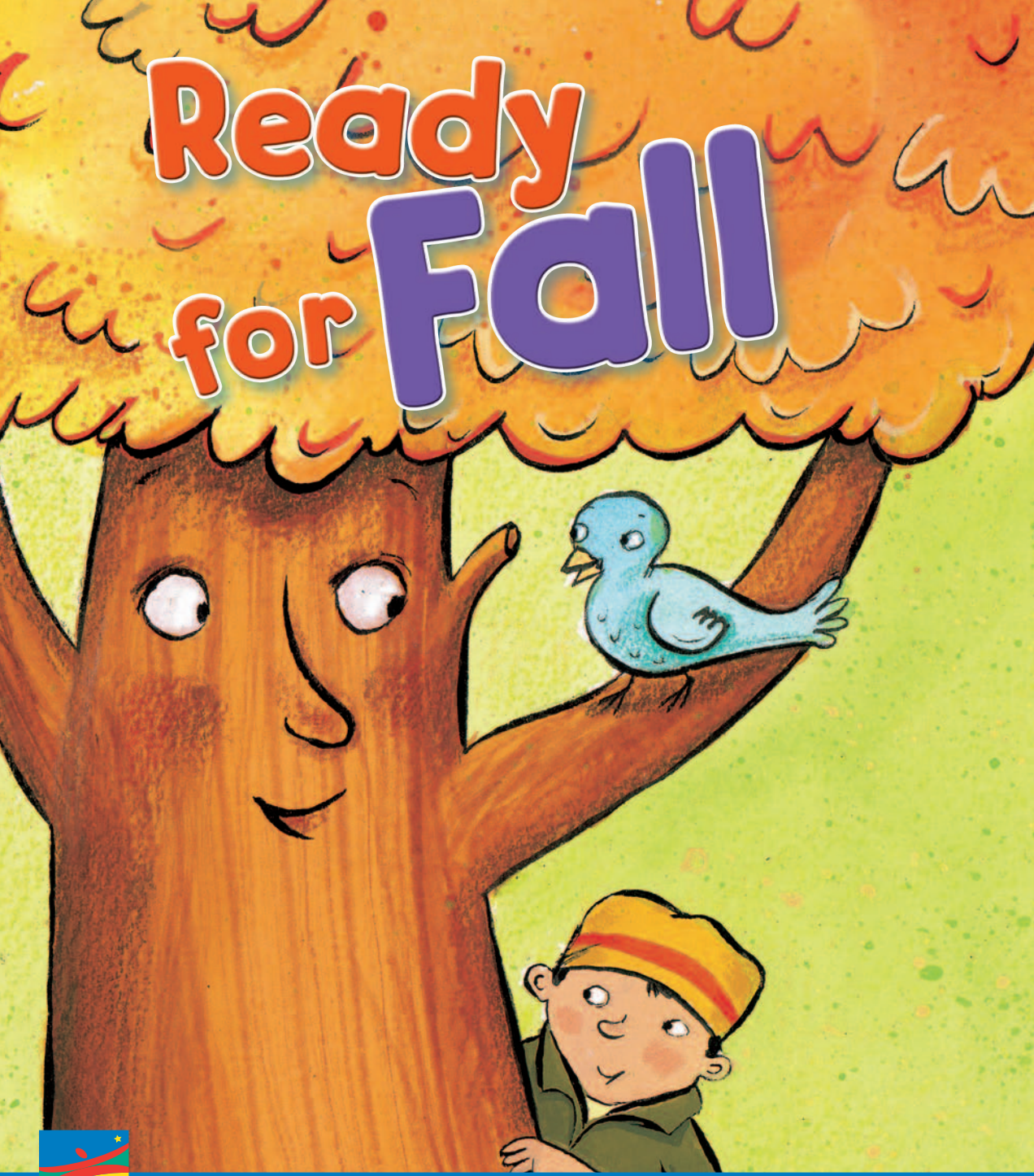
Ready for Fall



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Summary

Elmwood Tree loves his leaves. How will he feel when he loses them in the fall?

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading
- Read aloud to clarify

Comprehension
- Make predictions

Phonics
- Final s-family blends (crisp, most, nest)

Word Study
- Context clues (fluttered, return, shade)

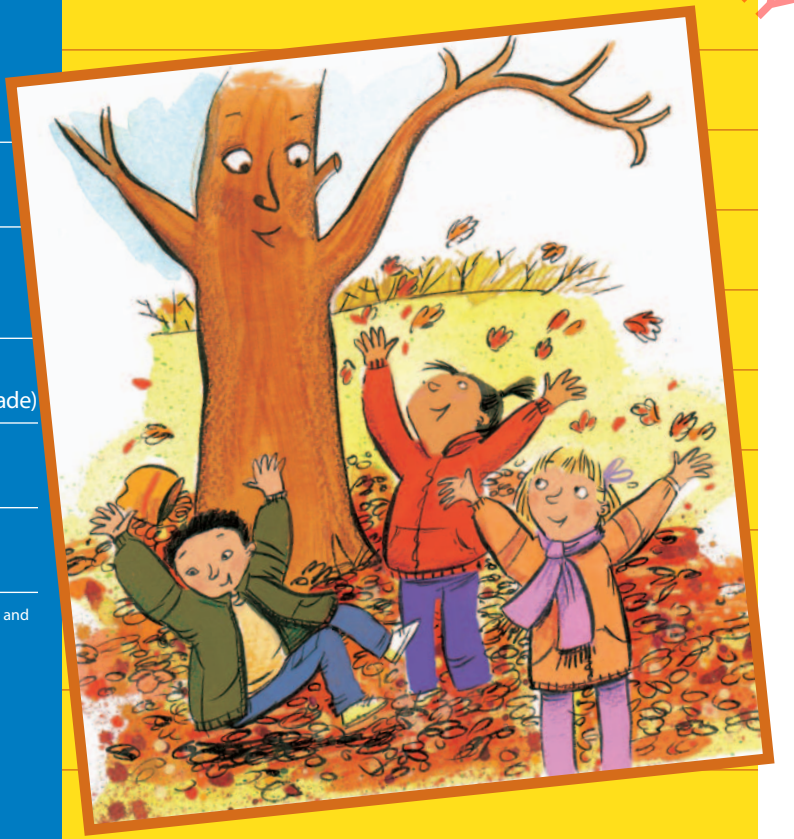
Fluency
- Read commas

Fiction Genre
- Fantasy

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Meet the Characters

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Elmwood Tree



the children



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Flapper Bird



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The air was warm. Elmwood Tree's branches were full of leaves. Summer was here!



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Many children played under Elmwood Tree. "Your leaves make shade," said the children.



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Flapper Bird made a nest in Elmwood.
"Your leaves hide my nest," said Flapper.



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"The children like my leaves. Flapper Bird likes my leaves," said Elmwood.



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A cool wind blew one day. Elmwood was sad. Elmwood said, "Summer is over. Soon I will have no leaves. The children will not come and play under me."



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Flapper said, "The children will return, Elmwood. The children will come back. Wait."

