

Origin Story

Imagine, your daughter comes to you - one month into Kindergarten and says, "Dad, I want to learn to read!" Surprised, but pleased, I purchased two books on Amazon (to remain nameless). One was making it too difficult. The other wasn't doing near enough.

So, I asked a friend of mine, how she taught her son to read. You see - he was reading on a second grade level, the year before (in my daughter's and his preschool class). My friend replied, "With three-letter words!" Note: we also had a letter-sound tape in the car.

At that moment, it dawned on me - if they knew three letter-sounds, they could read a three-letter word! So, I started putting pages together: letter-sound page, letter-sound page, reading page. And it worked like a charm - in relatively short order, my daughter went from the alphabet to reading short-vowel books, and beyond. Den's reading program was born from there.

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