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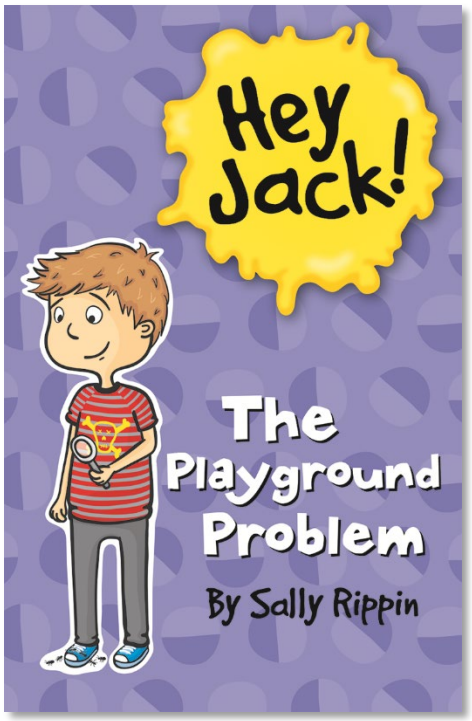
Billie is sick and home from school. Jack is surprised to have so much fun with Alex, but what will happen when Billie returns?



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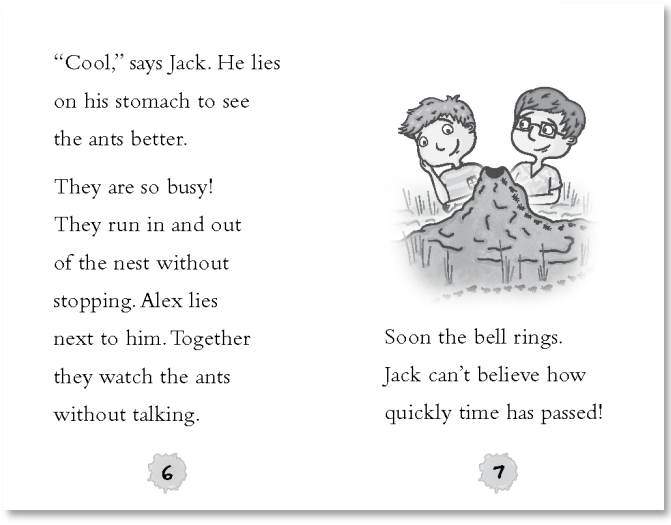

"Cool," says Jack. He lies on his stomach to see the ants better.

They are so busy! They run in and out of the nest without stopping. Alex lies next to him. Together they watch the ants without talking.

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Soon the bell rings. Jack can't believe how quickly time has passed!

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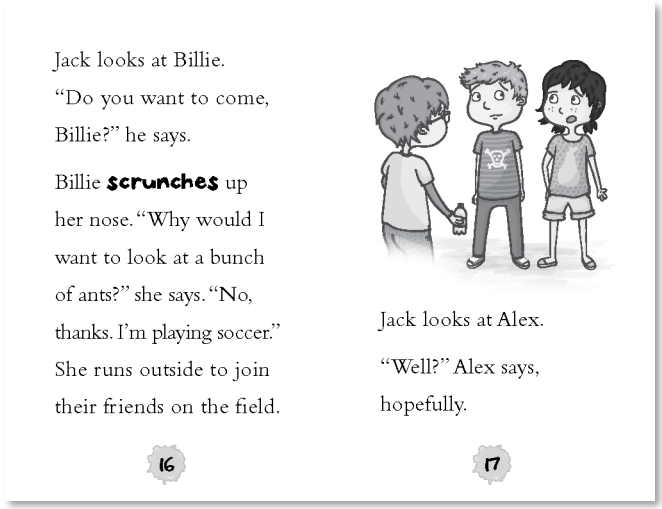

Jack looks at Billie. "Do you want to come, Billie?" he says.

Billie **scrunches** up her nose. "Why would I want to look at a bunch of ants?" she says. "No, thanks. I'm playing soccer." She runs outside to join their friends on the field.

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Jack looks at Alex.

"Well?" Alex says, hopefully.

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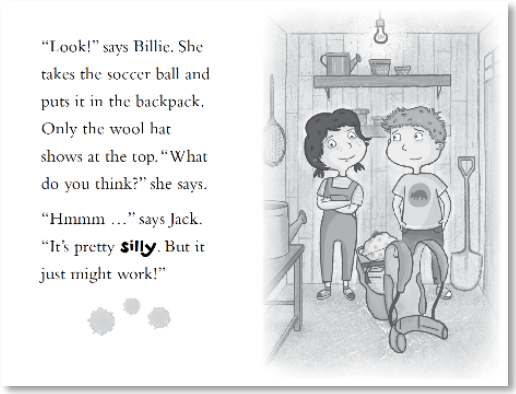
"Look!" says Billie. She takes the soccer ball and puts it in the backpack. Only the wool hat shows at the top. "What do you think?" she says.

"Hmmm …" says Jack. "It's pretty **silly**. But it just might work!"

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