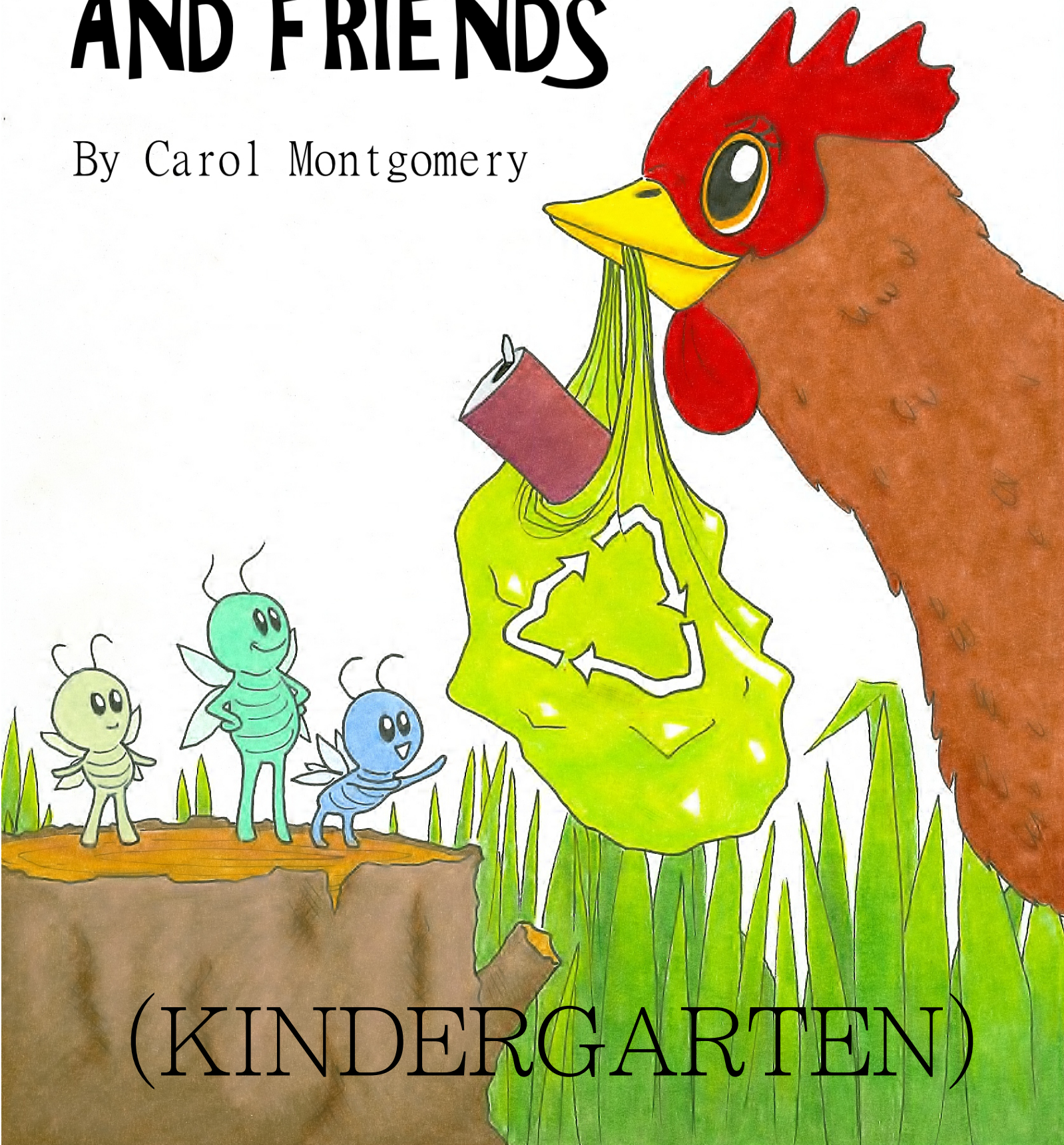


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Performance Time = a little over 4 minutes

Readability: grade K—1 (Flesch—Kincaid score is 0.7)

Cast (6-8):

Narrator

Bug #1

Bug #2

Bug #3

Jen

Wow Cow

Zig Pig

Hat Cat

Note: All the bug parts may be read by one good reader.



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Narrator: Jen the hen ran to see the happy yellow bugs under the lemon tree.

Bugs: (*sing-song*) Happy, happy, happy...

Jen: I see you, little bugs. And, now I'll eat you little bugs.

Bug #1: No, please! We do not bite.

Bug #2: We hug.

Bug #3: And, we do NOT taste good. Blat!

Jen: How cute...huggy buggies.

Bug #1: May I hug you?

Jen: Yes! You may hug me. Here...

Narrator: And Jen lowered her head for the huggy bug to hug her beak. But....

Jen: (*surprised*) That happy yellow bug gave me a hug on my toe.

Bug #1: I never hugged a toe before.

Jen: I never had my toe hugged. What's your name, bug?

Bug #1: My full name is Ree Sie Cling 1.

Bug #2: I am Ree Sie Cling 2.

Bug #3: And, I am Ree Sie Cling 3.

Jen: Oh, I've heard of you, but I never met you. Thank you for the hug, Ree Sie Cling bug.

Bug #1: You are very welcome. How do you feel?

Jen: Fine. But, I feel like I must go get things now.

Bug #2: What kind of things?

Jen: I'm thinking of paper, cans, bottles, bags...you know.

Bug #3: Yes! It's working then.

Jen: What is working?

Bug #3: You've been hugged by the Ree Sie Cling bug.

Jen: So?

Bug #2: So when some bugs bite or sting, you feel it, yes?

Jen: Yes. It hurts.

Bug #1: When the Ree Sie Cling bug hugs you, it never hurts. It always helps. You feel the hug inside. Soon you want to help recycle. It's for the earth, you see.

Jen: I see. But, what can I do?

Bug #2: Give a friend a hug, then ask what that friend does to recycle.

Narrator: So, Jen gave away hugs and asked what each friend did to help recycle.

Jen: My friend, Wow Cow, said...

Wow Cow: Moo! I put my milk in jugs that can be recycled.

Jen: My friend, Zig Pig, said...

Zig Pig: Oink! Oink! I eat leftovers and what little I don't eat, I compost.

Jen: My friend, Hat Cat, said...

Hat Cat: Meow! I reuse papers and then recycle them. I make paper hats with used paper, too.

Bug #3: Good! All of those things can be used again so we have less trash.

Jen: Used for what?

Bug #3: Lots of things! Go back and ask the cow, the pig, and the cat.

Narrator: So, Jen went back to each friend and asked...

Jen: How can things be used again?

Wow Cow: Moo! Plastic can be used for lots of plastic things: bags, toys, bottles, lumber and more! Start a list!

Zig Pig: Oink! Oink! Leftover food is great for pigs, but it also puts good stuff in the dirt. It makes the worms happy, too!

Hat Cat: Meow! Used paper can make new paper, cardboard, and boxes. That helps save trees. Most paper comes from trees.

Jen: I'd like to help save trees.

Bug #2: Very good! Do you want to compost and make the worms happy, too?

Jen: Oh, I LOVE worms!

Bug #1: We are not talking about EATING happy worms, Jen. We make worms happy by putting good stuff in the dirt. What about trash?

Jen: I don't like to eat trash.

Bug #2: That's not what we had in mind. Trash is not good to eat, but it IS good to recycle. If we make less trash that helps everyone.

Jen: Yes! Less trash and more bugs to eat.

Bugs #1,#2, #3: Excuse me!

Jen: Oh, sorry. I will not eat huggy bugs. But, I will try to make less trash.

Bugs #1, #2, #3: And recycle.

Jen: And recycle.

Wow Cow: Good for you!

Zig Pig: Welcome to the club!

Hat Cat: The Recycling Club!

Cow: We got hugged by the Ree Sie Cling bugs, too.

Pig: But, we didn't tell you.

Cat: We wanted it to be a surprise. Here are the recycled paper hats I made.

Cow, Pig, Cat: Surprise!

Bugs #1,#2, #3: Surprise!

All: Happy Earth Day!

(song—tune of Happy Birthday)

Happy Earth Day, to you!

Happy Earth Day, to you!

Happy Earth Day, Dear Jen;

Happy Earth Day, to you!

Bugs #1, #2, #3: And many more!

Narrator: The End.

