



Teacher Tip

AUTHOR Encourage students to check out other books by this author and to share them with the class.

Concept/Question Board

Remind students to think of new ideas they can share with you and the class that relate to the theme Home, Sweet Home. These items or written ideas can be added to the **Concept/Question Board**.

Technology

LISTENING LIBRARY During Workshop, have students listen to the selection “Homes” on the **Listening Library CD** for a proficient, fluent model of oral reading. While students listen to the selection, have them add any new or unfamiliar words they encounter to their Writer’s Notebooks, and instruct them to use a dictionary or glossary to check the words.

Audio CD 

Meet the Author and Illustrator

After students read the information about the author, discuss the following questions with them:

- Abby Jackson is not the author’s real name—it is a pseudonym, or made-up name. What other stories have you read that were written by an author with a pseudonym? **Possible Answer** “*The Little Engine That Could*” was written by a person with the pseudonym Watty Piper.
- Abby Jackson writes nonfiction books for young readers. She has written about subjects such as how money is made and the first shoes. Why do you think the author wrote about these subjects? **Possible Answer** *Maybe she thought they would be interesting for children to read about.*

Theme Connections

Within the Selection

1. Where do you live if your house is made of ice and snow? **Possible Answers** *You live in the Arctic. You live in a cold place.*
2. Where do you live if your house is made of clay? **Possible Answers** *You live in the desert. You live in a dry place.*

Beyond the Selection

3. What do you need to make a fort? **Possible Answers** *To make a fort, you need lots of pillows and some sheets. To make a fort, you need cardboard boxes and crayons.*
4. How would your fort be like a home? **Possible Answers** *A fort would be a place for me to feel safe and to hang out with my friends. A fort would have walls and a roof like a home.*