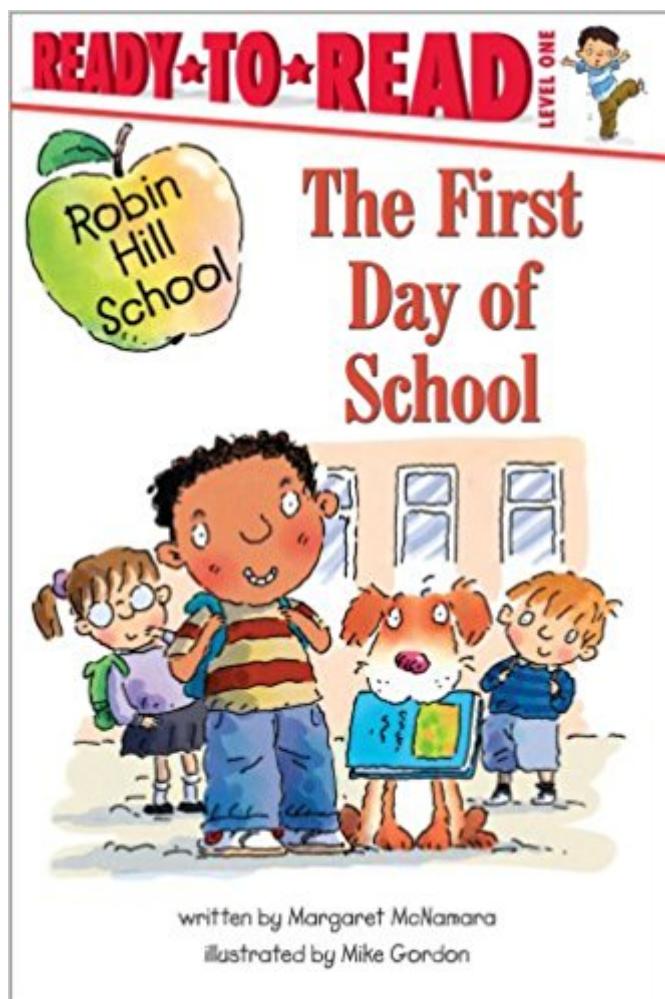


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# First Day Of School (Robin Hill School)



## Synopsis

It's almost the first day of first grade, and Michael can't wait. That is, until he discovers that his puppy, Cookie, can't join him. But when he learns that bringing Cookie means she wouldn't be just his anymore, he decides it's better if she stays home.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2  
Michael and his dog do everything together, from playing catch to taking baths. Naturally, Michael just assumes Cookie will accompany him throughout his first day at Robin Hill School, but his mother tells him otherwise. Michael is crushed until his sympathetic teacher comments, If Cookie came to school she would belong to everyone. Michael, unsure that he wants to share his pup, sends the animal home with his mother. And that is where she is when he gets home, waiting to greet her special owner. This beginning reader has short sentences, picture clues, and ample white space. But more than that, it tells a real story to which children will relate. The cartoon illustrations show the boy's sadness and joy quite well, and young children will take delight in reading this easy story on their own.

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K-Gr. 2. This touching Ready-to-Read story explores how things change when a child leaves home to start school. Michael is excited about starting first grade, but it is only when he gets to the classroom that he realizes that Cookie, his beloved puppy and constant companion, can't stay with him. The kind teacher says that Cookie can come to school, live on the playground, and belong to everyone at school. But Michael realizes that he would rather have Cookie waiting for him when he gets home. The clear, simple words and exuberant line-and-watercolor pictures show the physical bond between the child and his pet, always together, even in the bath. Kids starting school will recognize the truth about how big the change will be--how hard it is to let go of old routines as well as the joy of returning home to a loving welcome. Pair this with Andrew Clement's *Slippers at School* (above) for another sweet story about pet pals. Hazel RochmanCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This was a great read! We liked the book a lot! Easy for my six year old to work on!

this book he likes

I feel that the "Robin Hill School" Ready-to-read books are somewhat advanced despite being categorized as Level 1 books. According to the description at the back of the book, Level 1 is "starting to read - simple stories, increased vocabulary, and longer sentences". Well, my 5-year-old is reading and can manage other readers at level 1 such as Barron's First Book series, e.g. *A Mop for Pop* (Get Ready Get Set Read) and also the Step Into Reading Ready to Read series, e.g. *The Snowball* (Step-Into-Reading, Step 1). She could not however read all of the Robin Hill School books fluently and independently (compared to the other readers I listed), though she managed this particular title quite well. I personally found some of the other titles in the series to be more advanced than other early readers categorized as Level 1 (sentences are much longer and the vocabulary used is also a bit more advanced). This is what confuses parents (as attested to by some of my friends) - some early readers appear to be too easy and some too difficult though they are labeled under the same level. However, I do understand that children also progress at different paces in reading. Anyway, the stories in the Robin Hill School series are actually quite engaging and

interesting. This particular story focuses on the first day of school, something my 5-year-old can relate to. I do like the series (we checked the entire set out from our local library) as the stories are engaging and visually appealing. I plan to reintroduce these books to my daughter in a couple of months as she builds her vocabulary and reading skills.

We picked this book up from our public library. Very cute book and we loved the illustrations that were done by Mik Gordon. You have this boy who has spent all summer with his dog, only to go to start school and find out he can not have his dog with him. When he gets told that the Cookie can belong to the whole school Michael didn't like that idea. Yes he missed her but she was waiting on him when he got home which was really sweet. This book would be great for those starting school or even going back after having a fun summer. As we know that children will miss doing certain things or miss certain people or animals. It helps them understand that you will get to come home after school and see that animal or person.

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