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“Mama, alligator!” whispered Jordan, pointing to the big elevator.

“You mean elevator,” said Mother. “Come on, let’s go find some fun picture books to read.”



Jordan and Mother looked at the picture books and found five to take home. “Now I need to go downstairs to get a book,” said Mother.



Jordan and his mother were making their first trip to the library in their new town.

“See, Jordan?” said Mother. “Here is the checkout desk, where we get our library card and check out our books.” Mother stopped at the desk to get a card. Jordan looked around.



Mother took Jordan's hand and walked toward the stairs. Jordan looked at the elevator.

"Alligator!"

"Elevator," Mother corrected. "But we will take the stairs."



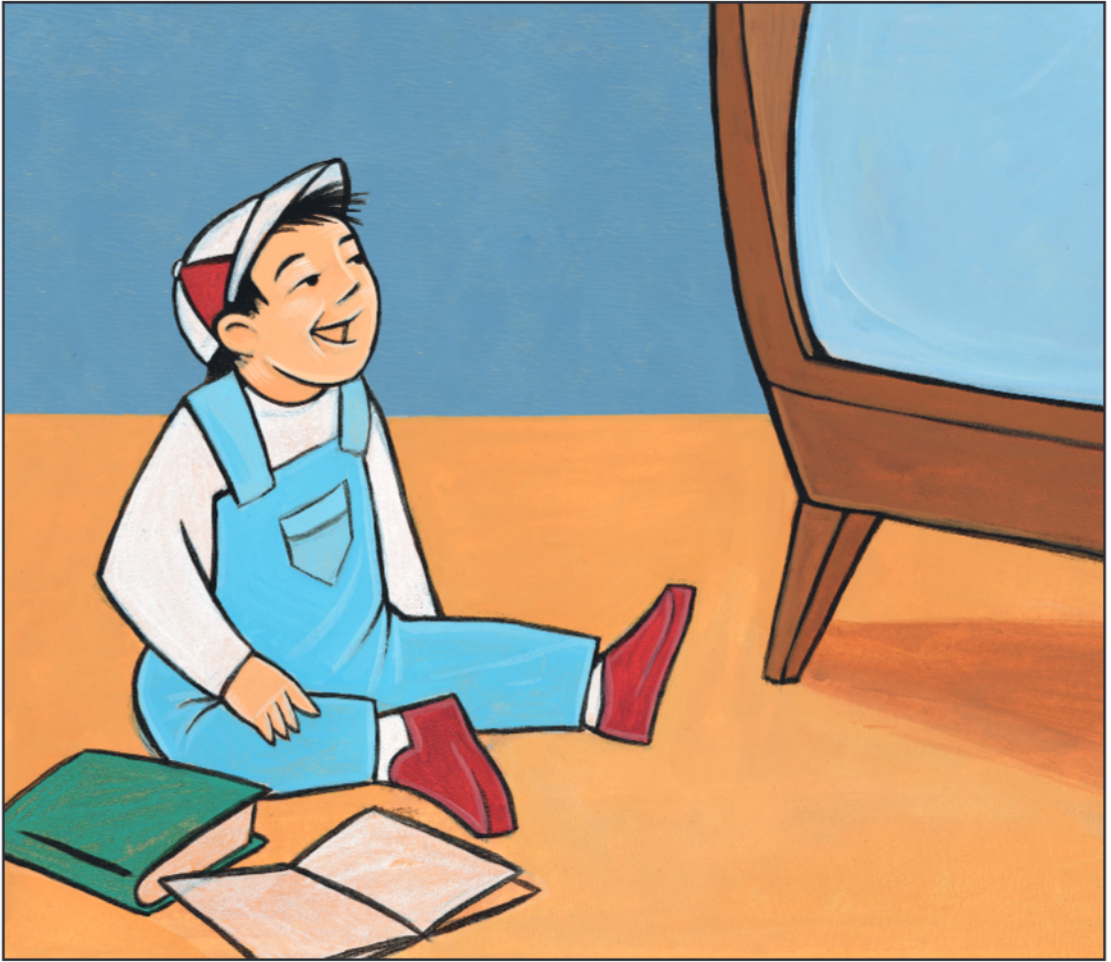
After Mother found two books, she said, “Let’s go upstairs and look at the videos.” Jordan stared at the elevator.



“I know you want to ride in the elevator,”
said Mother, “but I like to get my exercise.”

“Alligator!” said Jordan, pointing.

“Elevator!” Mother insisted.



While Mother picked a video and some tapes,
Jordan watched a big TV.



When Mother came to get Jordan, he grabbed her hand and pulled her toward the elevator.

“Alligator! Alligator!” he cried.



“Oh, Jordan, I’ve told you it’s an EL-E-VA-TOR! Say ‘EL-E-VA-TOR.’”

“Look! Alligator!” squealed Jordan. Mother shook her head and tugged Jordan down the stairs.



At the checkout desk, Mother checked out the video, books, and tapes. Jordan helped carry his books.

“Next week maybe we can come to storytime,” said Mother. “And maybe I will let you ride the el-e-va-tor.”



Jordan looked back.
“Bye-bye, Alligator!” he said.

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