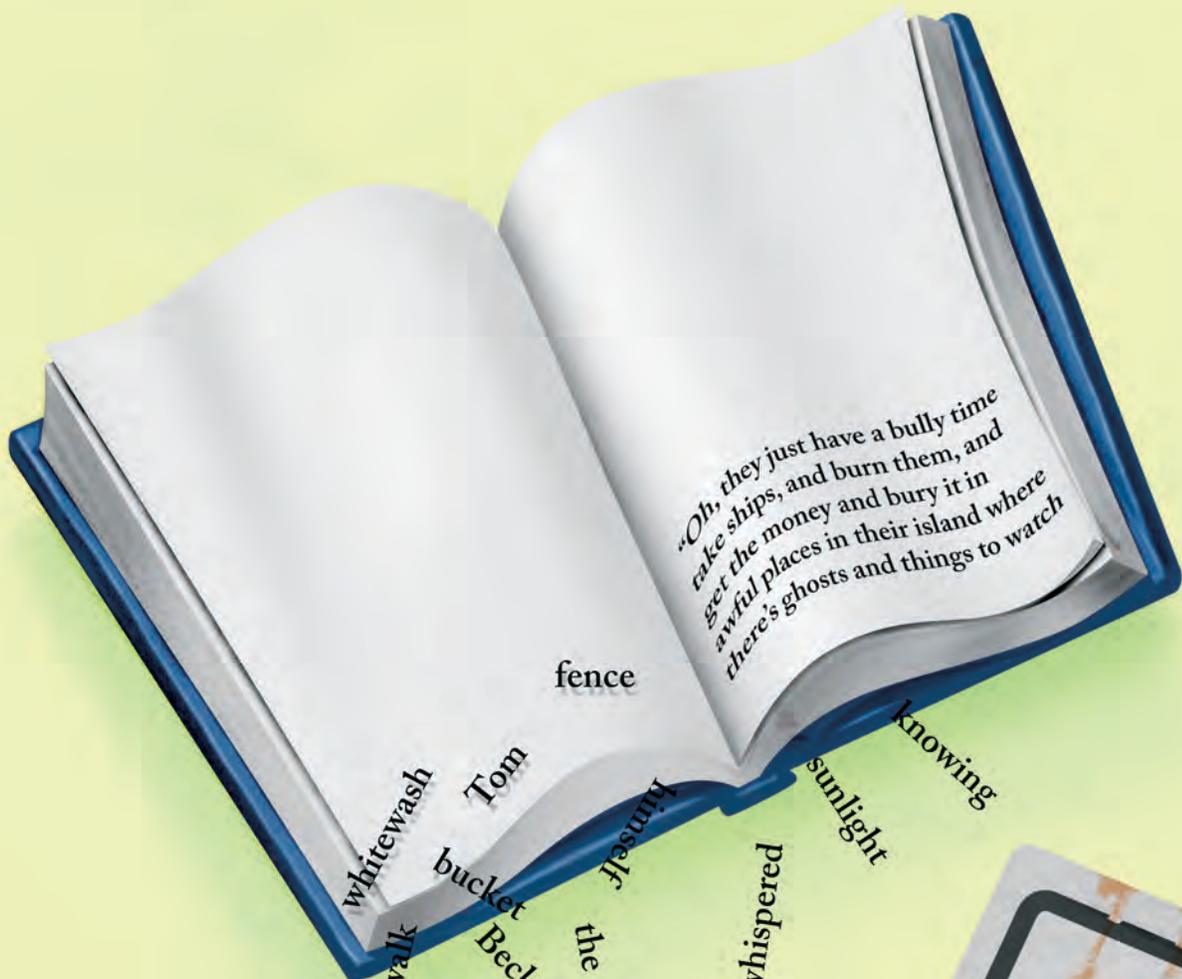


The **BOY**
Who Wouldn't
READ





“Oh, they just have a bully time rake ships, and burn them, and get the money and bury it in a wifal places in their island where there's ghosts and things to watch

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An illustration in the bottom left corner showing a stack of papers and a clipboard. One of the papers has the word "Crime" written on it in a stylized font.

Crime

To my wonderful grandchildren: Taylor, Kennedi, Connor, Macy, Phoenix, Noah, Patrick, and Trey. You mean the world to me, and I love you with all of my heart!—D. W. M.

For my wonderful daughter, Emma, the girl who loves to read—D. H.

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There was a boy named Robbie
who didn't like to read,

until things started happening
that he could not believe.





His complaints were always loud enough
for librarians to hear:

“I hate reading! I hate reading!”
He whined to all those near.

His teacher checked out tons of books
to encourage him to read,



but Robbie hid beneath his desk
just to avoid that dreadful deed.

His parents were dismayed
by his bad attitude;

they thought that not wanting to read
was simply being rude.





The night that he was punished
for swinging on the chandelier,
he sat in his room and got so mad,
he grabbed every book that was near.