

To the Teacher or Parent

This book allows for a wonderful shared reading experience for children who are just beginning to learn to read. The familiar rhyme and images help new readers "tell the story" either as they read or as they are read to. What a valuable tool for building the confidence new readers need to embark on the adventures that await them while reading!

To extend this reading experience, do one or more of the following:

1. Sing the song together while reading the book.
2. Talk about wool and what it is. Share some things that are made of wool, such as clothing and blankets.
3. Discuss the sheep in the book and whether it may be warm or cold with and without its wool. How is the wool on the sheep like the child's clothing? How is it different?
4. Draw a picture of you and the child "down the lane" together with the black sheep.
5. After reading, let the child come back to the book again and again. Rereading is an excellent tool for building literacy skills.

