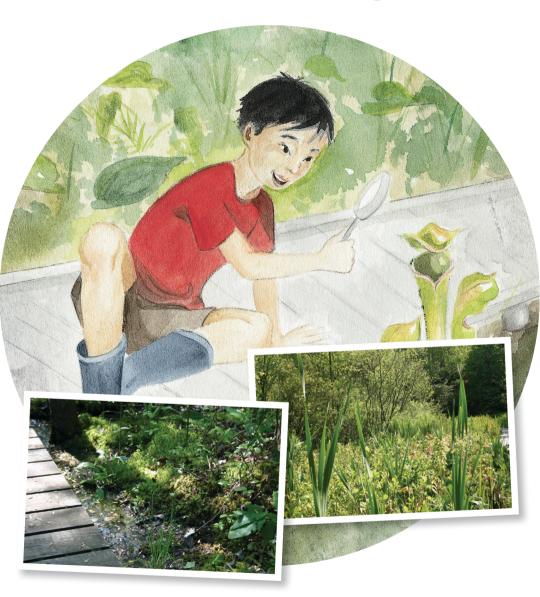
At the Bog



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Reader's Note:

These are pictures of a real bog in Andover, Massachusetts. The bog is called Pine Hole Bog.

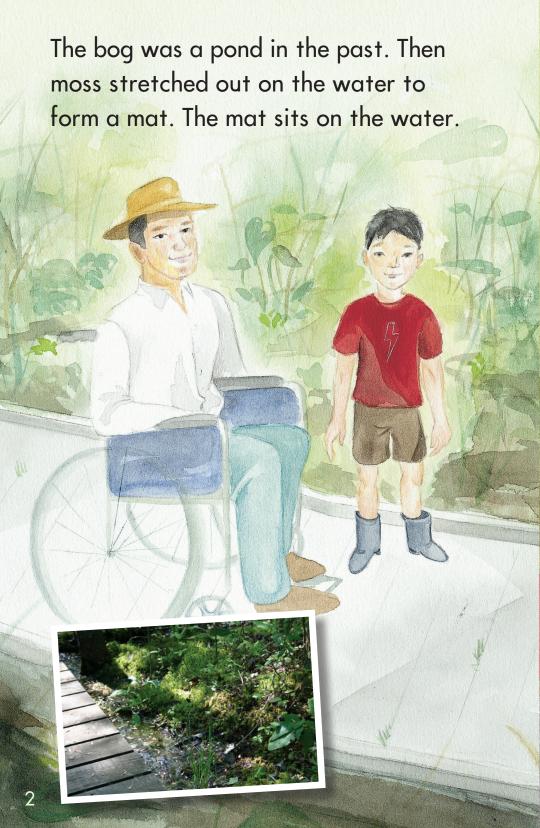


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Mitch stands at the edge of the planks. He tests the mat. Mitch steps on it. The mat sinks down and then springs up.



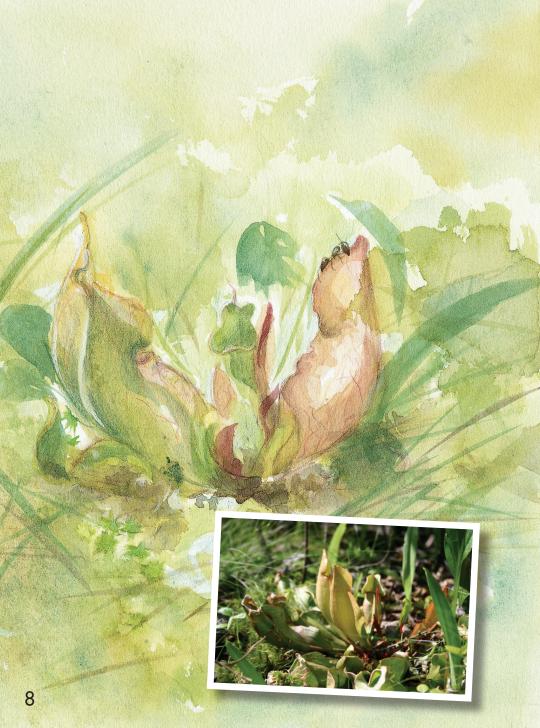
A bog has a lot of plants in it. A plant can stretch up and sink in the mat of moss. "Did it shrink?" Mitch asks.



This bog plant can catch bugs for food. An ant got up on the plant and fell in. There is a lot of food in a bog.



It was a thrill for Mitch to see the plant trap a bug for a snack.



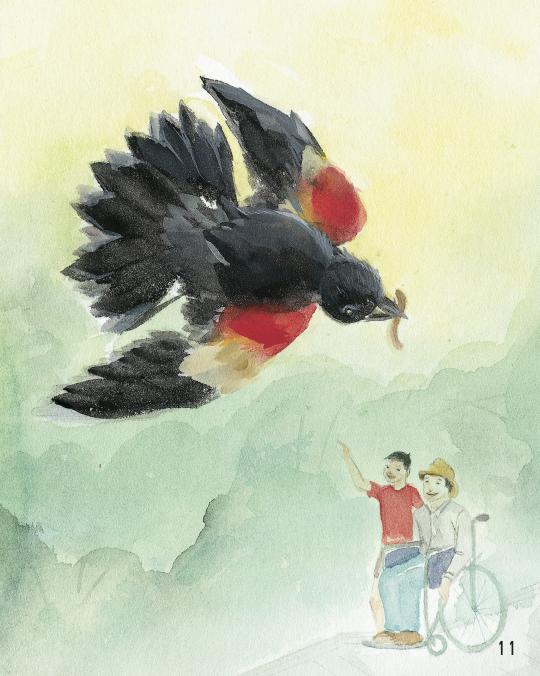


Mitch sees a web. The web can catch bugs. The bugs must not go into the web. They will get stuck in it.



"What is that shrill sound?" Mitch asks his dad.

"It is a bird in the bog," said his dad.



Splash! Was it a frog? Lots of frogs are in a bog. They like the water. Frogs snap up bugs for food.

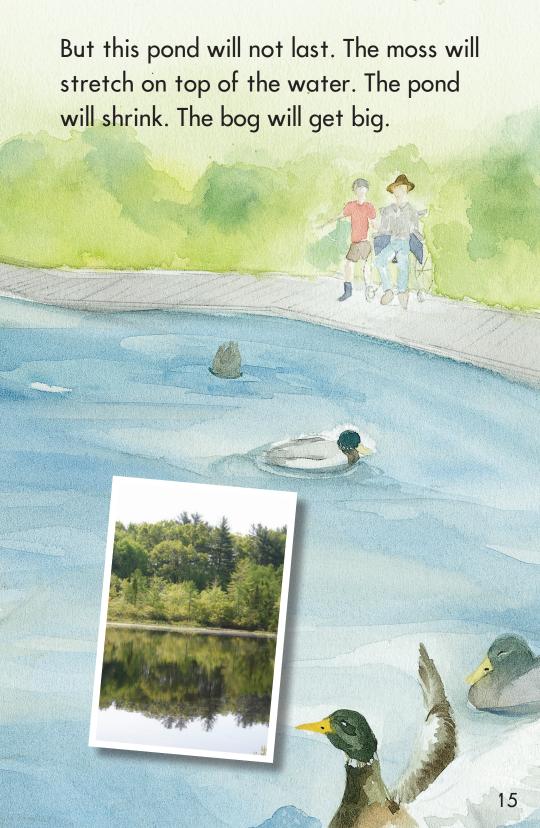


Did the frog splash in the bog to get a bug? Did it splash in the bog to get away? It did not want to be food.



At the edge of the bog, ducks make their nest. This patch of water is the last bit left of the pond.







Skill focus: three-letter blends; digraph blends (*shr*, *thr*); trigraph -*tch*

New sight words: edge, food, form

Discussion questions:

- 1. What do Mitch and his dad see at the bog?
- 2. Why are spider webs unsafe for bugs?
- **3.** What does it mean that the frog didn't want to be food?





- 1 Short Vowels
- 2 Digraphs
- 3 Consonant Blends

3E: At the Bog	three-letter blends; digraph blends (<i>shr, thr</i>); trigraph <i>-tch</i>
3D: Greg and Fran	consonant blends with r
3C: Ducks	consonant blends with s
3B: For Glen	consonant blends with /
3A: Stan in the Tub	consonant blends (sk, st)

- Special Consonant and Welded Sounds
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