

# First Reading Level Three

Level Three titles encourage the reader to develop reading stamina, increasing to 48 pages consisting of character sheets or maps and the main story (up to 450 words). The story includes a strong element of reprise or repetition, with the familiarity of repeated language chunks helping the reader to gain in confidence.

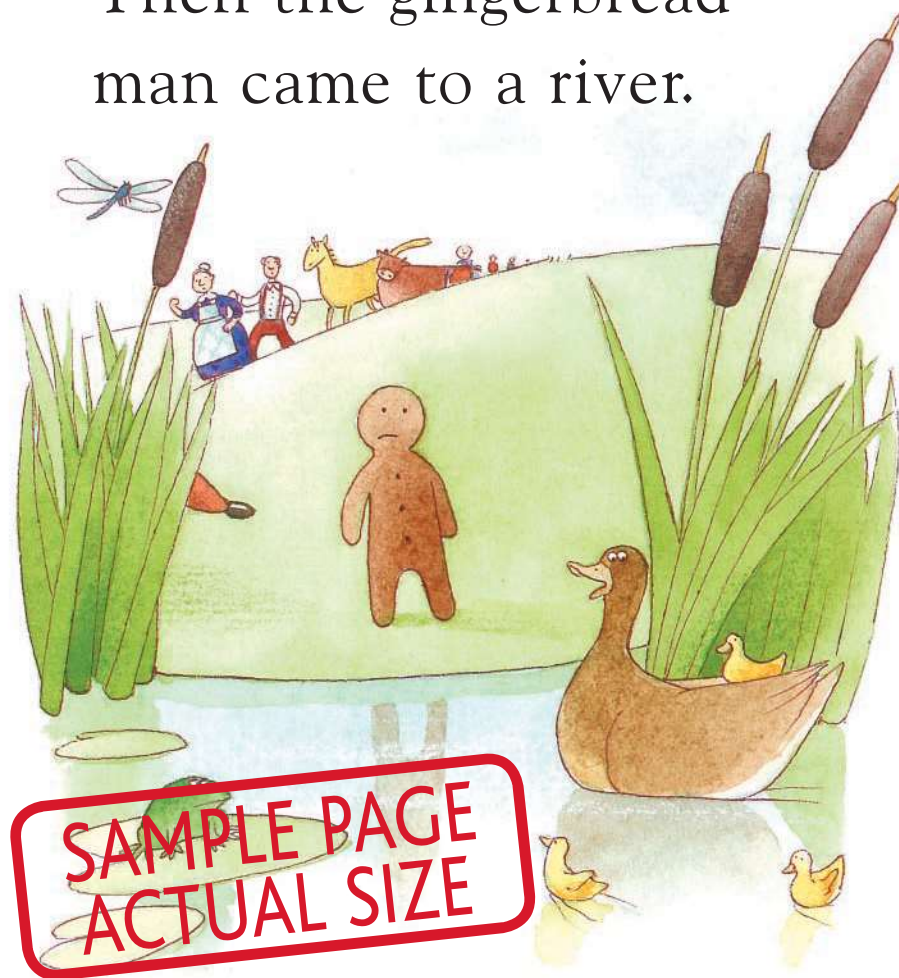
Subjects include classic folktales from around the world and original fiction, with quirky and humorous illustrations.

Illustration by  
Georgien Overwater  
from *The Three  
Little Pigs*



Opposite: from  
*The Gingerbread Man*,  
retold by Mairi Mackinnon,  
illustrated by Elena Temporin

Then the gingerbread man came to a river.



He wanted to cross it,  
but he couldn't swim.