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Picture Words: Book One

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Pictures Words: The First Book was born out of my son's frustration. Those pesky b's and d's kept switching around on him, and there were too many letter sounds to keep straight. Frustration at the unknown would assail him within the first few minutes of each lesson, and he would shut down. I had an excellent phonics book to sequence his learning, but needed to somehow translate it into material that he could teach himself. It all begins with these "picture letters". Picture words put the clues right into the letters for the young readers to consult " taking away the frustration of not remembering the sounds for each letter. This allows students to begin much sooner and with much more success on their journey of reading. Following shortly on the heels of my picture letter idea, I began to personalize the rules of phonics into stories about the letters (particularly the vowels) " stories of how they behaved and interacted with one another. It was modeled on how our family works together " each having our own individual jobs, but being always willing to help one another do special jobs (often sacrificing our own time and energies to make the other successful). Stories are much easier to remember than facts, and giving the letters personality traits makes them real characters in the minds of my children. I was trained as a remedial reading teacher, but no one ever mentioned phonics in my training. In the process of teaching my own children, I have discovered connections and relationships between the letters that make so much sense " ones I've never seen anyone else explain. It turns out that our language isn't nearly as complicated or disorganized as I'd always assumed! If you are tired of teaching phonics as a list of dry rules to less-than-contented students, I hope this book will be a blessing to you and yours!

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