




Written by
BEL RICHARDSON

Illustrated by
BHAVANA VYAS VIPPARTHI

Litterbug



Diane is a litterbug. It makes her mum sad. She gets angry when Diane throws rubbish on the ground, but Diane will not change her ways. She does not care about trash.



The next day when Diane wakes up, there is a cloud of trash over her bed. It stinks! Flies buzz all around. Is this because she was a litterbug? She gets up and gets ready for class.



The trash cloud drifts with her to class. The flies love it, but Diane does not. She sits in the corner and mopes about how much she must stink. Why was she such a litterbug? Now she must live with trash.

Diane's friends hate the cloud of trash. They are not litterbugs. They think that she is gross. They point and yell. Diane does not know what to do. The cloud of trash will not go away.



Diane is minus her pals at lunch. They do not want to be near her. The only friends that she has are the rats and the flies. It is awful to feel like you stink.





She hides. She does not want to be seen. Diane thinks. There must be some way to get rid of the trash. She tries to grab it, but it is too high up. How else might she get rid of the trash?

Diane sulks. She walks off with a vacant stare. She walks along thinking of all of the times that she has thrown things on the street or out of the car. Each time haunts her. She wants to be better, but she does not know how.



She knows that running will do no good, but she is scared. She does not want to be a litterbug. Diane wants to find a way that she can keep the world clean.



Diane sees a person throw a banana skin on the street. She warns them not to be a litterbug or they will end up like her. The person sees the cloud of trash and flies. They change their mind and put their peel in the bin.



Diane grabs all of the trash that she can. She puts it in the right bins. Food scraps in this one and cans in that. She sorts glass from paper. Is the cloud of trash starting to shrink?

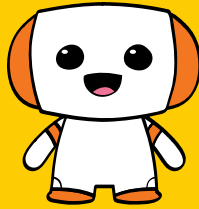




Yes! The rats are helping her. They gather more and more trash so that they can put it in the right bins. With each piece of rubbish that they pick up, they are making the world a bit cleaner.



Diane has done a lot of hard work. She has changed. Her friends are glad that she is not a litterbug now. They can all play in a clean and green world.



S3

Bookbot books are free, high quality decodable readers based on the order of sounds introduced by the **Bookbot Scope & Sequence**.

We're delighted to offer them to you to download and print at no cost. But it would be great if you could link to our page www.bookbotkids.com/free-books from your school's website so others can enjoy our free books.

We believe in creating an extensive library of decodable readers to inspire and bring confidence to children learning to read. You can find out about our mission at www.bookbotkids.com.

Adapted from "Litterbug" by Bel Richardson and Bookbot. Licensed under CC BY-NC 4.0.

The text has been rewritten to cater to readers at varying stages of their reading proficiency, aiding in the development of their reading skills. Illustrations have been modified to comply with the specific prerequisites set by the reading levels. This adaptation has not received official approval from the original author or illustrator.

You are free to copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format, provided you adhere to the license terms stipulated under **CC BY-NC 4.0**.

Please provide appropriate attribution by providing a link to **Bookbot**.



www.bookbotkids.com

Copyright © 2024 by Bookbot