

The Sly Book





Ned has a home
on a high hill. The
sunlight is bright
on the grass and
the plants. 'I like
it here,' says Ned
with a grin.

Inside, The Book floats up high. 'Dig, Ned!' says The Book. 'Then we can make lots of things.' Ned blinks. 'Dig? Well, I might try!'





Ned is at the
bench. Click, click,
click! The bits snap
into shape. Ned
lifts his fresh
shovel up high. 'A
tool!' he yells. 'I am
so smart!'

Ned steps out into
the bright daylight.

He spins the shovel
in his hands.

'Try the beach,'
says The Book. 'The
sand there is soft.'





Ned digs in the
sand. Scoop! He
makes a hole at his
feet.

The sky is bright
and Ned feels grand.
'This is the best
day ever!' he yells.

Ned digs into the side of the hill. Soil shoots up high and rains back on him. He wipes his face and grins. 'Look at this mighty hole!'





Clang! The shovel
hits a hard bit and
stops. A stone
glints with light
deep in the pit.

'That is stone,' says
The Book. 'A shovel
can not cut stone.'

Ned stands deep in
the pit and sighs.

'So a shovel can
not crack stone,' he
says. 'No,' says

The Book. 'We must
get a fresh tool. A
sharp one!'





Back at the
bench, The Book
shows a pic. Ned
looks at it in the
light. He grips
the wood tight.
Snap! Click! Snap!

'It is a pickaxe,'
says The Book.

Ned holds the
pickaxe up high with
a grin. 'With this, I
might crack that
stone!' he says.





Ned swings the
pickaxe hard.
Crack! Cracks
shoot out like
lightning. Stone
chunks drop at his
feet. 'I am mighty!'
yells Ned.

Ned sits in his big cave. Lamps shine bright on the rocky walls. The Book holds up a pic. It is a grand fort! 'Make that next, Ned!' says The Book. Ned jumps up high. 'Dig, Ned, dig!'





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Ned finally has a home on a high hill, with sunlight bright on the grass and flowers all around. But his magic book says he needs to dig, and his hands are much better at punching trees than making tools. Can Ned build his very first shovel and figure out which end goes in the ground? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 9: y and igh as in fly & high), this book practices words like 'bright', 'high', 'sky', 'try', and 'mighty'.

Phonics Focus: <y> <and> <igh>

bright, daylight, high, light, lightning, like, might, mighty, shine, side, sighs, sky, sunlight, tight, try, wipes

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