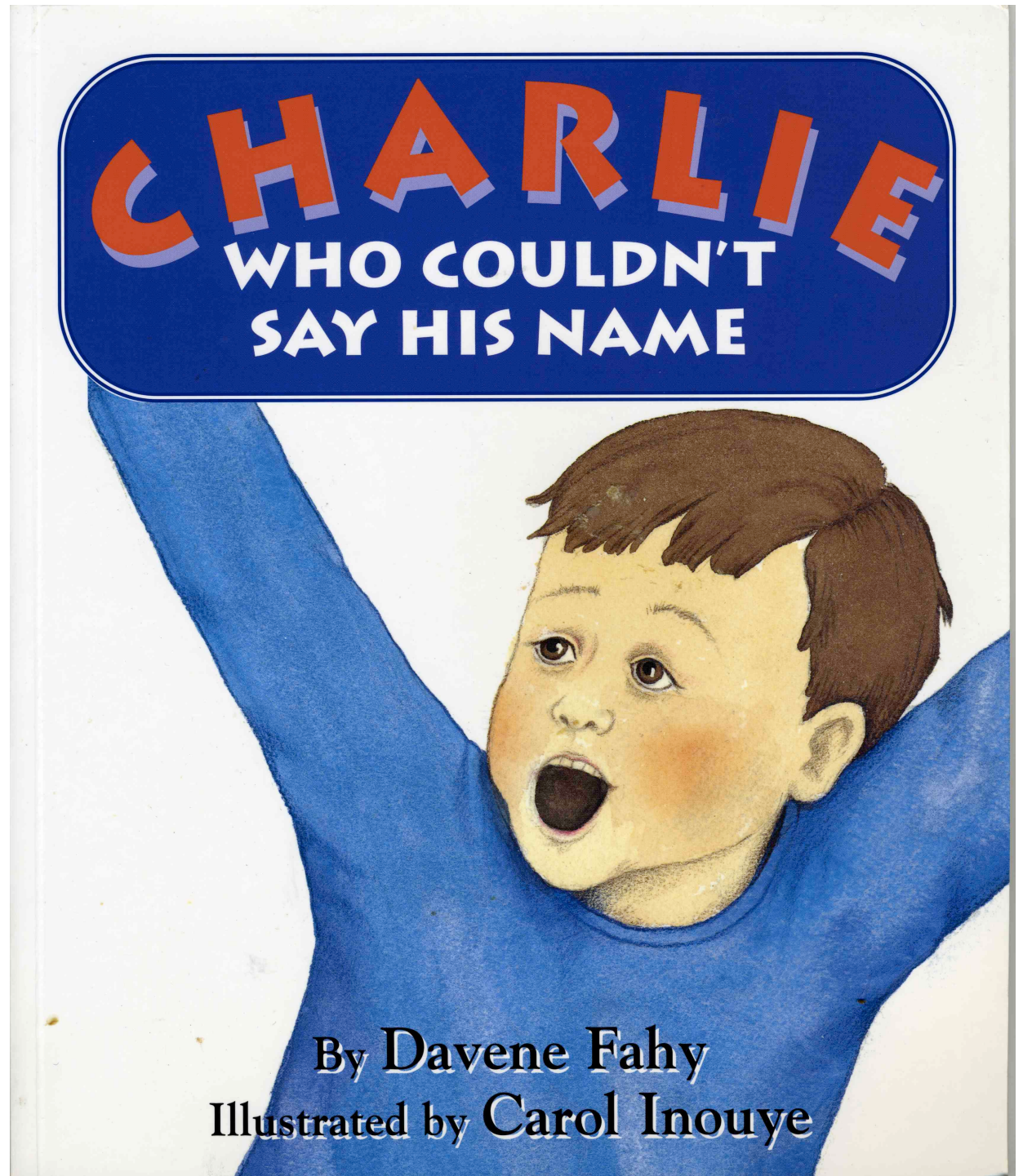


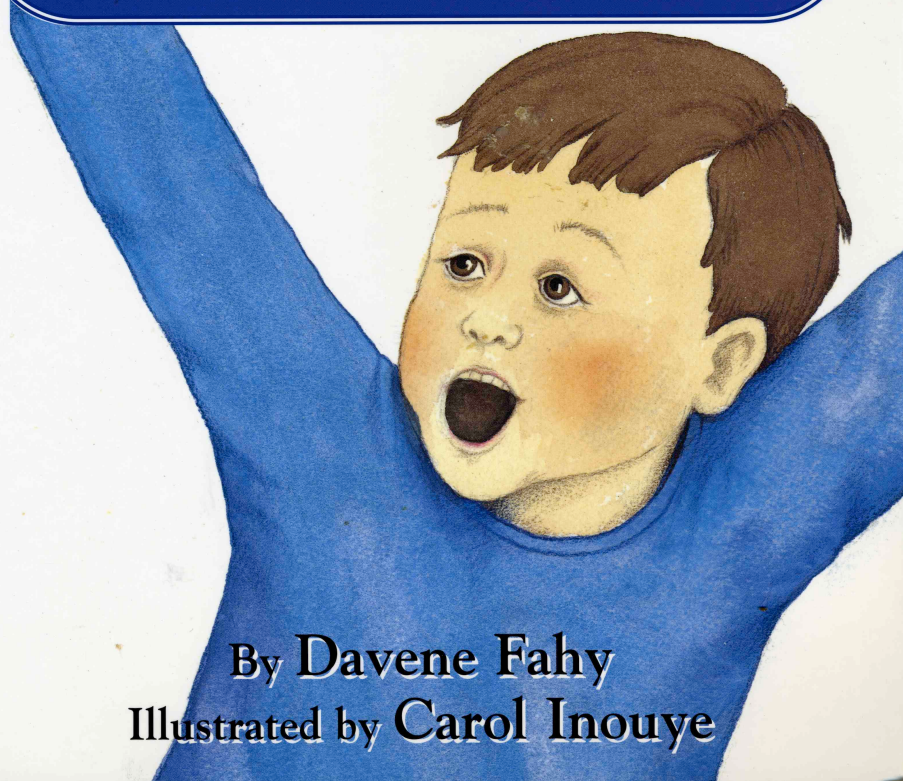
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Summary: Charlie can't say the sounds in his name, but after help from the Speech Therapist and practice, he is able to say them correctly.

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To Greg, Ben,
Connor and William,
my boys, who've taught me all.



It started out o.k.



I ate.



I grew.





I walked.

And I talked —
well...sort of.

Wide 'em
towboy! —

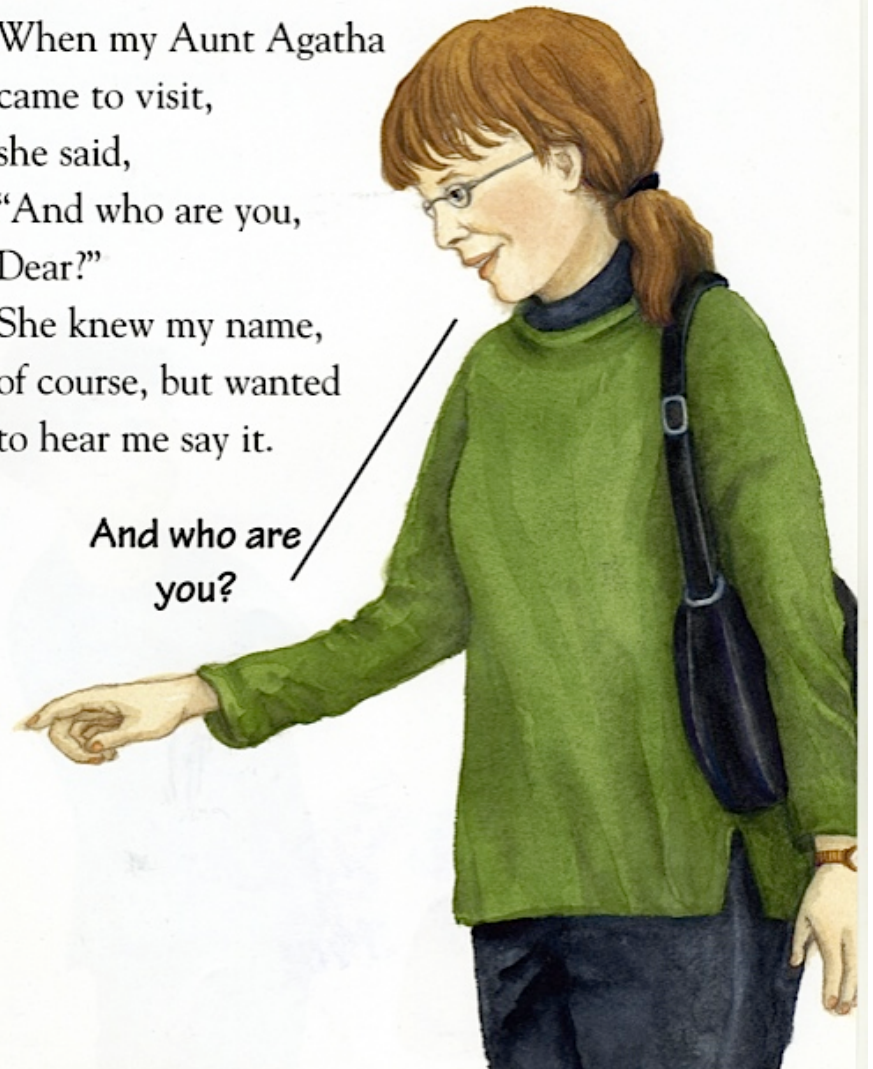


You see...
my Mom and my Dad—
they named me wrong.
My name's Charlie.
A nice name you say.
Cool.
Neat...
Well yeah, but not for me.



When my Aunt Agatha
came to visit,
she said,
“And who are you,
Dear?”
She knew my name,
of course, but wanted
to hear me say it.

And who are
you?



I resisted.



She insisted.



"Sarrie," I said.

"Sorry?"

"Not Sorry." I shouted.

"Sarrie!!!!!!"

Aunt Agatha made me so mad.



SARRIE!!!!

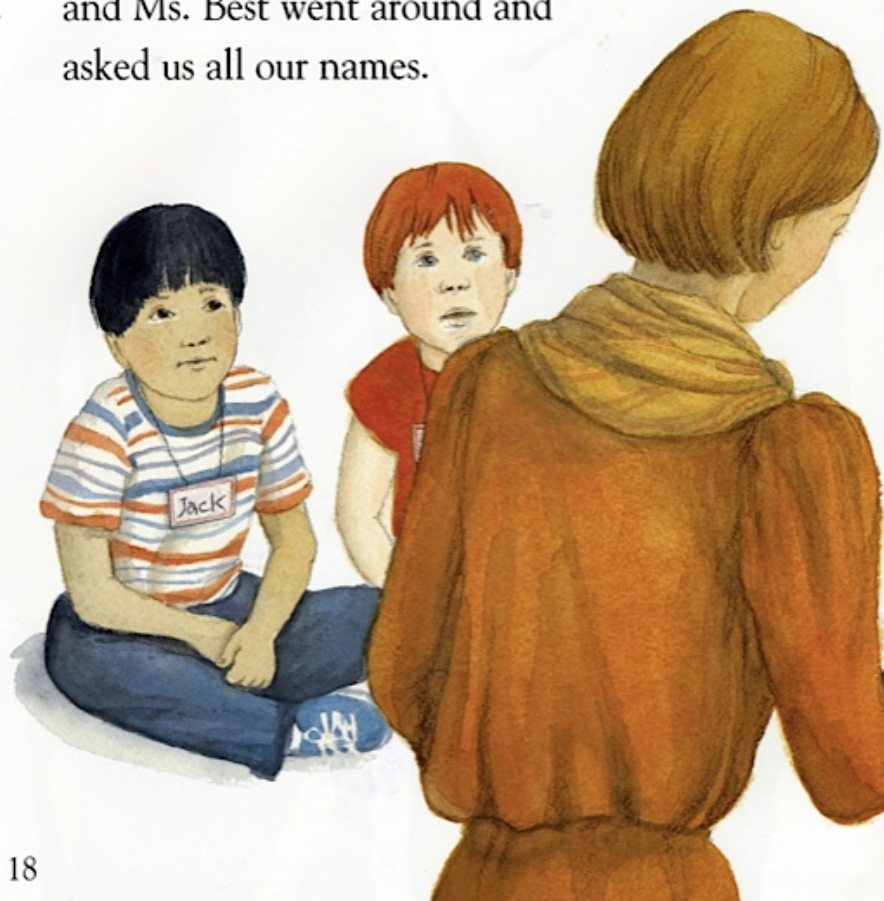


She looked at my Mom,
“Can’t he say ‘Charlie’?”

My Mom said, “Oh, he’s trying,
but he can’t say all his letters.”



Well yesterday I started school.
All the kids were sitting in a circle
and Ms. Best went around and
asked us all our names.



"I'm Jack."
"I'm Jake."
"I'm Molly."
"I'm Annabel."
"I'm Sarrie."



Ms. Best said,
"Please tell us your name."
And I said, "I'm Sarrie."



She checked my name tag
and said for me,
"This is Charlie."

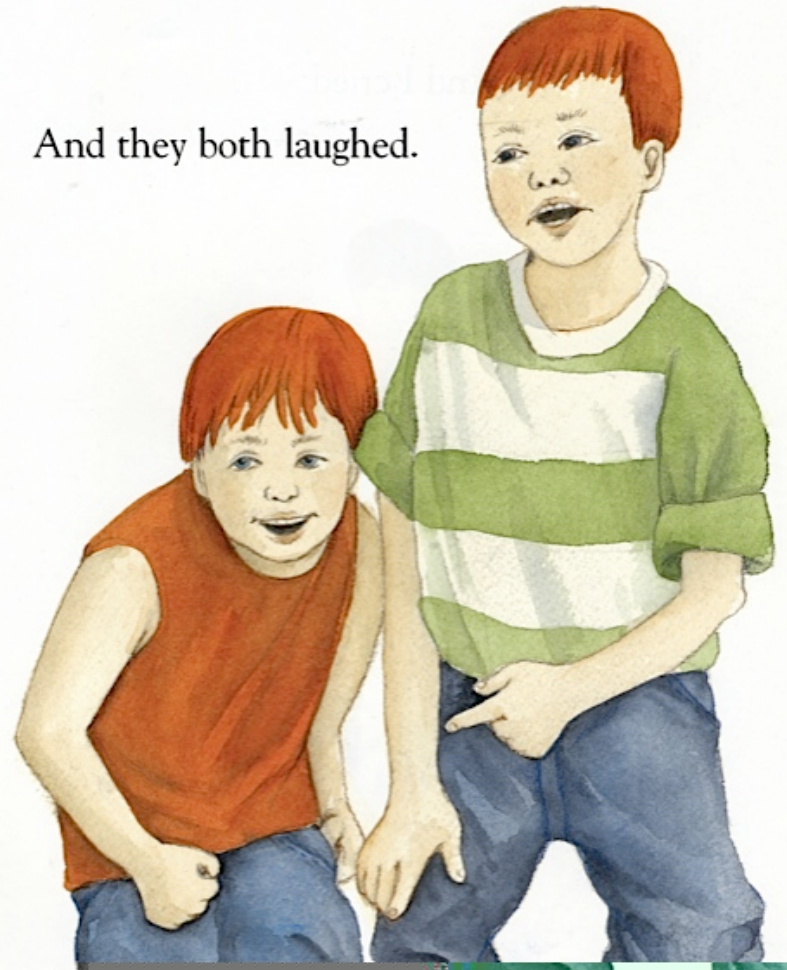


And when we went out for recess,
Jake and his big brother came over
and Jake's big brother said,
"Hey, kid, what's your name?"
And I said, "Sarrie."



And I said,
"Sarrie."

And they both laughed.



And I cried.



Ms. Best came over and said,
“Why are you sad?”

And I said, “Kids are laughing at me 'cause
I don't talk right.”

And she hugged me and said,
“I'll make sure they don't do that anymore.”



So the next day
a new lady talked to me.

She said, "I'm Ms. Kay, the speech teacher,
and I can help you say your sounds."

"Will I learn to say my name?"
I asked.

"You betcha," she said.



And so every week
I saw Ms. Ray.

And everything
turned out o.k.



I practiced
all my sounds.

In time
I learned my name
just fine.

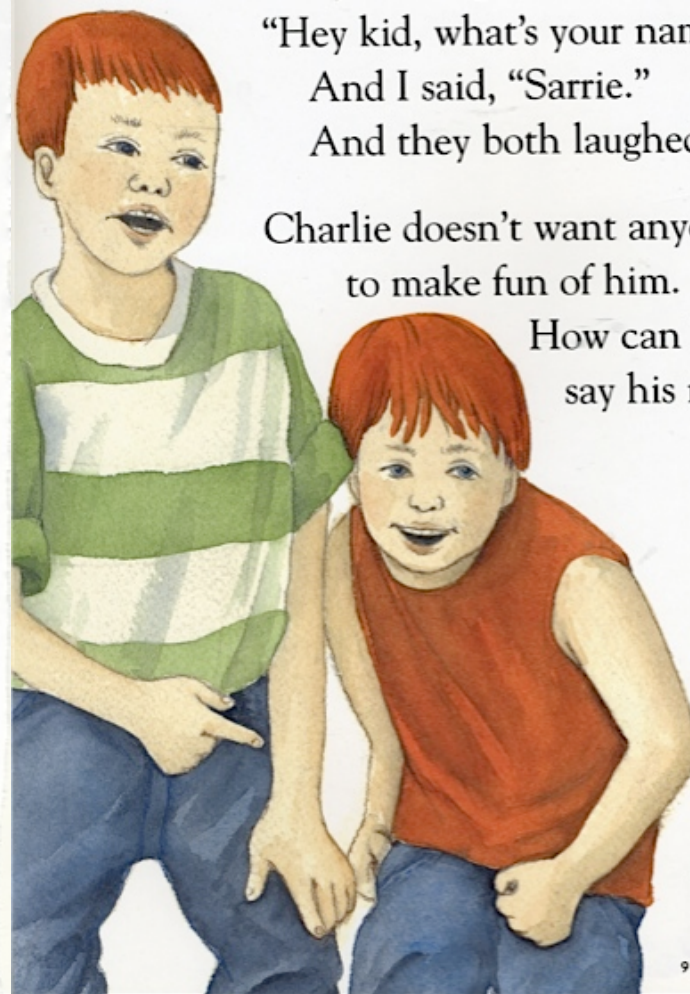


And now
I'm
CHARLIE!!
And
I'm not sorry
anymore!!



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to make fun of him.
How can he learn to
say his name?



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