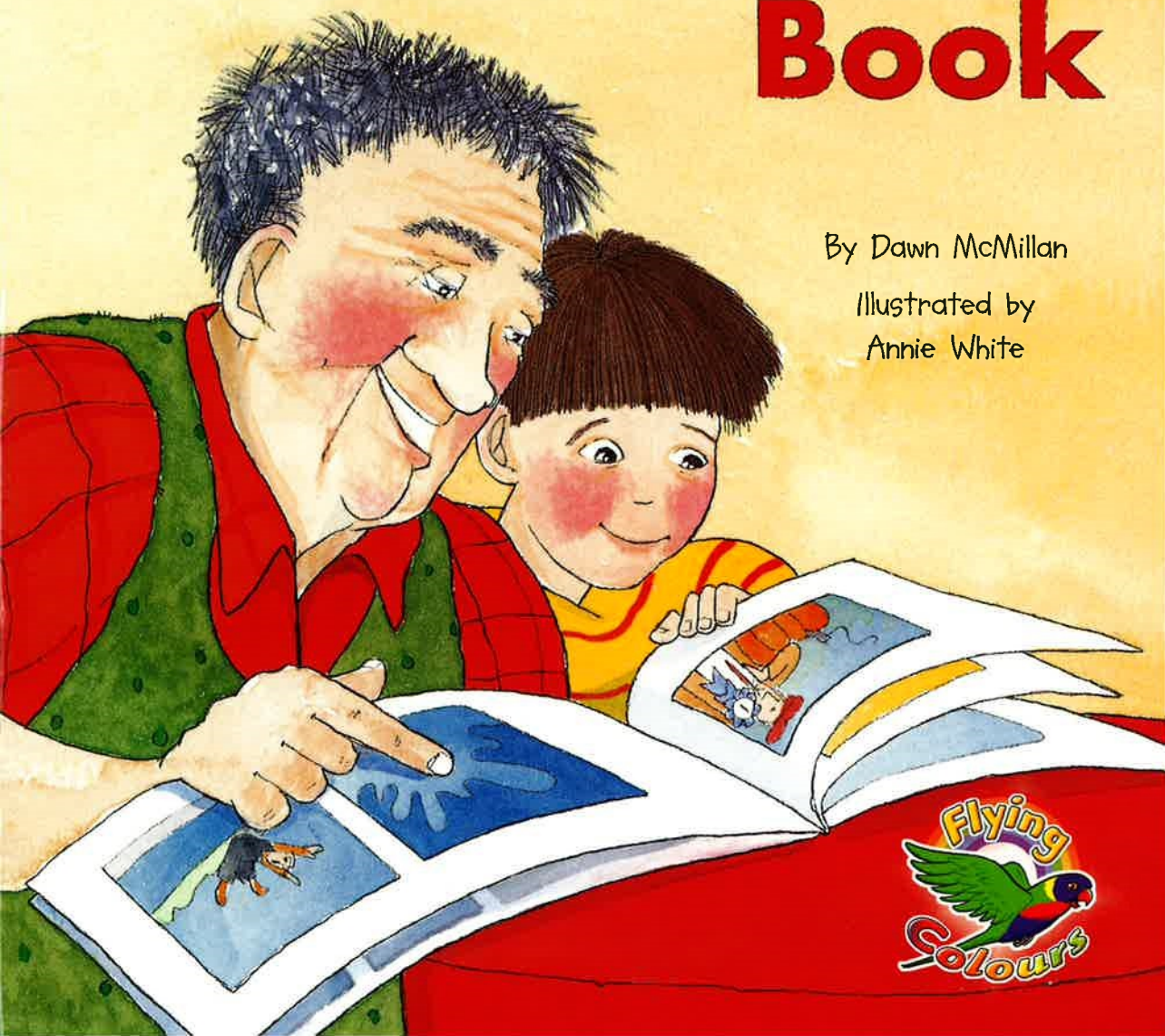
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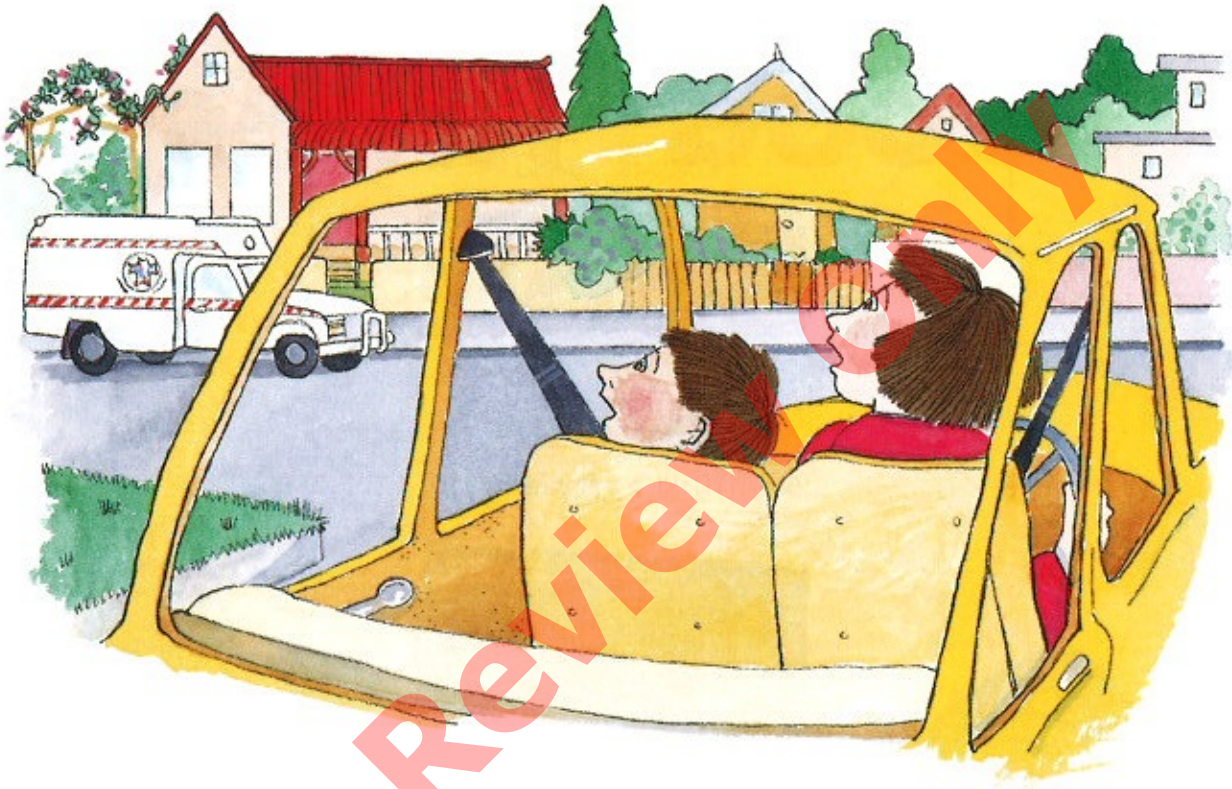


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Chapter 1

The Accident



Mum turned the car into the street where Harry's great-grandad lived.

"Mum!" shouted Harry. "There's an ambulance outside Pop's house! What's happening?"

"Oh no!" whispered Mum anxiously. "I wonder what the trouble is."

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Mum parked the car near Pop's driveway, and she and Harry ran to the house. The ambulance officers were bringing Pop out through the door on a stretcher. Harry could see Pop's face, pale with shock.

Pop tried to smile. "Don't worry," he said with a little groan. "I'll be all right. I fell over in the kitchen and I've hurt my leg."

"His leg's broken," one of the ambulance officers explained. "We're taking him to hospital."



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Chapter 2

Where Will Pop Live?



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Mum and Harry followed the ambulance to the hospital. They waited while the doctors looked at Pop's leg. Finally, the nurses put Pop into a bed, and then Harry and Mum sat down beside him.

Pop looked very old, and Harry was afraid.

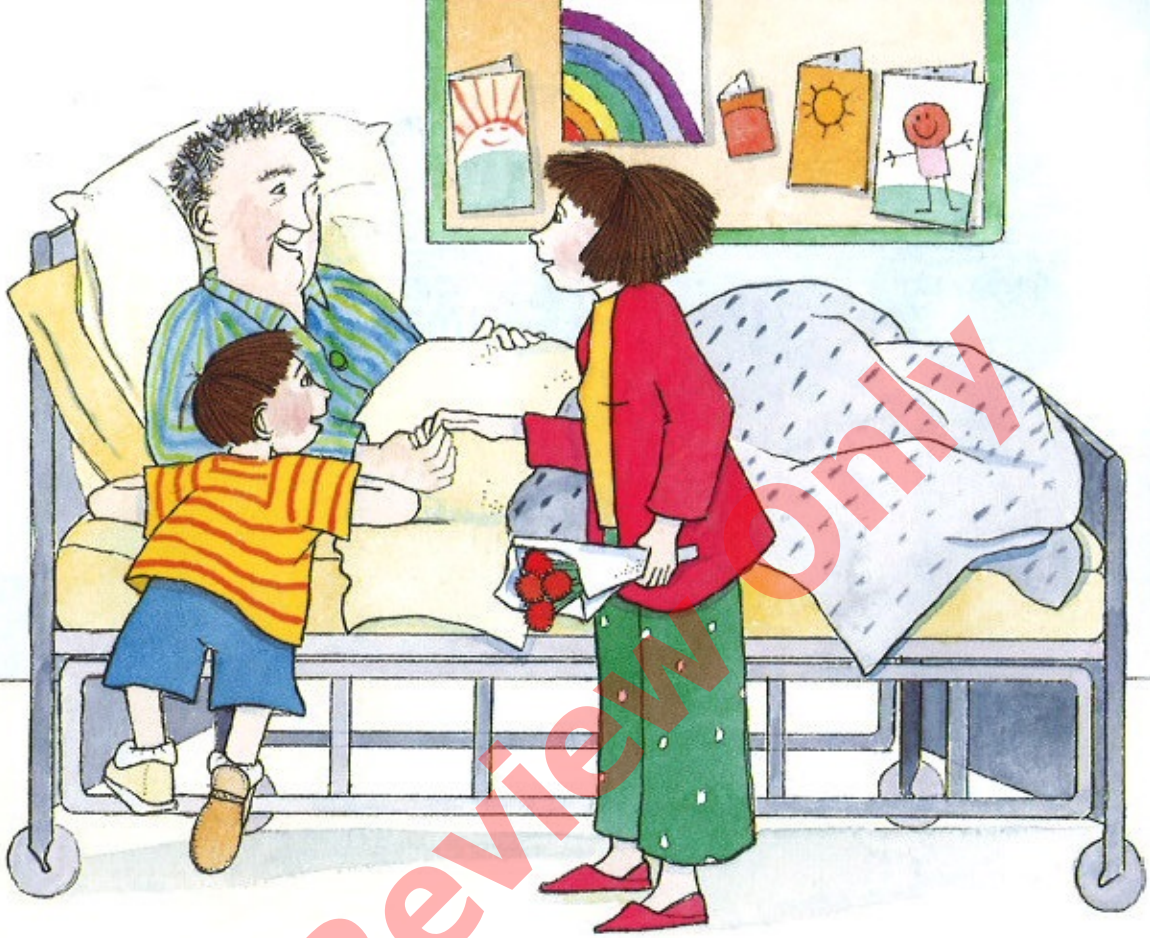


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"I'll be better tomorrow, after the doctors operate on my leg," Pop whispered.

"Will that hurt?" Harry asked anxiously.

Mum looked at Harry and said quickly, "They'll put Pop to sleep, and it'll be all over before he wakes up."



Mum and Harry went back to see Pop the day after his operation. Harry was surprised to see him awake and smiling.

"It's good to see you both," Pop said cheerfully. "The doctors say I'll be able to walk again soon."

"That's a relief!" Mum replied.

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Pop reached for Mum's hand and said, "But I can't live by myself now. I realise that it's too dangerous to be alone at my age."

Harry turned to Mum. "Can Pop live with us?" he asked. "Please, Mum?"

"Of course he can!" Mum answered.

But Pop spoke up quickly. "No, thank you," he said. "I love you both very much, but I've decided to live in the rest home. My friend Jimmy lives there, and I'll enjoy being with people my own age."

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