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# SPLAT!

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For Ted — J.O'C.

To my favorite Splat Master . . .

Nicky — M.M.



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I am short for my age.  
And I am kind of a wimp.  
My brother calls me Squirt.



Here it  
comes,  
Squirt!



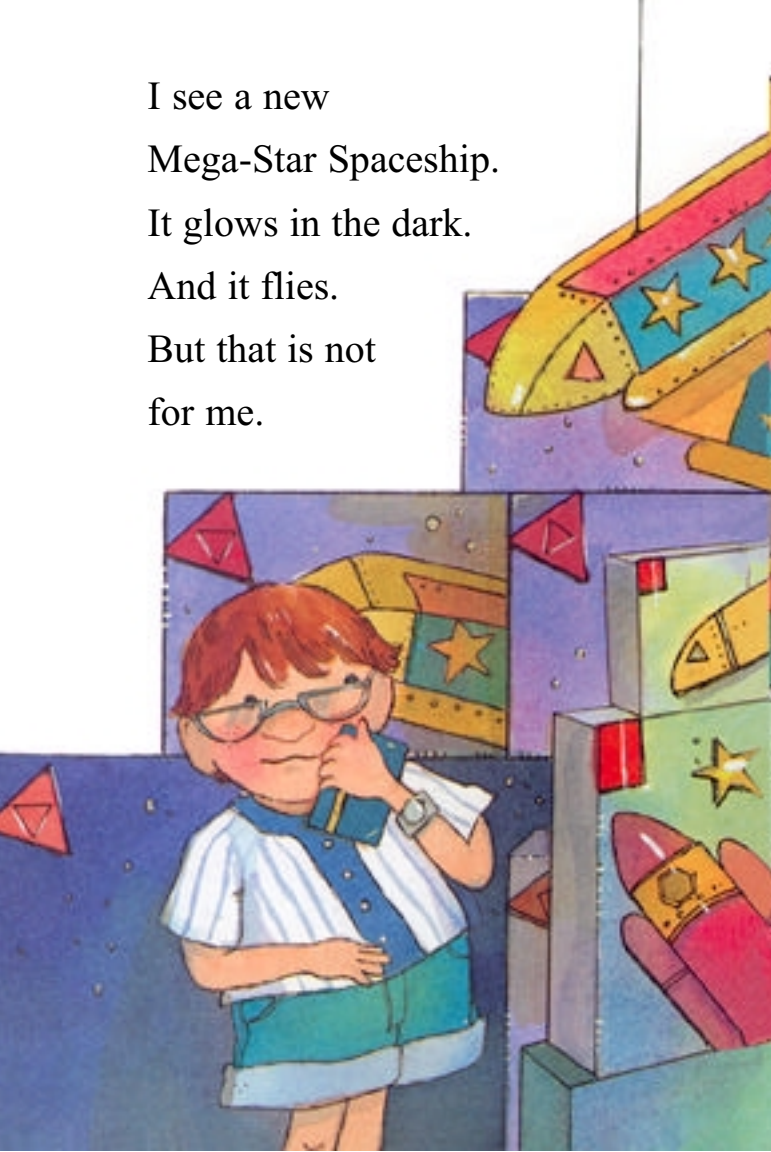
But I do not want  
to be Squirt anymore.  
I have a plan.  
I take my money  
from my piggy bank.



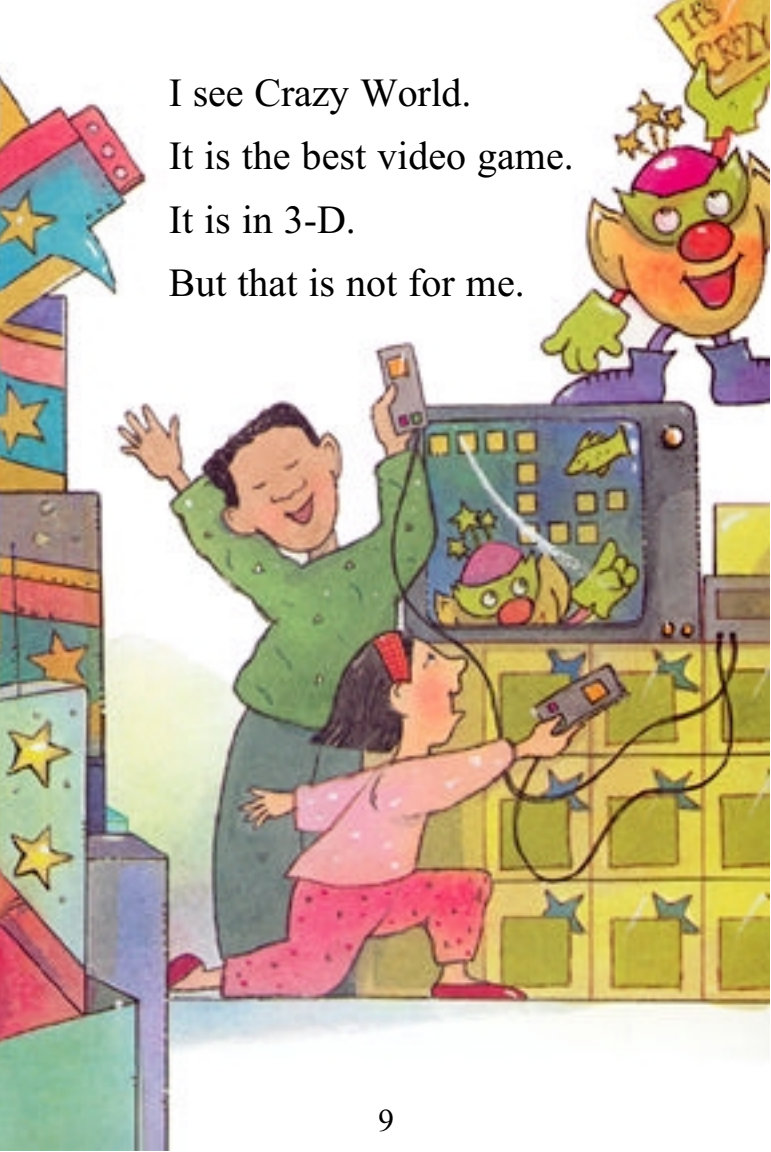


I go to the toy store.

I see a new  
Mega-Star Spaceship.  
It glows in the dark.  
And it flies.  
But that is not  
for me.



I see Crazy World.  
It is the best video game.  
It is in 3-D.  
But that is not for me.



Then I see it—  
the Drencher 1000.  
There are three tanks  
and a hose.  
It squirts water—  
lots of water.  
This is for me!



DOUBLE  
DRENCHER 1000



DOUBLE

DRENCHER 1000



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I give all my money.



And I go home.

Now I am not Squirt.  
I am—  
the Splat Master!





Splat!

I save good guys.





Splat!

I get bad  
guys.



This is fun!

I start splatting everybody.

I splat my mom.



I splat my dad.



I splat my brother.



Then I run—fast!



Who else can I splat?

I see a kid.

SPLAT!



He turns around.

Uh-oh!

He has a Drencher 1000, too!



He splats me back.

I run away.



OOPS!

I fall and skin my leg.

I try not to cry.

But I do.

What a wimp!

I am not the Splat Master.

I am still just Squirt.



“I did not mean to hurt you,”  
the kid tells me.

“My sister calls me PeeWee.  
But my real name is Donny.  
I like that better.”

Donny and I become buddies.

We only splat each other  
if we both say yes.

We shake on it.





Now we splat cars . . .



the grass . . .



and only sometimes  
each other.

Then he is Water Man.

And I am the Splat Master.





The rest of the time  
I am Tim.



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