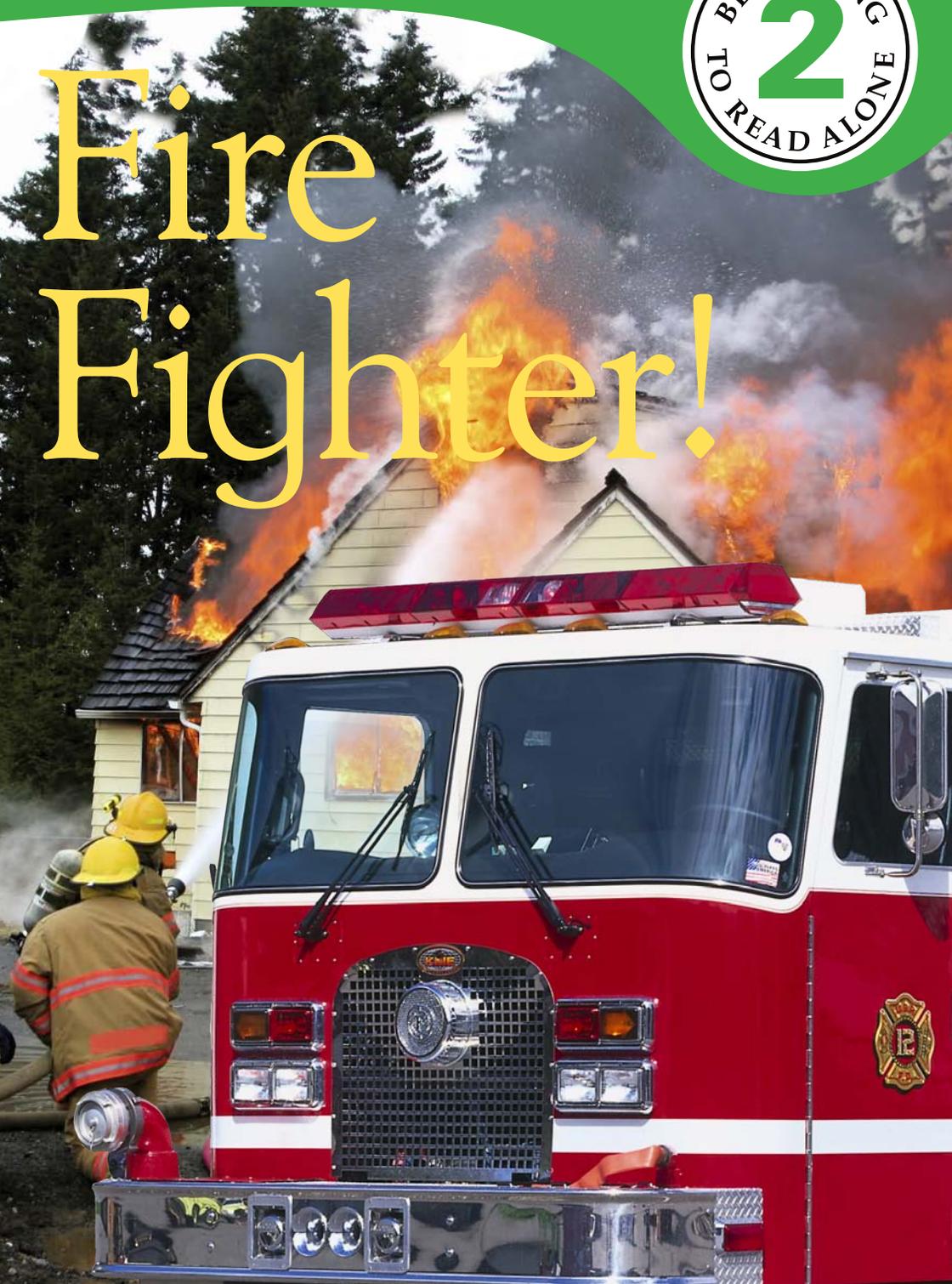




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# Fire Fighter!



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TO BEGINNING  
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TO READ ALONE

# Fire Fighter!

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It is busy at the fire house  
even when there is no fire.  
Liz is checking the hoses.  
She wants to make sure  
they screw tightly to the truck.

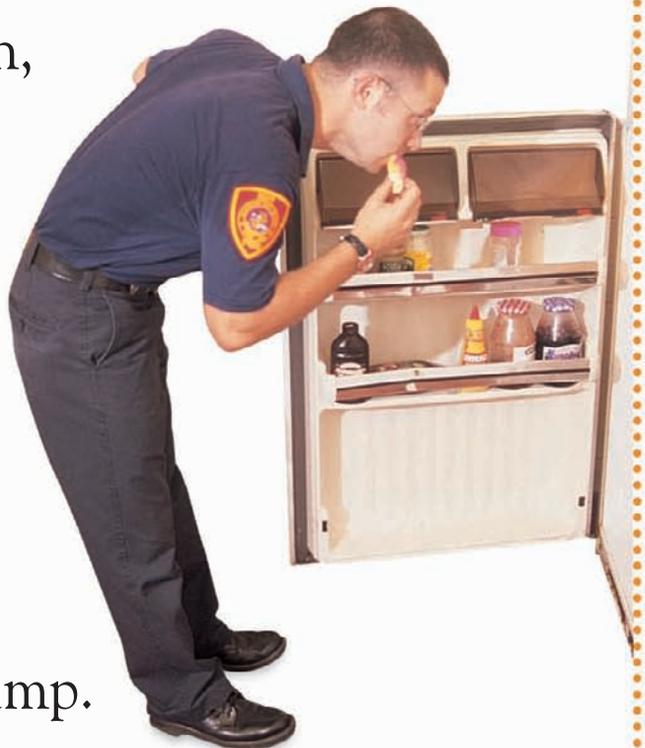




Dan is polishing  
the fire truck  
wheels.

Anthony is upstairs  
in the kitchen,  
looking for  
a snack.

He is always  
hungry!  
Suddenly  
a loud noise  
makes him jump.





Ring!  
Ring!  
Ring!

It is the fire alarm!  
Anthony slides  
down the pole.  
THUD!  
He lands hard.  
But the thick  
rubber pad  
on the ground  
cushions his feet.

## Ready for action

Pants are kept rolled down over boots to save time. That way the fire fighters can be dressed and in the fire truck in 30 seconds.



Liz jumps into her boots and pulls up her fireproof pants.

She checks

the computer.

It shows the fire is at 7 Oak Lane.

In the truck

Liz grabs the walkie-talkie.

“Chief Miller!

We’re on our way!”



“Right!” says the  
fire chief.

He has gone ahead  
in a special fast car.

“I’ll meet you there.”



Liz starts the engine  
as the fire fighters jump in.  
She flips on the sirens and lights  
and drives out of the fire house.  
The truck speeds toward the fire.



Cars and buses stop and wait  
when they hear the sirens coming.

The fire chief calls Liz.

“I’m at the fire scene.

It’s an old house  
that’s been empty for years.

But someone saw a young boy  
playing on the porch this morning.

He might be inside the house.

Tell Dan and Anthony to  
get their air tanks ready.”

“Okay, Chief,” says Liz.

“I can see the smoke from here.  
We’ll be there in two minutes.”



Liz turns the corner into Oak Lane.  
Flames cover the top of the house.



The fire is spreading quickly.  
There's no time to lose!



## Hoses

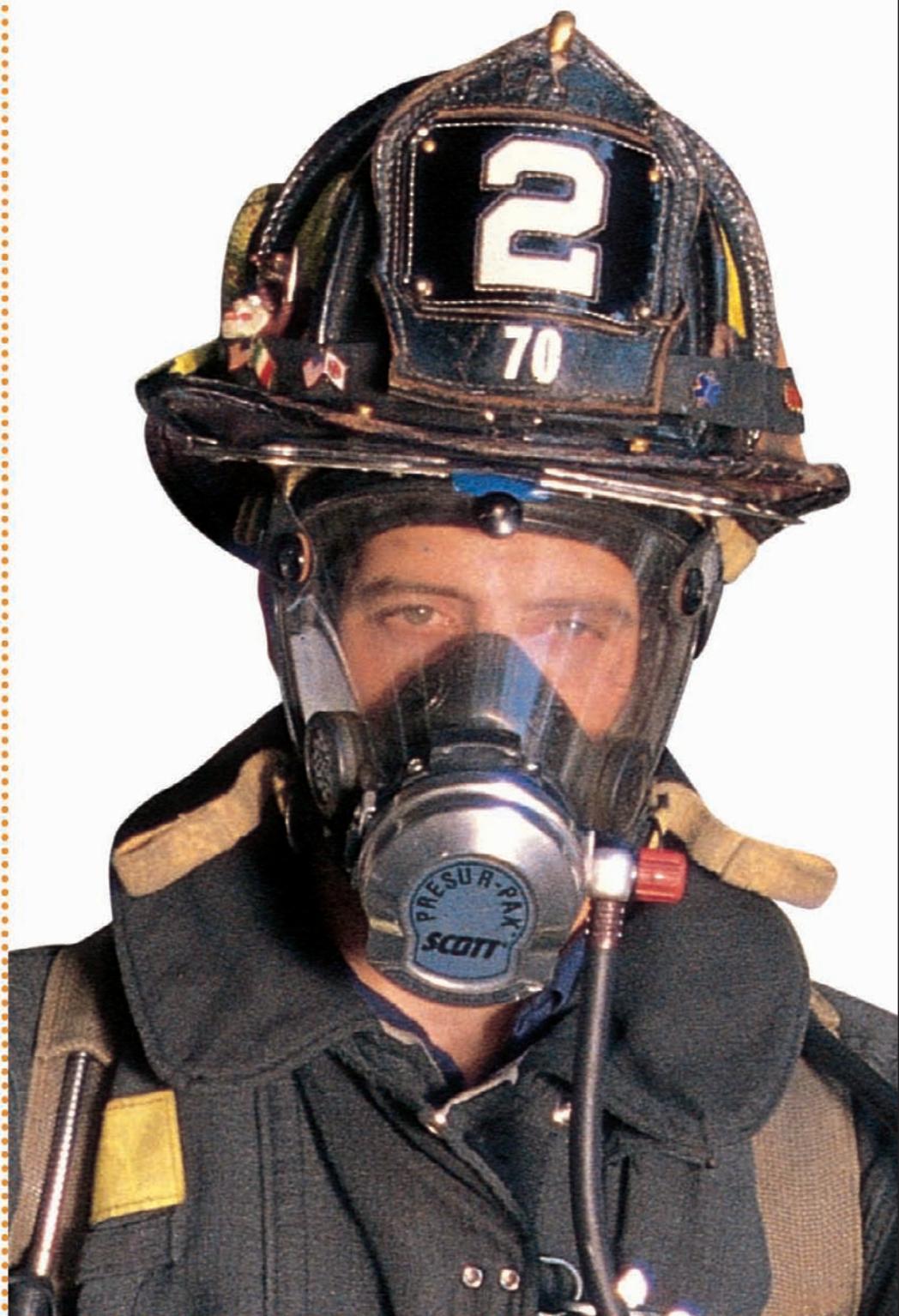
Water comes out of a fire hose hard enough to knock a person down.



Liz hooks a hose from the truck to the nearest fire hydrant. A pump on the truck pulls water from the hydrant to another hose. Liz and another fire fighter point the hose at the flames. “Ready!” calls Liz.

WHOOSH! They hold on tight as water shoots out.





## Breathing equipment

Fire gives off deadly smoke. Fire fighters wear air tanks and breathing masks inside a burning building.



Anthony and Dan are ready to search the house.

They have put on their air tanks and face masks.

Each tank holds 40 minutes of air.

That's not much time!

"The boy's name is Luke," the chief tells them.

"Right," says Anthony.

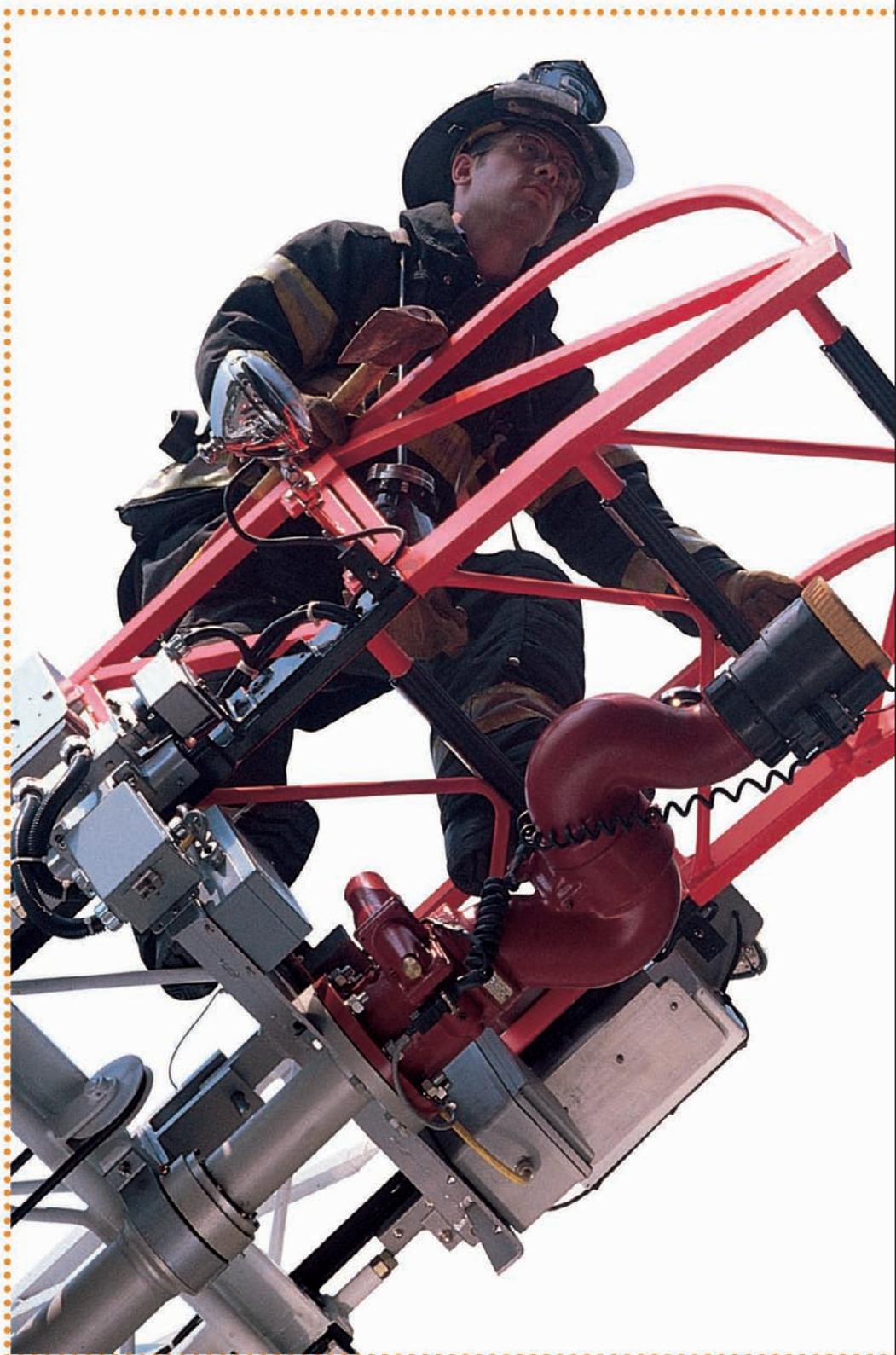
He grabs a hose.

"Let's put the wet stuff on the red stuff!" says Dan.



Dan and Anthony run  
to the back of the house.  
The fire is not as bad here.  
Dan feels the back door.  
If it is hot, flames could leap out.  
“It’s cold,” says Dan.  
They step inside.

Thick black smoke is everywhere.  
Anthony shines his flashlight around.  
“Luke! Luke!” he calls.  
No one answers.  
“I can hear fire upstairs,” says Dan.  
The fire has damaged the staircase.  
It could fall down at any time.  
They climb up the steps very slowly.



Outside, the outriggers are set down on the ground.



Outriggers are like legs. They keep the truck steady as the ladder is raised. The ladder goes up like a telescope to the top of the house.

A hose runs up the side. The fire fighter on the ladder shoots water down on the fire. The flames crackle and hiss. They get smaller, then suddenly jump even higher.

Inside the house, the fire rages.  
It is hot enough to melt glass.  
Anthony sprays water on the flames.  
Fire has made the house weak.  
“It could come down any second,”  
says Dan. “We must find Luke.”  
BOOM!  
A beam crashes down near them.  
But their helmets protect their heads.  
CRASH!  
“Quick!” says Anthony.  
“We’re running out of time.”

### **Hard hats**

Fire fighters’ helmets are made of hard plastic. A wide brim helps to keep sparks off their necks.







They come to another door.  
But it will not open.  
Dan swings his axe at the door.  
Once. Twice. Three times.

“It’s jammed!”

shouts Dan.

The roar of the  
fire is so loud they  
can hardly hear.

“We’ll have to use  
the electric saw.”

### Fire fighters’ axe

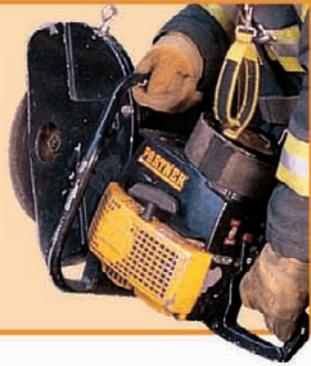
Axes have been  
used by fire fighters  
since the earliest days  
of fire fighting.





## Sharp cutter

The electric saw runs on batteries. It can cut right through the roof of a car like a can opener.



Anthony switches on the saw.

WHRRR!

He cuts a hole in the door big enough to climb through.

“Luke!” calls Dan. “Luke?”

But the room is empty.



Suddenly the chief calls.

“Get out now!

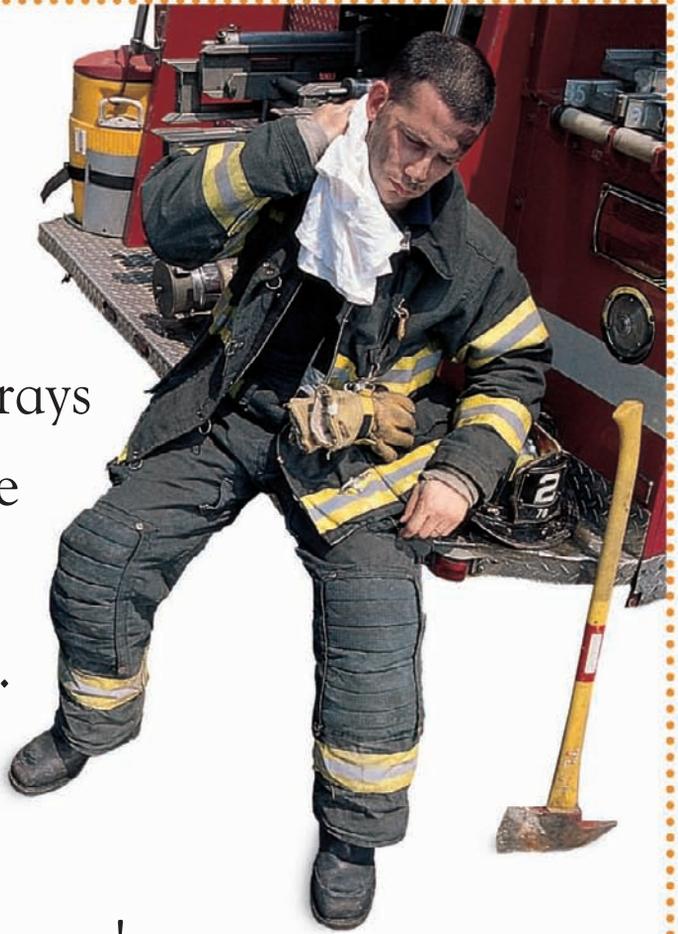
The roof is coming down!”

Dan and Anthony race downstairs.  
They get out just as the roof falls in.  
“We didn’t find Luke!” yells Dan.  
“He’s okay,” says the chief.  
“We just found him up the block.”  
“Whew!” says Dan. “Good news!”



Hours later  
the flames  
are out.

Anthony sprays  
water on the  
parts still  
glowing red.  
He is tired  
and dirty—  
and very hungry!

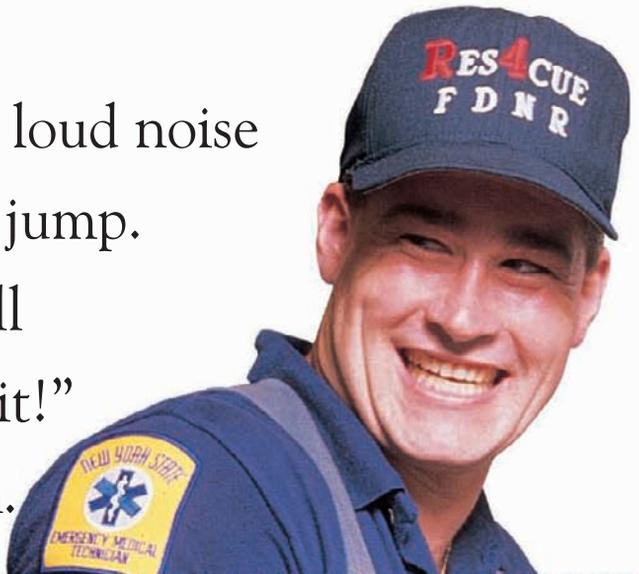


Liz winds  
the hoses back  
on to the truck.  
Finally she rests.  
She is tired too.



Back at the fire house  
Anthony sits down to eat.  
“At last!” he says.

Suddenly a loud noise  
makes him jump.  
“Dinner will  
have to wait!”  
laughs Dan.



Ring!  
Ring!  
Ring!



## **PRACTICE E.D.I.T.H. – Exit Drills in the Home**

Do you know what to do  
if a fire starts in your home?  
Don't wait until it happens:

- Sit down with your family now.
- Talk about how you would get out of the house.
- Plan at least two ways out of every room.
- Decide where you will all meet once you get outside.

**A fire drill now  
could save lives later!**

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I have read this book



Date

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