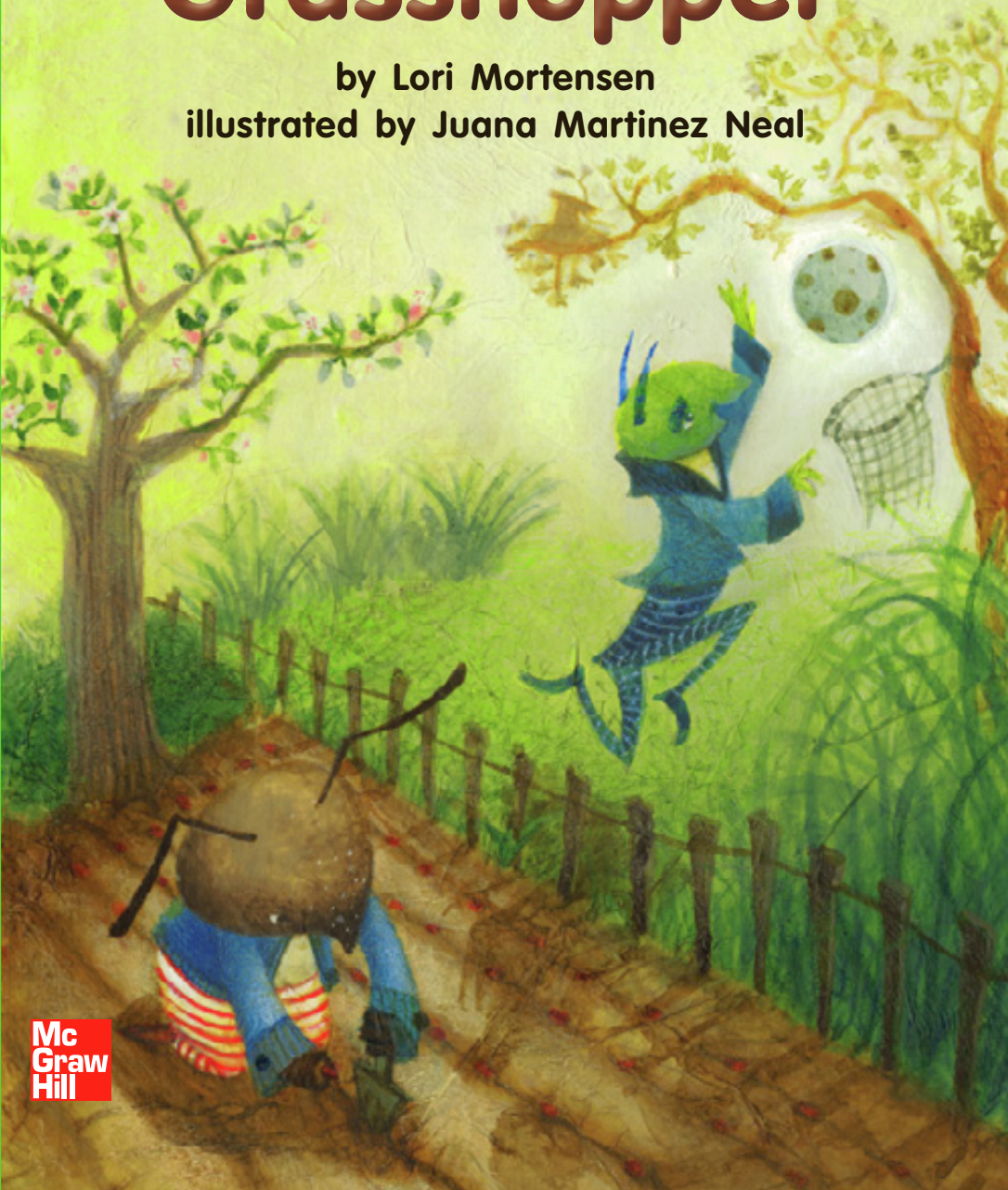


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Comprehension

Strategy: Visualize

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Phonics

initial *b*, initial *l*

High-Frequency Words

is, little

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“It is spring,” said Ant.
“It is time to plant a
little garden.”



Ant planted rows of
little beans.

Grasshopper got out a ball.
"It is time to play," he said.



Ant worked, but Grasshopper
just played.
Little by little, the beans grew.



Soon, it was fall.
The leaves fell from
the trees.

“It is time to pick my
beans,” said Ant.

He filled a basket
with beans.
Grasshopper played in
the leaves.



Fall became winter.

“It is time to make chili,”
said Ant.

“My beans will taste good.”



Grasshopper rubbed
his belly.

"You are lucky," he said
to Ant.

"It is not luck," said Ant.
"I grew the beans."



Ant ate his yummy chili.
Grasshopper ate his dry leaf.
"Next year I will plant
a garden," he said.

Literacy Activities



Who Was Ready?

Talk to a partner about the book. What did Grasshopper do while Ant worked? Who was ready for winter?



Next Year!

Draw a picture of what you think Grasshopper will do next year. Write a sentence to go with your picture.



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