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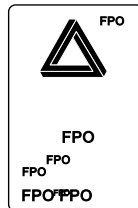
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Dedication

To my second-grade teacher, Mrs. Varrie,
who taught me how to make friends
with my homework.

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Do Not Read This!

You peeked! Ha! Now that I have your attention, I must tell you that this book is about homework. That's right . . .



Before you say, "Homework, who needs it?" think again. You need it, my friend. It's not just there to make your life miserable.

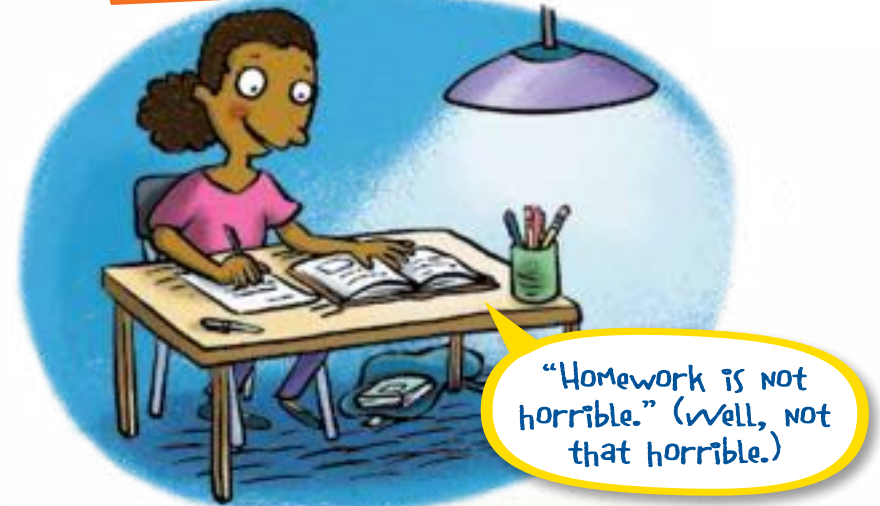


Here are a few good reasons for doing homework:

- It helps you practice skills that you haven't fully learned yet. And it helps you review skills that you have learned.
- It gives you the chance to finish up tasks that you couldn't get done during school hours.
- It helps you learn and grow.



Now, repeat after me:

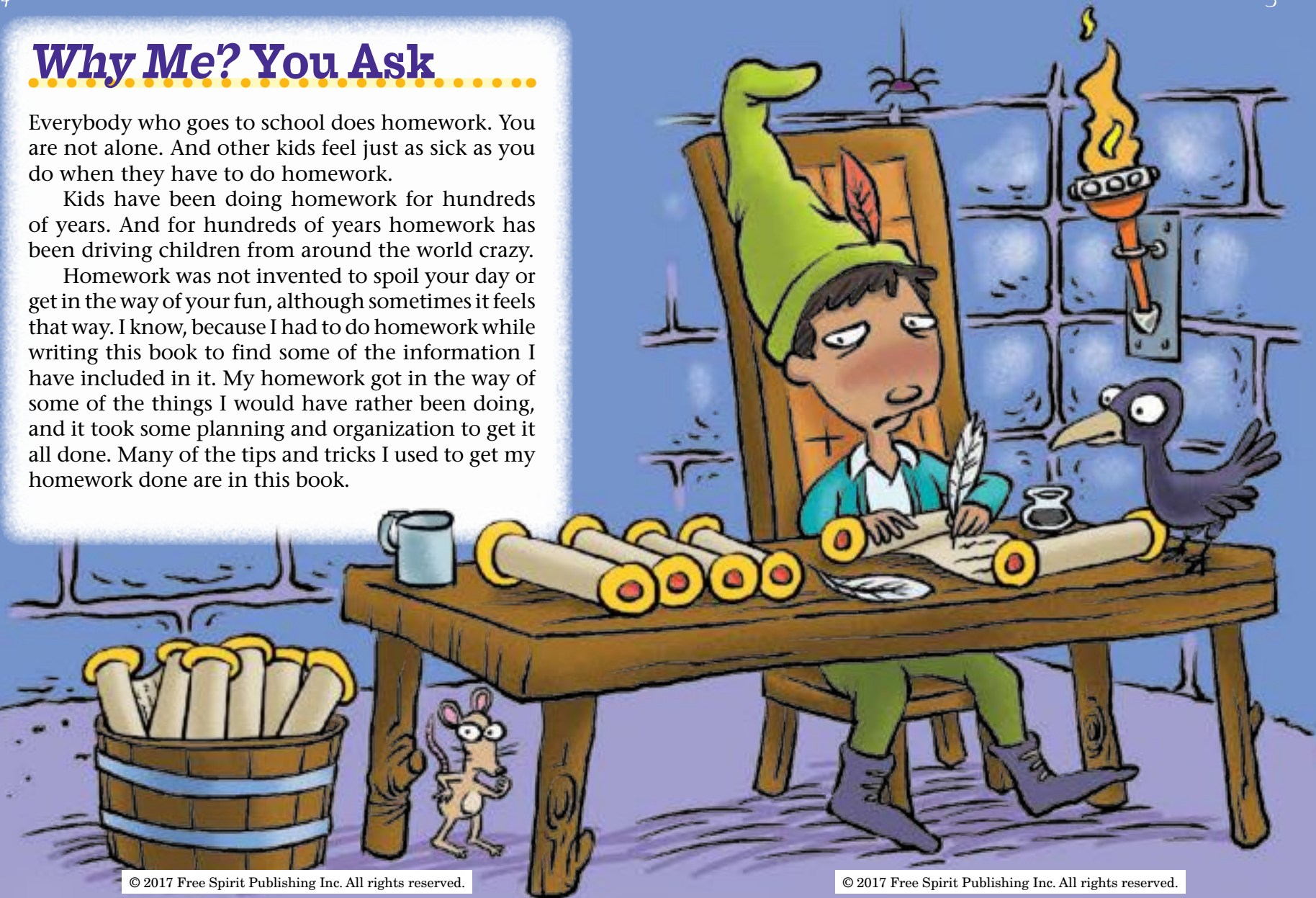


Why Me? You Ask

Everybody who goes to school does homework. You are not alone. And other kids feel just as sick as you do when they have to do homework.

Kids have been doing homework for hundreds of years. And for hundreds of years homework has been driving children from around the world crazy.

Homework was not invented to spoil your day or get in the way of your fun, although sometimes it feels that way. I know, because I had to do homework while writing this book to find some of the information I have included in it. My homework got in the way of some of the things I would have rather been doing, and it took some planning and organization to get it all done. Many of the tips and tricks I used to get my homework done are in this book.



Hanging out instead of going home and doing your homework is called **procrastinating**. Procrastinating means: I'll think of a thousand things to do to keep me from doing my homework.



Do not pull out your hair because you have homework to do. (The homework won't get done, and you'll go bald.)

People who say homework is a waste of time don't know what they're talking about. They'll probably grow up without useful skills and might end up with jobs they really don't like.

A lot of people don't realize this, but homework actually makes you smarter. Now maybe you're thinking, "Say what? Nuh-uh. That's impossible." But it's true. Focusing on your homework and doing the best job you can will help you understand the work better and improve your grades.

It sounds so simple. And it is. Even very, very smart people have to do homework. And, believe it or not, some people who once had poor grades have become very smart by concentrating on their homework and learning from it.

No, really... homework is an absolute waste of time. Now, take video games. They teach you really useful things like how to defeat monsters and other creatures...



The Great Homework Battle

Throwing a fit will not make your homework easier to do. It will probably just get you grounded!



You cannot make your homework disappear! It will not vanish into thin air. If you try to get rid of your homework, it will just come back the next day to haunt you.