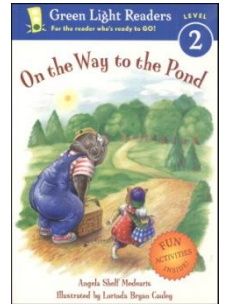


On the Way to the Pond by Angela Shelf Medearis



One day, Tess Tiger went to visit Herbert Hippo. They **were** hungry. Herbert packed a big basket for a picnic at the pond. It was **full** of good food. "You bring the lunch," said Tess. "I'll bring **these four** very important things." Herbert looked at them and just nodded. They started up the path. It was a very hot day. All of a sudden, Herbert felt sick. "Sit under my umbrella," said Tess. "I'll fan you." "Thanks," said Herbert. When Herbert felt better, they went off to the pond. All of a sudden Herbert stopped and cried, "Oh, no! I forgot the basket!" "I'll go back and get it," said Tess. "You go on." Tess dropped some rocks as she walked. She **found** the picnic basket and turned to go back. On the **way**, Tess stopped. First she looked this **way**. Then she looked that **way**. She was lost! "It's a good thing I dropped **these** rocks," she said. "I'll just **follow** them back." Tess got to the pond, but she couldn't **find** Herbert. "Oh, no! Herbert is lost!" She got out her whistle. R-r-r-r! "Here I am!" cried Herbert. "I'm glad you had all that important stuff!"

"Yes," said Tess, "and I'm glad you packed a big lunch! I'm starving!"

Phonics Skill	Comprehension Skill	High-Frequency Words
R-controlled Vowels /ûr/ er, ir, ur	Setting	find, follow, found, four, full, these, way, were
Genre: Fantasy		
A fantasy is a make-believe story. Look for animals that talk and act like people.		