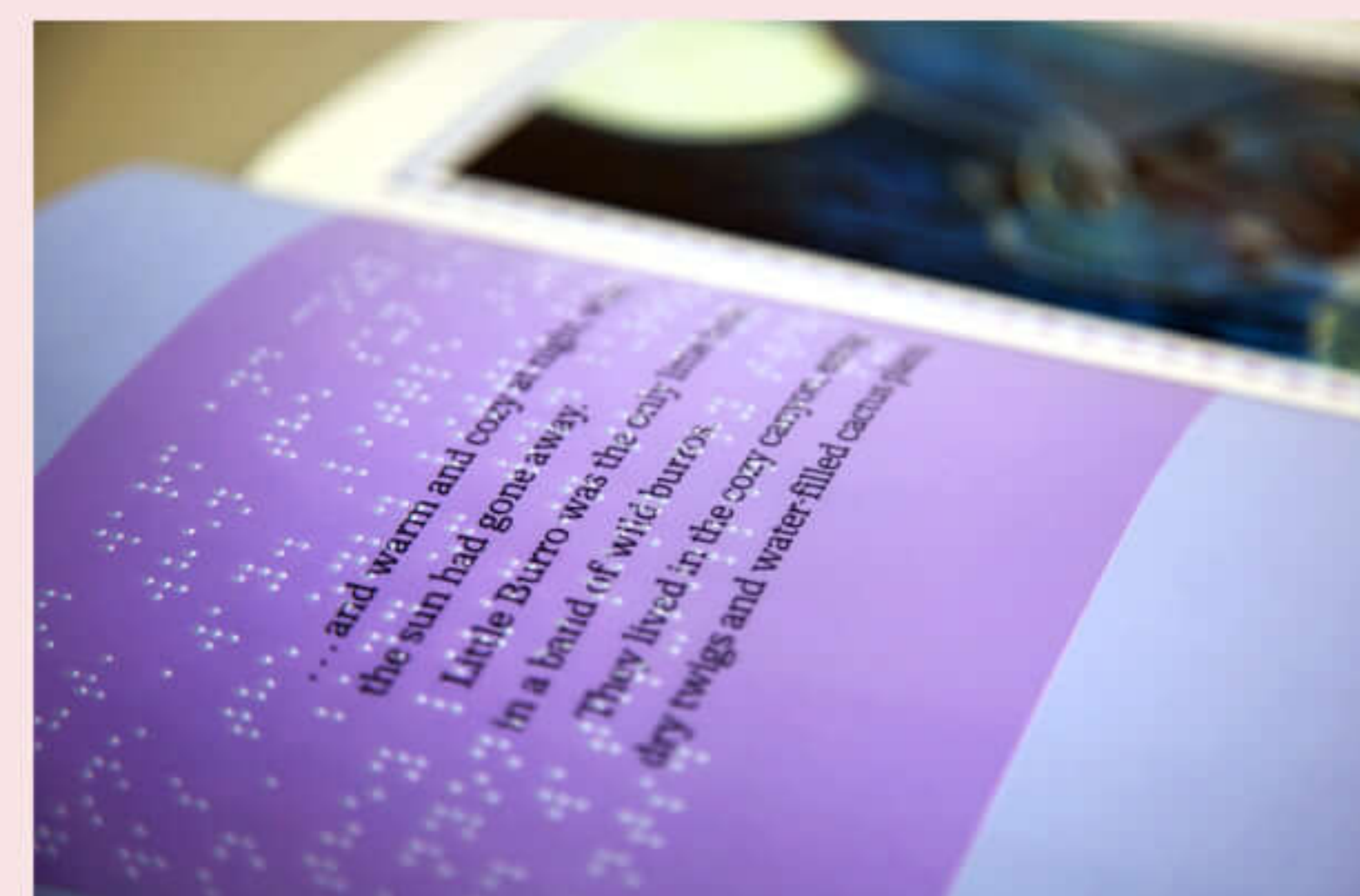


Each title has Reading Tips that extend the engagement and interaction between the child and caregiver.



From the first book, "The Little Engine That Could" to the last book, "Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!", every book is selected with a special purpose.

### Braille



Through a partnership with the American Printing House for the Blind, we are able to help provide books for blind and visually impaired children.



Two Spanish/English bilingual titles are selected per age group each year.



Award-winning books are available in progressive formats.





# Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Dolly Parton launched the Imagination Library to honor her father, who was smart and hardworking, but never learned how to read or write. The program is meant to give children from all walks of life, both in the United States and around the world, a chance that Dolly's father never had. Together, we can put books in the hands and hearts of all children.



**Select high quality,  
age appropriate  
books**



**Build a home  
library of  
books**



**Inspire a love  
of books, shared  
reading time**

## Prevalent Themes and Focus of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library: Inspiration & Imagination

### **Additional Fundamental Themes of Regard:**

Love of reading and learning; regard for diversity of people, their roles, culture, and environment; promotion of self-esteem and confidence, appreciation of art and aesthetics

#### **Year One: Birth to 12 Months**

- Vision - bright, big, colorful
- Touch - board pages
- Rhyme and rhythm
- Simple - easy to use
- Minimal text - point and say
- Playful sound
- Nurture - attachment, lullaby themes

#### **Year Two: 13 Months to 24 Months**

- Continue concepts from year one and build upon them
- Repetition and predictability - generate language
- Books about daily routines, topics familiar to child
- Use of real photo illustration
- Body awareness
- Nursery rhymes
- Colors, letters, numbers

#### **Year Three: 25 Months to 36 Months**

- Wordless books - build your own story (reader and child)
- Values and character
- Issues - fear, conflict, love, safety
- Colors, letters, numbers
- Nursery rhymes

#### **Year Four: 37 Months to 48 Months**

- More complex stories - hero, complication, resolution
- Diversity of others - faces, environments - OK to be different
- Play, humor, fun
- Nursery rhymes and poetry

#### **Year Five: 49 Months to 60 Months**

- School preparation and readiness
- Use rebus (pictures used for words)
- Science - non-fiction
- Folk tales
- Thank you, appreciation
- Rhymes and poetry

The Blue Ribbon Book Selection Committee consists of early childhood professionals who lend their expertise in choosing the perfect set of age-appropriate books for hundreds of thousands of children across the U.S.



*I am very impressed with the book selection and quality of books. My son and I look forward to finding the books in the mailbox!*

*Parent, Dansbury, CT*

*I love this program and I LOVE, LOVE the discussion guides, they give me new and different age appropriate questions to ask.*

*Parent, Wichita, KS*



**To view the annual book list or to learn more about the book selection committee, visit our website at [ImaginationLibrary.com](http://ImaginationLibrary.com).**