

Stay, Bee, Stay!





This is Ned. And
this is The Book.

A bee zips by
today. 'Hooray!'
says Ned. 'A
bee!'

Ned runs after
the bee. It zips
past the plants.

'Stay, bee,
stay!' calls Ned.
'Wait for me!'





The bee has a nest
up in a tall tree. It
smells so sweet.

'Honey!' says Ned. 'I
will get some
today!' A big bear
waits by the tree.

Ned grabs his
tool and grins.
'The honey will
be mine!' he yells.

The bear looks
on in dismay.





'Stop, Ned!' yells
The Book. 'Do
not chop the
nest! The bees
will wake up and
sting! That is not
the way.'

Back home, The
Book has a plan.
Ned sets a small
flame on the grass.
'Smoke makes bees
sleepy,' says The
Book. 'That is the
way. No tool, Ned.'





Ned sets the
flame under the
nest. Smoke goes
up and up. The
bees get sleepy.
'Yay,' says Ned.
'This is the way.'

Snip, snip! Ned
grabs the gold
honey.

'Do not delay!'
calls The Book.
'Run, Ned, run!'





Back home, Ned gets
to work at his bench.
He makes a hive
with wood and wax.
'I will keep my bees
here,' he says. 'They
can stay with me all
day.'

Ned sets the hive
by his home and
adds a lot of
plants. 'Bees enjoy
a good yard,' says
The Book. 'They will
come and stay.'





Ned holds up a rose. 'Come with me,' he says.

The bees hum with joy. They go with Ned all the way home.

The hive makes honey.
Hooray! But the bees
will not go away. They
buzz at Ned all day.

'Off! Off!' yells Ned.
The Book looks on.
'Ned, Ned,' it says.
'What a day!'





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Ned spots a bee zipping across the yard and gives chase, dodging branches and hopping roots to keep up. High in a tree, the bee's nest smells sweetly of honey, and a patient bear is already waiting nearby. Ned grabs a tool and grins, ready to chop his way to the sweet stuff, but The Book has other ideas. Will Ned find a smarter way to get his honey? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 7: ay as in day & oy as in boy), this book practices words like 'stay', 'today', 'delay', 'dismay', 'enjoy'.

Phonics Focus: <ay> <oy>

away, day, delay, dismay, enjoy, gold, holds, hooray, joy, say, stay, today, way, yay

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