



A Barnyard **TEA PARTY**

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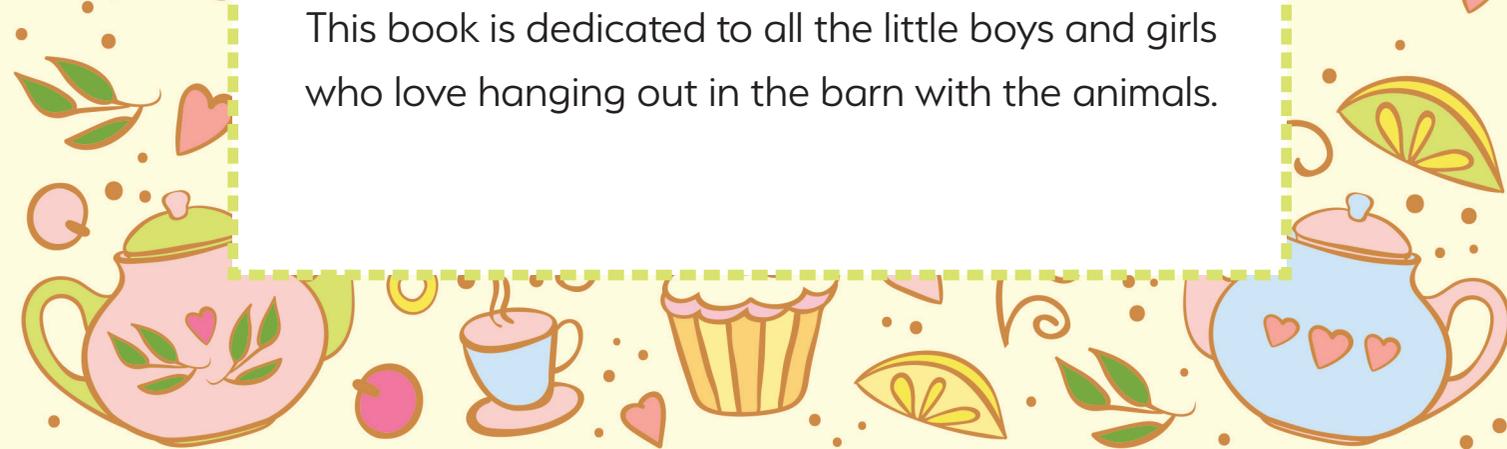
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Dedication

This book is dedicated to all the little boys and girls who love hanging out in the barn with the animals.





Lizzie stood gazing out her window. It was a beautiful spring day with flowers in bloom. The birds chirped with delight.

She thought about how she might spend her afternoon.

"Mom," Lizzie asked, "could I invite some friends over and have a tea party?"

"Sure," her mom answered.

Lizzie got the phone and made some calls. Unfortunately, her buddies all had other plans. Lizzie was sad.



Lizzie's mom saw the disappointment in her daughter's eyes. Then she reminded Lizzie of something.

"Your schoolmates aren't your only friends. Think about your friends down at the barn."



Lizzie's face lit up. "Could we post an invitation to the tea party? Daddy could take it to the barn when he goes to *muck* or clean the stalls."

"Yes," Mother replied. "Lizzie, you write the invitation. I'll start planning the menu, which will include sweet English scones."

"Yummy, I love those pastries," Lizzie commented.

Her mother then reminded her to tell her barnyard friends that they should come wearing hats and their teatime finery.

