



The **Reading Corner** books can be used by educators, family members and caregivers in order to:

**Promote** early literacy through engaging young children in listening and reading entertaining stories and offering activities that build on the stories.

**Engage** children in critical thinking through individual or group discussions about how they can make a difference in their own lives.

**Support** discussions on everyday themes such as friendship, family, sharing, helping others, etc.

**Support** understanding of issues children face in their lives such as how to handle change, how to rectify mistakes, how to express one's opinion and communicate as well as introduce children to more complex issues such as poverty and loss.

**Introduce** the diversity of the world by featuring multinational settings where children can learn about the similarities and differences among children, families, communities and nations.



# Opening Magic Doors:

## Reading and Learning Together with Children



Three **NEW** sets of Activity Kits

**“Opening Magic Doors: Reading and Learning Together with Children”** for ages 2–3, 4–5, and 6–8 have recently been released.

Each kit includes an Activity Book and four different children's books.

The Activity Books offer teachers, parents, and caregivers general information as well as detailed suggestions on the most efficient ways to engage children in exciting and meaningful learning, using books as a starting point for inquiry and action. Suggested activities include traditional ways of promoting early literacy such as discussion of the cover, text, and illustrations, drawing, making books and collections, connecting actions and situations described in the books to real-life situations and the child's own experiences, etc. The Activity Books also include ideas for stimulating the development of a child's observation and communication skills, connection with the local community, physical development, acquisition of math concepts, and more. Examples of some of the activities are: *how can I do things together with others, shadow plays, whispering games, sorting – smallest to biggest, making dolls and puppets, money to earn, money to spend*, and many others.

### Available books

- A Mango for Grandpa
- Andy's Cherry Tree
- Bursunsul and Paskualina
- Dorothy and the Glasses
- Let's go to Work
- Moush Wants to Get Lost
- Oranges for Everyone
- Ronny
- The Dark
- The Doll's Nose
- The Doll That Flew Away
- The Icicle
- The Littlest One
- To Have a Dog
- You Are a Really Good Friend of Mine

Profits from the sales of Reading Corner books will support the distribution of books to classrooms in countries where local language, high quality, developmentally appropriate children's literature is very limited.

## Available languages

- Albanian
- Armenian
- Czech
- English
- French
- Hungarian
- Romanian
- Russian
- Serbian
- Slovak
- Spanish
- Ukrainian

# Reading Corner

The Reading Corner, a project of the International Step by Step Association (ISSA), joins the efforts of authors, illustrators, educators and readers in the countries where ISSA is active.

The primary goal of this initiative is to create high quality children's literature in a multitude of languages through the publication of developmentally appropriate, contemporary stories. This project supports ISSA's main goal: the promotion of quality education and equal opportunities for every child right from the start.

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## ISSA: Making Reading Fun

Books for children and about children  
from around the world



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ISSA is an innovative network of early childhood development professionals and organizations primarily in Central/Eastern Europe and Central Asia, working to make quality early childhood education accessible to all children.