

Claude in the Spotlight

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Claude is a charming little dog in a beret and a sweater. He sets off one morning for a walk with his best friend, Sir Bobblysock, and ends up participating in a variety show with the chance to win all the cake he can eat. As performer after performer is frightened off by a ghost, only Claude recognizes that something is not quite right. Entertaining and humorous, the text is nicely balanced between repetition and complexity, allowing children to practice and expand their reading ability. The black, red, and white illustrations add whimsy and bring the story to life. Ages 4-8.

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