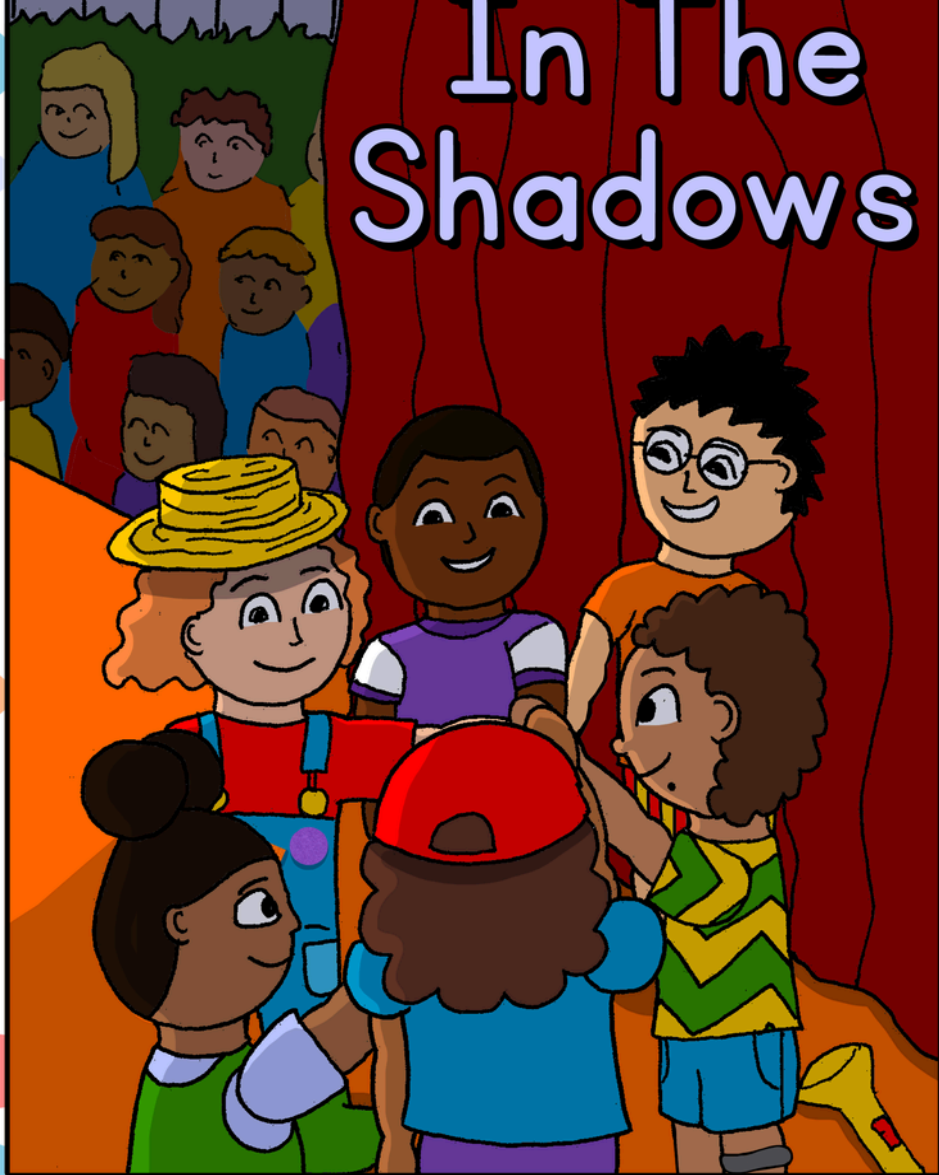




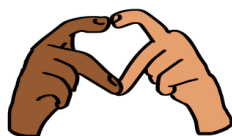
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A Dewey Decodable Story

Dedication

This book is for all super readers and writers around the world. This includes you!





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Dez wants to throw a show with the pals.
She decides it will be a shadow puppet show.



The pals will shine flashlights on their hands to create shadows.

They will cast their shadow puppets on a big white sheet.

Dez will organize the order that they perform.



Dez will coach the pals in the art of making shadow puppets.

She will show them how to compose shapes with twists and turns of their fingers and toes.



They will make shadows in the shapes of birds, critters, and insects.

The shadows will play games and pretend to be on a farm or in a forest.

The shadows will chase and jump and follow and hop.



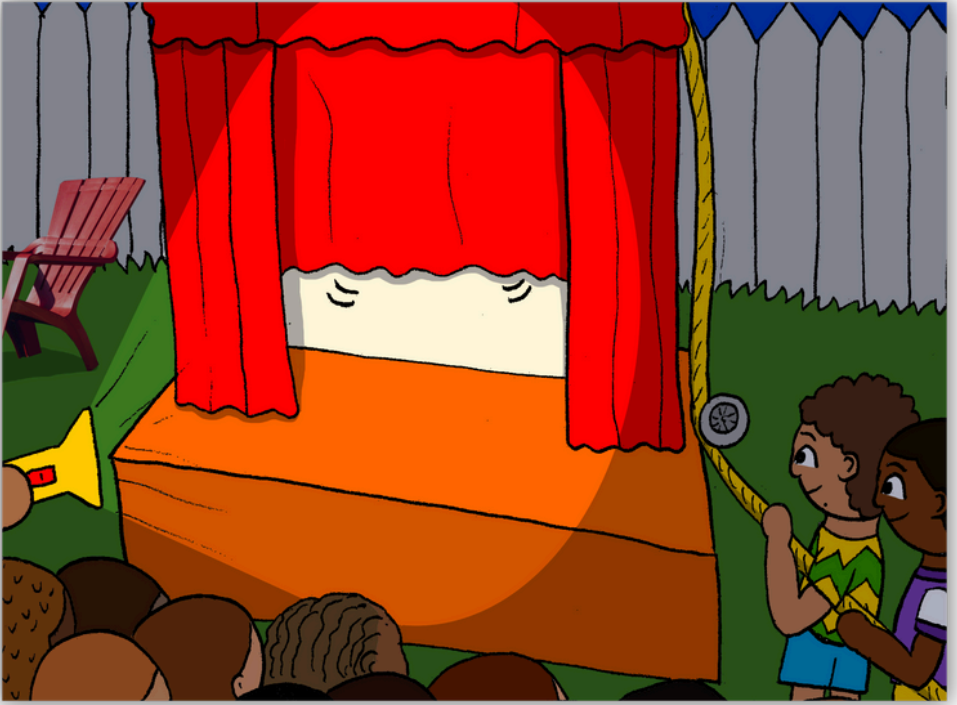
Dez sets the date of the shadow puppet show for Friday night.

She writes on a poster, "No payment needed. It will be free for all to see!"

The pals prepare their puppets to flap wings, chomp beaks, and twirl tails.



Dez stands in front of a red velvet drape before the pals begin their display. She states to the fans, "I hope you like the shadow pals!"



The pals pull a long rope and the red velvet drape slides open to reveal a white sheet. A flashlight clicks on. The shadow puppet show starts with spunk.



Bud creates a clam shell that lifts open and shuts.

Mim makes a butterfly float on the wall.

Pip makes a pig tiptoe and twitch its nose with just hand shadows.

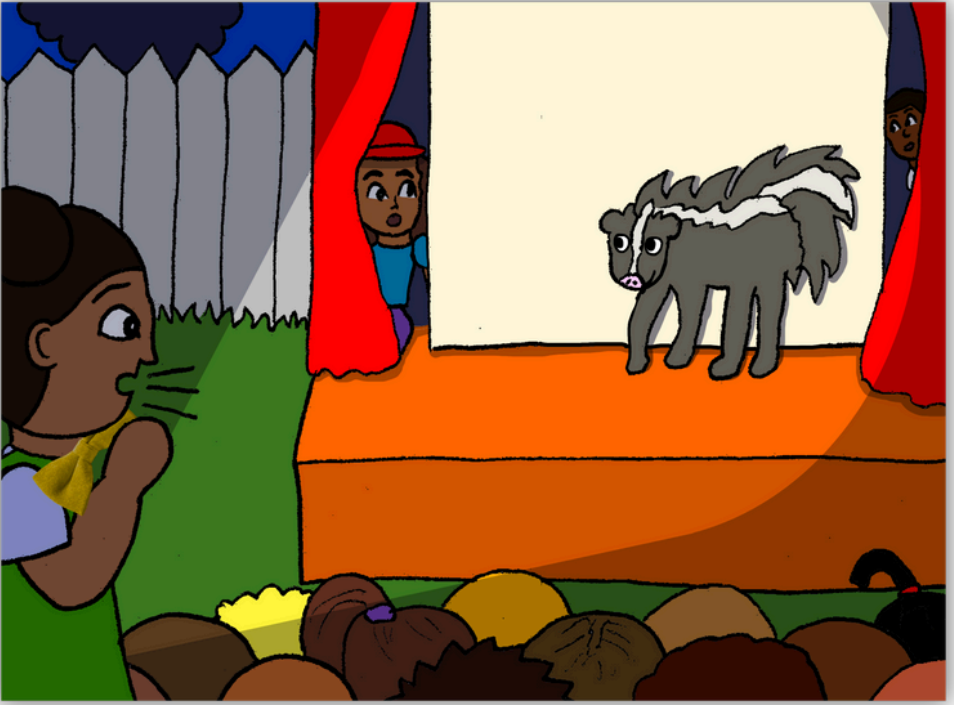


With just his fingers, Pag fans the wings of a turkey.

Von clacks the feet of a donkey by tapping his fists.



The fans clap for each act.
All of a sudden, a skunk shadow makes a
slow scamper on the sheet!
The pals turn to look at Dez.
This is not a shadow they know.



“Wait, what’s that shadow?” gasps Mim.
“That’s not a pal’s hand!
That’s the shadow from a REAL skunk!”
From behind the flashlight, Dez whispers,
“Keep it up, pals. The show must go on!”



The sly skunk winks and makes
a break for it into the dark of night.



The pals finish their show.
The fans are on their feet
clapping with delight.
What a show!
The fans cheer with glee.



Dez sighs and smiles at the pals.
The pals smile with pride and agree that
the surprise skunk shadow was the
highlight of the night!



Here are some great ways to talk with a child about this story. Try saying...



"What are some of your favorite words to read in this story?"



"Let's find some interesting words and trace them with our fingers."



"What shadow animals did the pals make with their hands?"



"What kind of show would you like to watch or perform?"



PALS TOWN

In This Story

Phonics: Long *i* (*ie, igh*) vowel teams, Long *o*

(*oa, ow, oe*) vowel teams

Word Count: 394 words

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