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In this book, elements from more than one of Nasreddin Hodja's stories have been combined to make a single story.



NASREDDIN HODJA



When we hear his name, we immediately think of a long white beard, a big turban, a flowing robe and a smiling face. Then a big smile spreads across our own faces.

He is full of witty remarks and he has something clever to say in every situation.

We laugh when we think of his stories.

Nasreddin Hodja was born almost 800 years ago in the 13th century, in what is today the city of Konya in Turkey and lived much of his life in a place called Akşehir.

WHAT WE WILL LEARN

When we read this book we will:

- Develop our reading abilities.
- Improve our vocabulary and our control of the language that we use.
- Learn polite and courteous phrases and when to use them.
- Learn in time the meaning of concepts and when to use them.
- Learn the words for feelings and when to use them.
- Understand the relationship between the causes and effects of things that happen.
- Develop our imaginations.
- Become familiar with animal concepts and with nature.
- Guess what the text says based on the illustrations.
- Learn what is necessary to be courteous in our social lives and how to do these things ourselves.

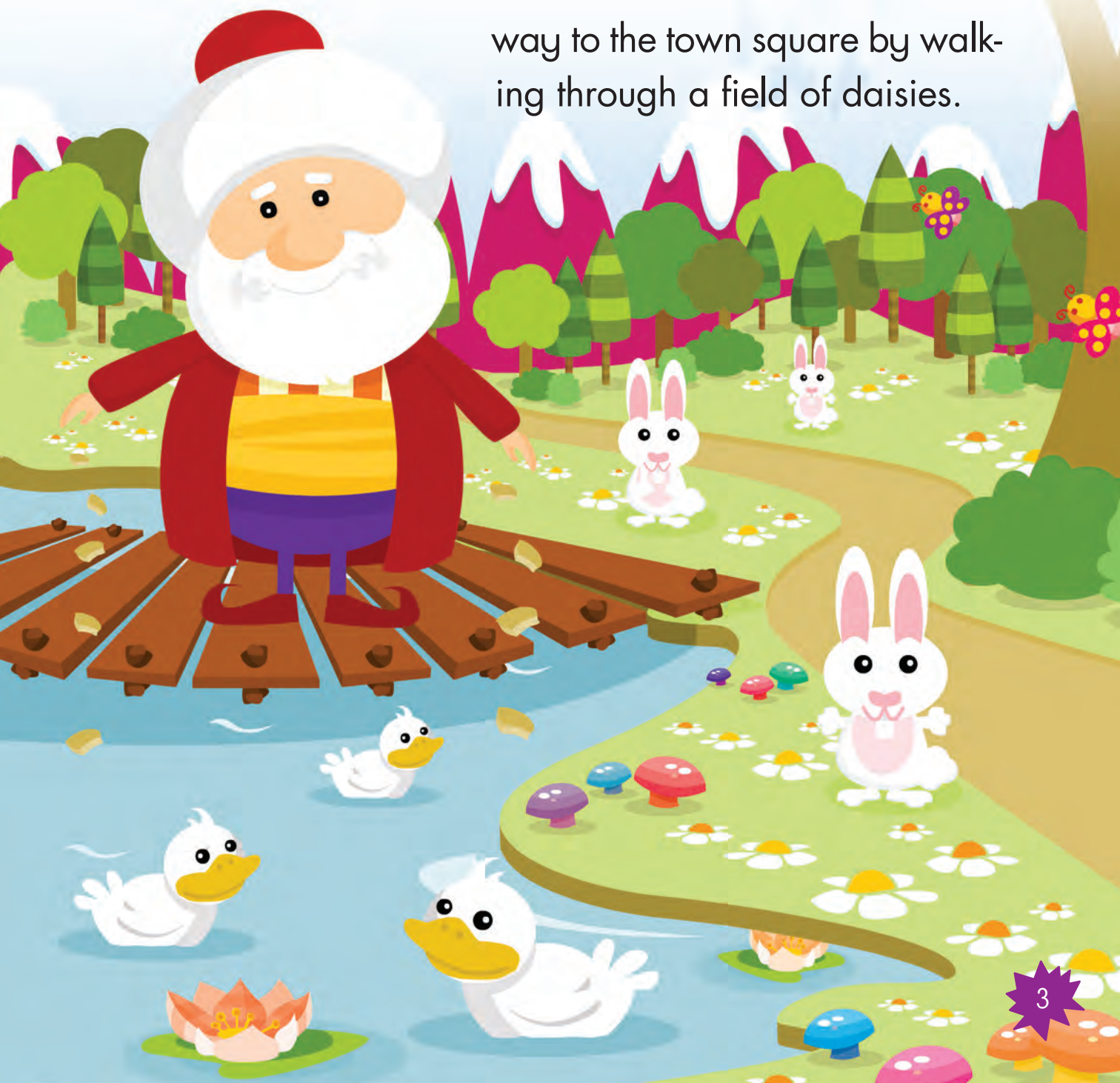
And last but not least, we will get to meet Nasreddin Hodja!

CONCEPTS

When we read this book we will learn concepts such as:

- Numbers 1-10
- Linear concepts (before, now, after)
- Nature concepts (happiness, jealousy, sadness)
- Time concepts (yesterday, today, tomorrow, week)
 - To be tired, to rest
 - Thin - Fat
 - Tall - Short
 - Hot - Cold
 - Stinginess

One very beautiful summer day, Nasreddin Hodja left his house to go on a walk. First he went to the lake. He stood on the bridge and threw bread to the ducks in the lake. He watched the rabbits hopping about between the trees. Then he made his way to the town square by walking through a field of daisies.



He went shopping in the market and chatted with his friends who were there. Just then he passed a pretzel-seller. When he smelled the pretzels, Nasreddin Hodja realized that he was hungry.

“Give each of us one of your softest pretzels.” He said.





While Nasreddin Hodja and his friends were eating the pretzels, they came to the officer in charge of keeping their city safe. Nasreddin knew this man. He was very stingy.



Nasreddin said to the pretzel-seller, "Give one to this officer."
The pretzel-seller offered a pretzel to the officer. Nasreddin paid the pretzel-seller. Just then they heard the sound of a lemonade-seller passing through the market.



Nasreddin said to the officer,
"Come, I paid for the pretzels; you pay for the lemonade."

The officer asked,
"Oh Nasreddin Hodja, who drinks lemonade with pretzels?" and continued to eat the pretzel.



Nasreddin Hodja knew that the officer said this because he didn't want to pay for the lemonade. He didn't say a word. Then the officer said,

"Teacher, I've been looking for you since this morning. I went to your home. Your wife said, 'he went out for a walk.' I looked everywhere, and just when I was about to give up hope, I saw you."

