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FIRST READER**

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## PREFACE

THE teacher of elementary reading needs as the basis for her work a series of interesting reading lessons, making use of a practical, well-graded, and properly limited vocabulary. Whatever method may be used for the development of the vocabulary and for the presentation of the elements of reading to the pupils, these materials are essential. It is the purpose of THE HEATH READERS to supply such lessons, leaving teachers free to use whatever methods their experience and surroundings make most desirable.

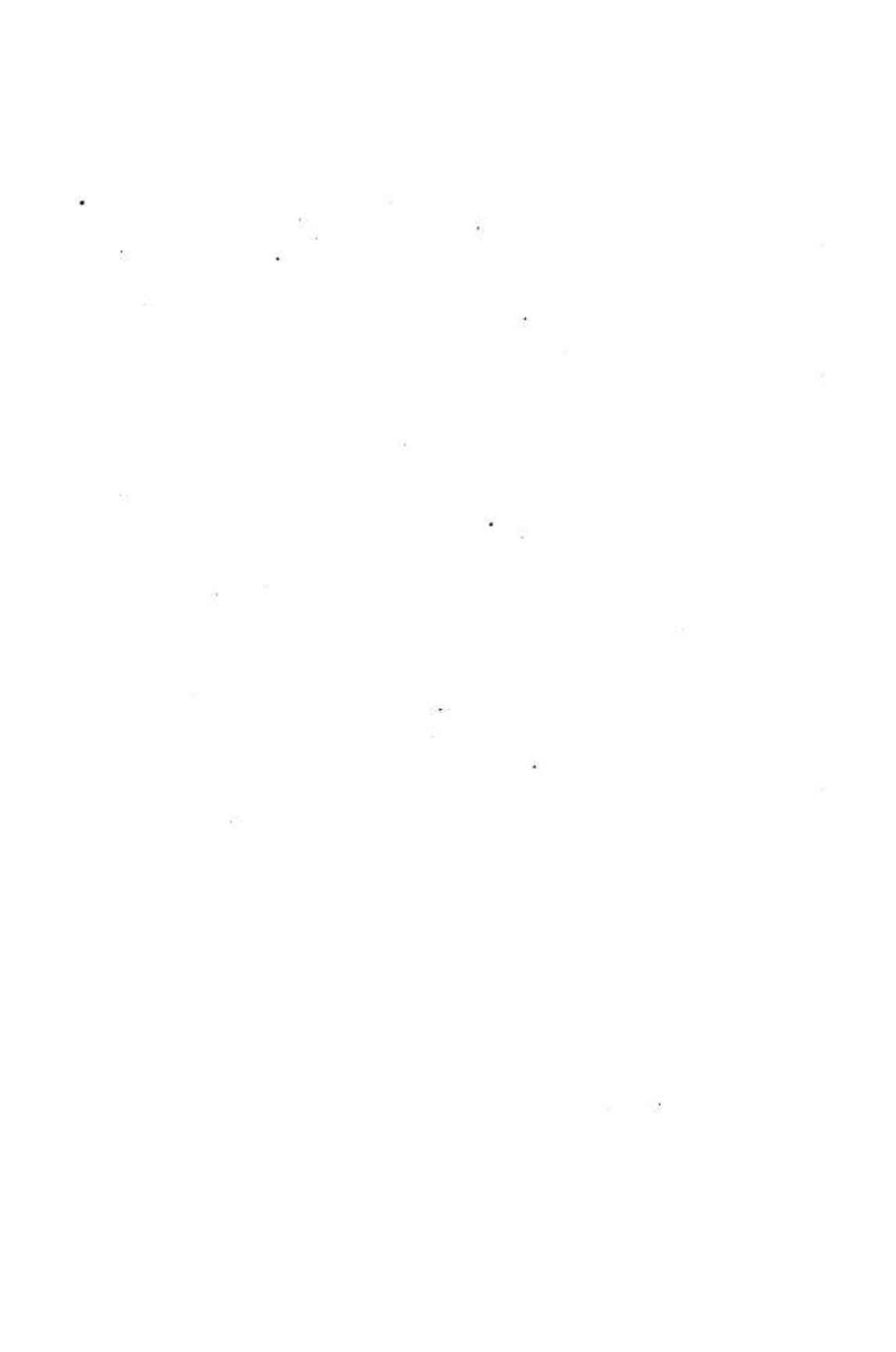
The best preparation for the First Reader may be had through the use of the Primer in this series.

It will be noted that the lessons in this book are in unusually large proportion devoted to those subjects that are of most interest to children: animals and their ways, simple forms of nature that appeal to the eye and to the imagination, and stories of children and their pets.

The pages have not been cumbered with exercises in word building, as every successful teacher will readily and at the appropriate time extend the vocabulary exercises into word-building exercises in such a way as will best serve the needs of her pupils.

For the convenience of teachers, the vocabulary used in the lessons has been printed consecutively at the end of the book, where the words have been diacritically marked. The use of these marks may save some time for those teachers who wish to copy the vocabulary upon the blackboard, with marks to indicate the sounds of the letters.

Classes that have successfully completed the reading of this book are prepared to begin the use of the Second Reader in this series.



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Look up here.  
Do you see me?  
I can see you.  
I am in the tree.

look

here

tree