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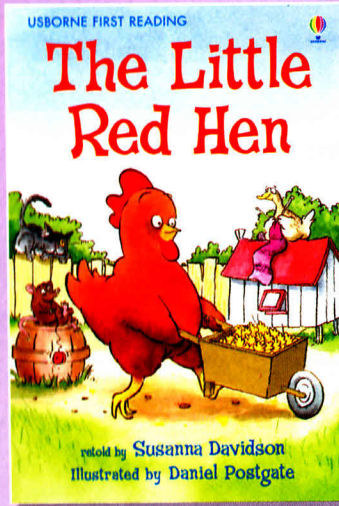
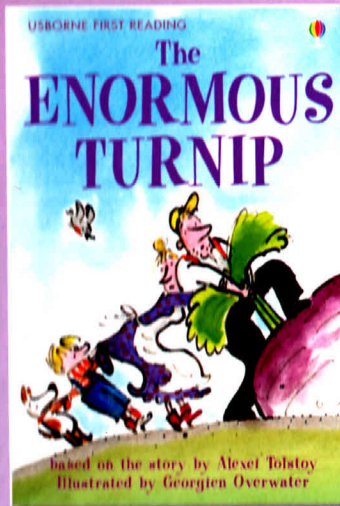
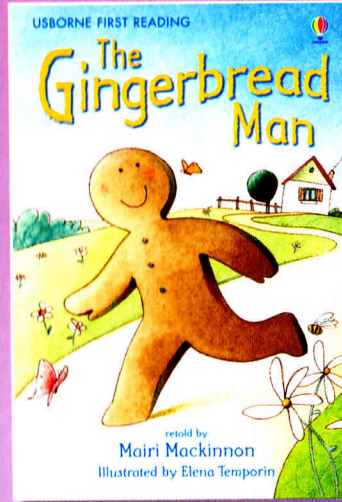
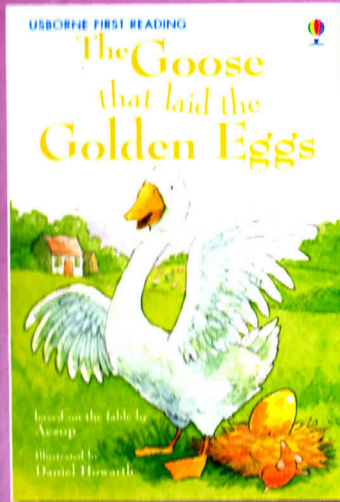


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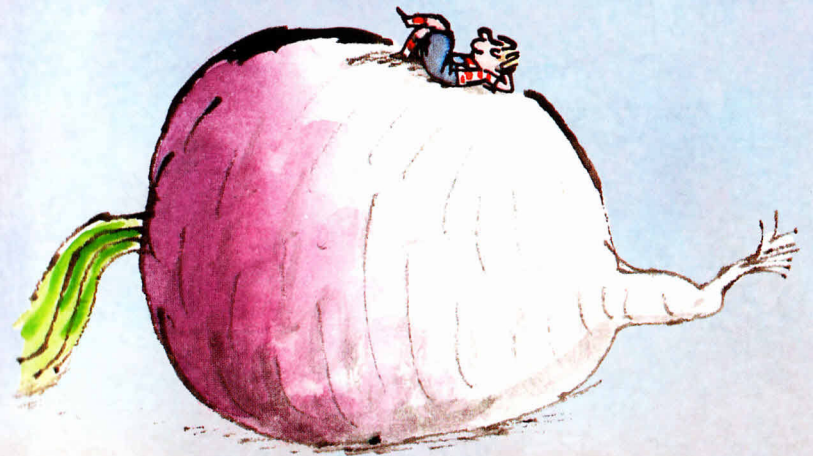
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Level Three



The **ENORMOUS TURNIP**

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This story has



a farmer,



his wife,



their son
Jack,



a dog,



a cat,



a bird and

an enormous
turnip.





One morning, the
farmer went to his field.
He wanted a turnip.



He saw one turnip with
very big green leaves.



"I'll pick this one,"
thought the farmer.



The farmer tugged and
tugged at the turnip.



The turnip didn't move.

The farmer's wife saw
the farmer puffing
and panting.



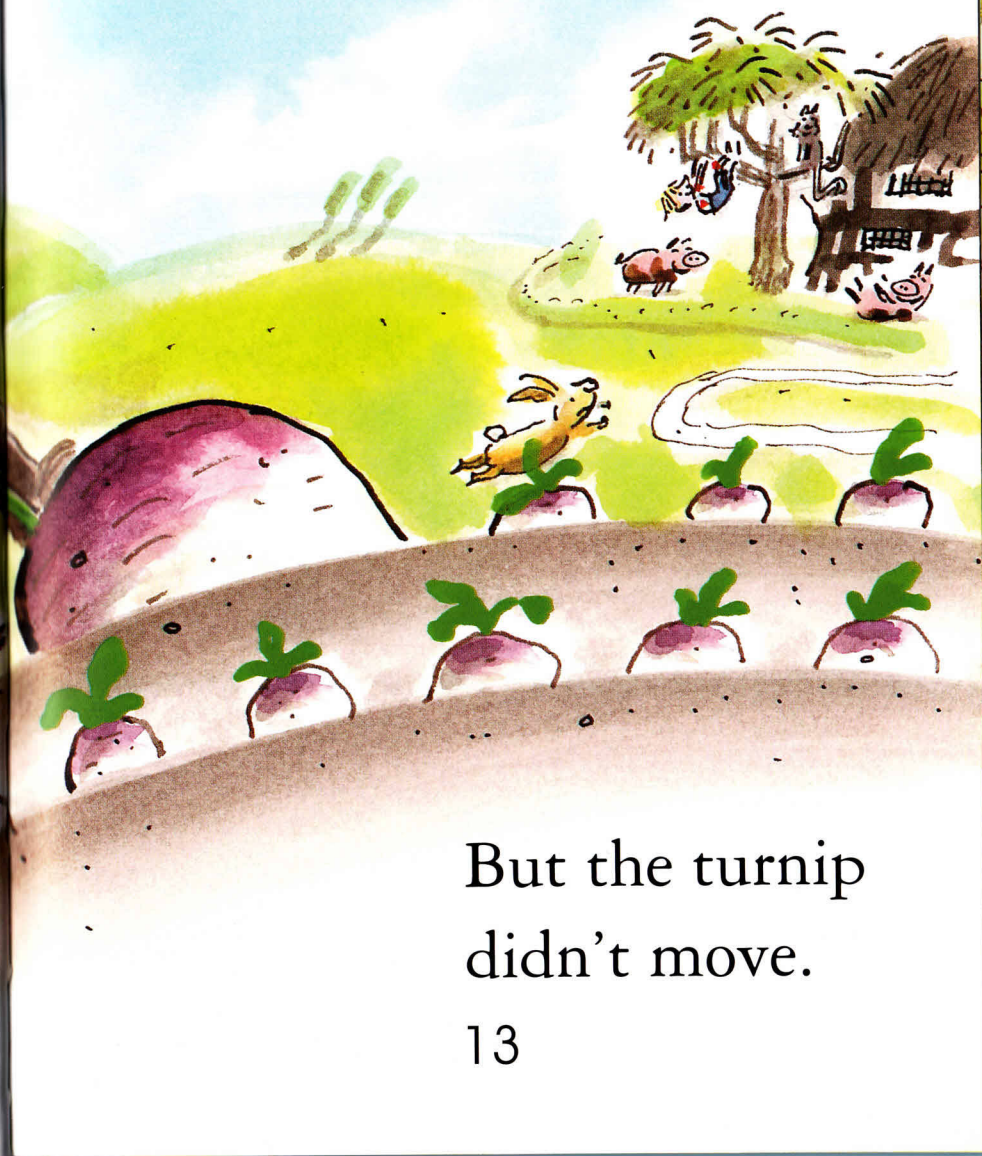
"I'll help," she called.

She hugged the farmer.

He grabbed the
turnip leaves.



They both tugged
and tugged.



But the turnip
didn't move.

Jack saw his parents
puffing and panting.



"I'll help!" he called.



Jack held his
mother's skirt.

She hugged
the farmer.



The farmer grabbed the
turnip leaves.

One, two,
three... pull!



And they tugged and tugged until they were red in the face. But the turnip didn't move.



“Woof!” barked the farmer’s dog. He raced into the field.

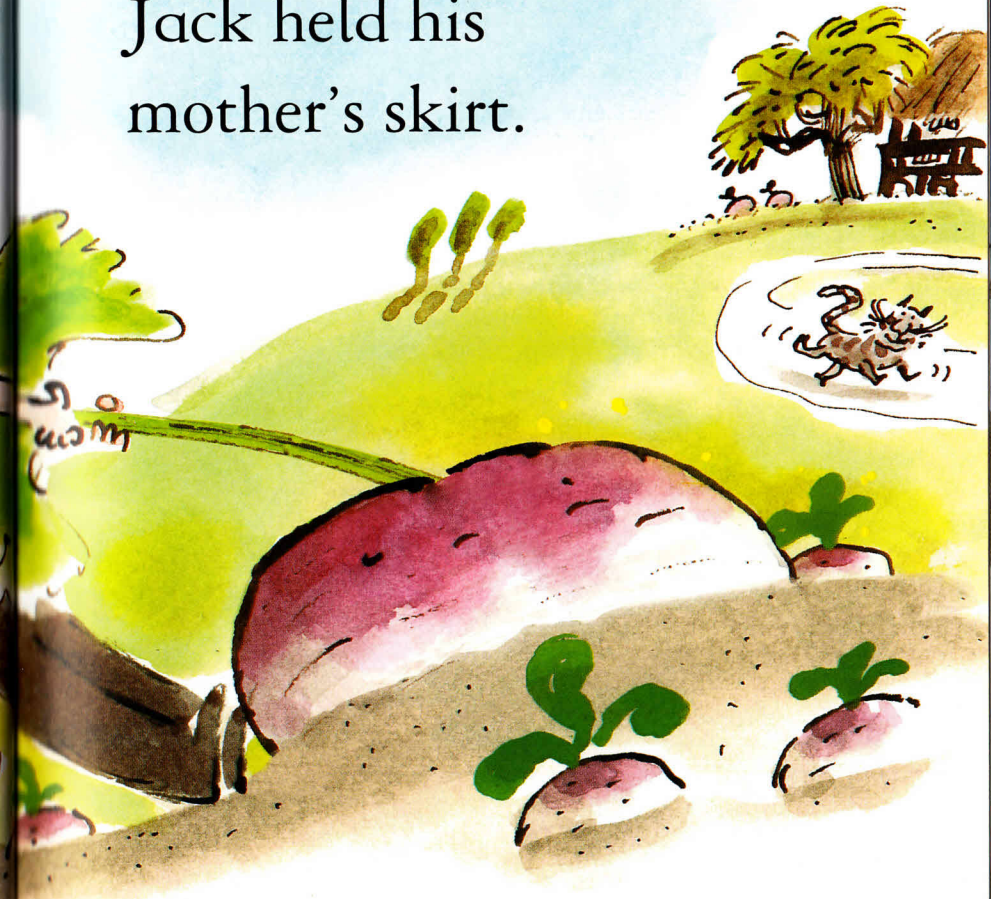


"Let's try again,"
said the farmer.



The dog pulled Jack's shirt.

Jack held his
mother's skirt.



She hugged the farmer.
The farmer grabbed the
turnip leaves.

They all tugged and
tugged as hard as
they could.



But the turnip didn't move.

No one saw the cat arrive.



She bit the dog's tail.



The dog ripped
Jack's shirt.

Jack tore his
mother's skirt.

Arghh!

YELP!

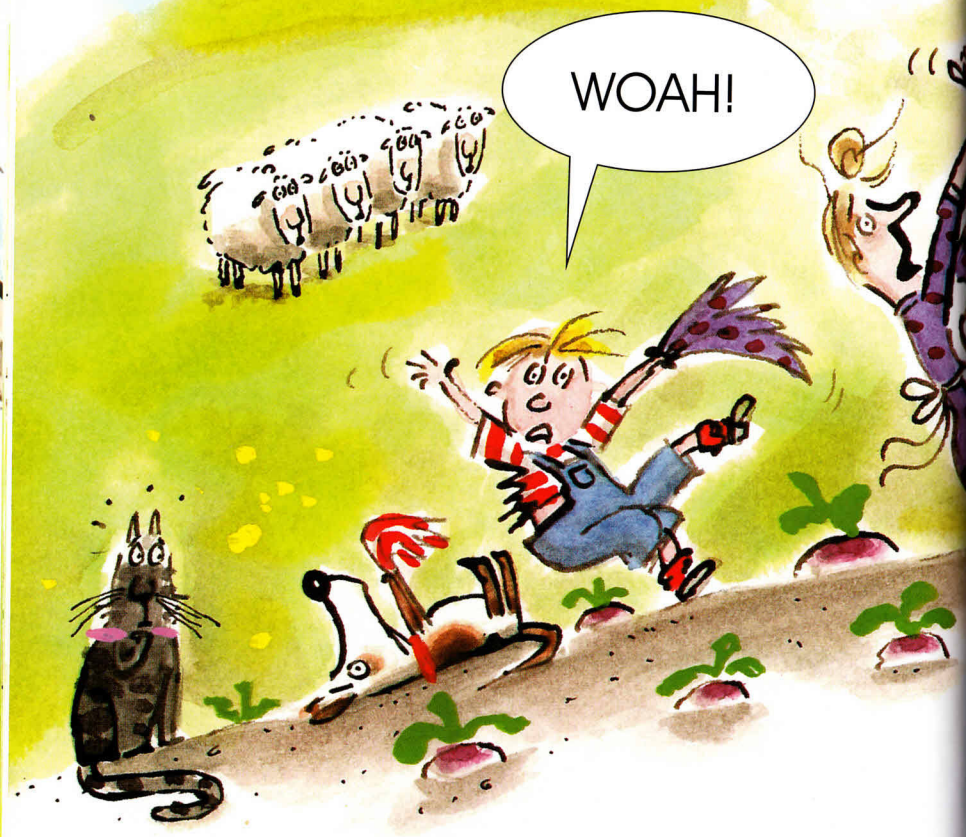


She let go of
the farmer.

Oops!



The farmer let go of the
turnip leaves...



and they all
fell over.



The farmer brushed the dirt off his clothes. "Let's try once more," he said.

Just then, a bird flew past.

Tweet, tweet!

I'm hungry.

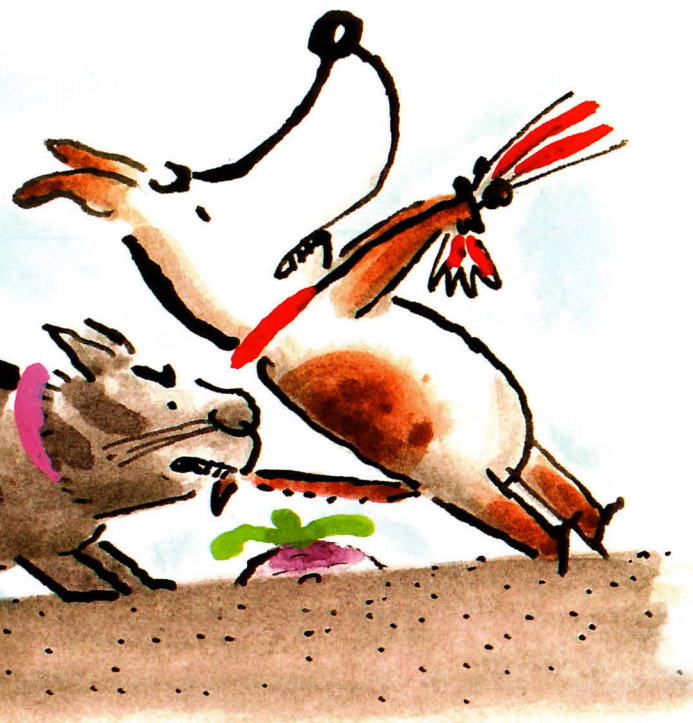


“One, two, three... pull!”
said the farmer.



The bird pecked
the cat's tail.

The cat bit the dog's tail.



The dog pulled
Jack's shirt.

Jack held his
mother's skirt.



She hugged
the farmer.

The farmer grabbed the
turnip and everybody
tugged.



They tugged and tugged
and tugged some more.

Slowly,

slowly,

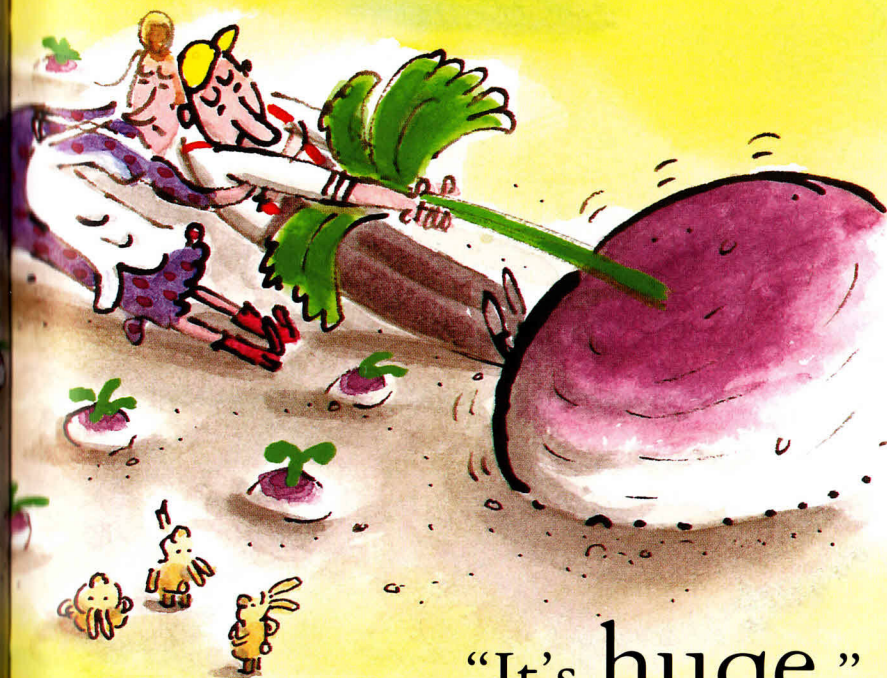
very, very

slowly,

the turnip began to move.



“It’s big,”
said the farmer.



“It’s huge,”
said his wife.

"It's **enormous!**"
cried Jack.

Woof!

Meow!

Tweet!



At last, the turnip popped
out of the ground.



The farmer was very happy. "Time for bed," he said, yawning.



That night, he fell asleep with a smile on his face.

In the morning, Jack helped his mother chop up the turnip.



They ate turnip soup for
lunch...



turnip soup for supper...

and turnip soup for
breakfast...



every day for a month.

"Next year I'm growing
carrots," said the farmer.



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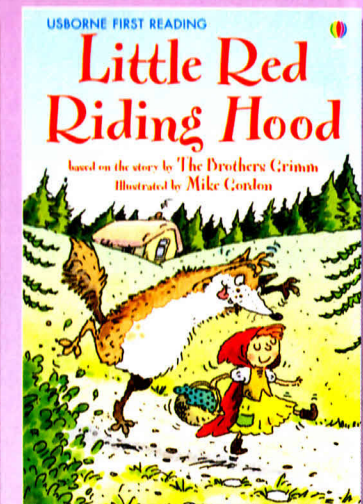
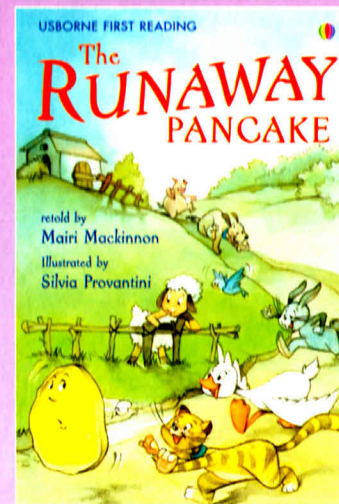
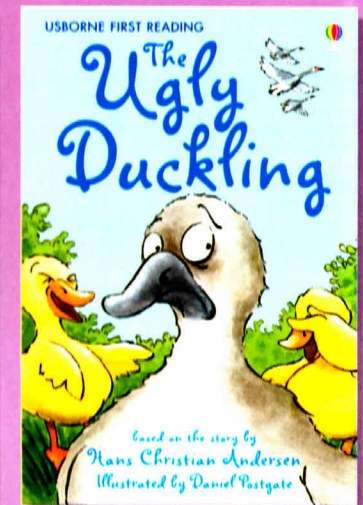
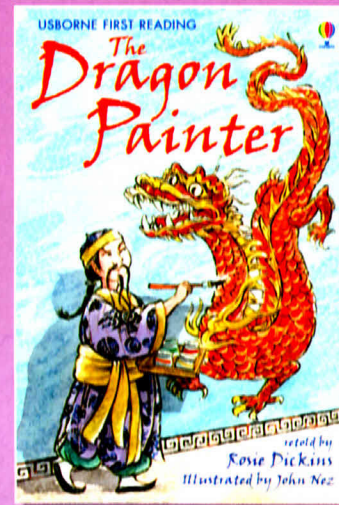
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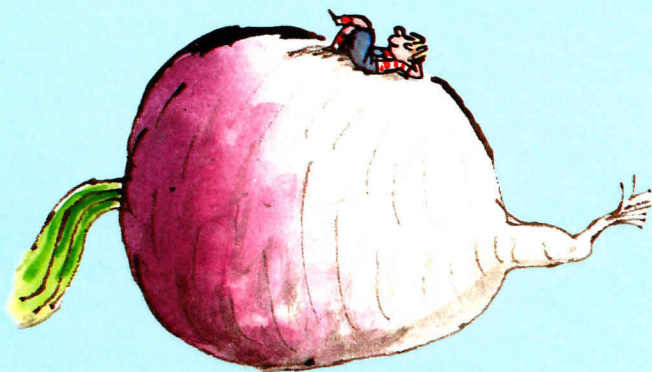


USBORNE FIRST READING: LEVEL THREE



The ENORMOUS TURNIP

"That turnip's ready," said the farmer, one morning.
But he can't pull it out of the ground. Soon he has a
string of helpers but the turnip just won't budge.
How big can this turnip be?



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