

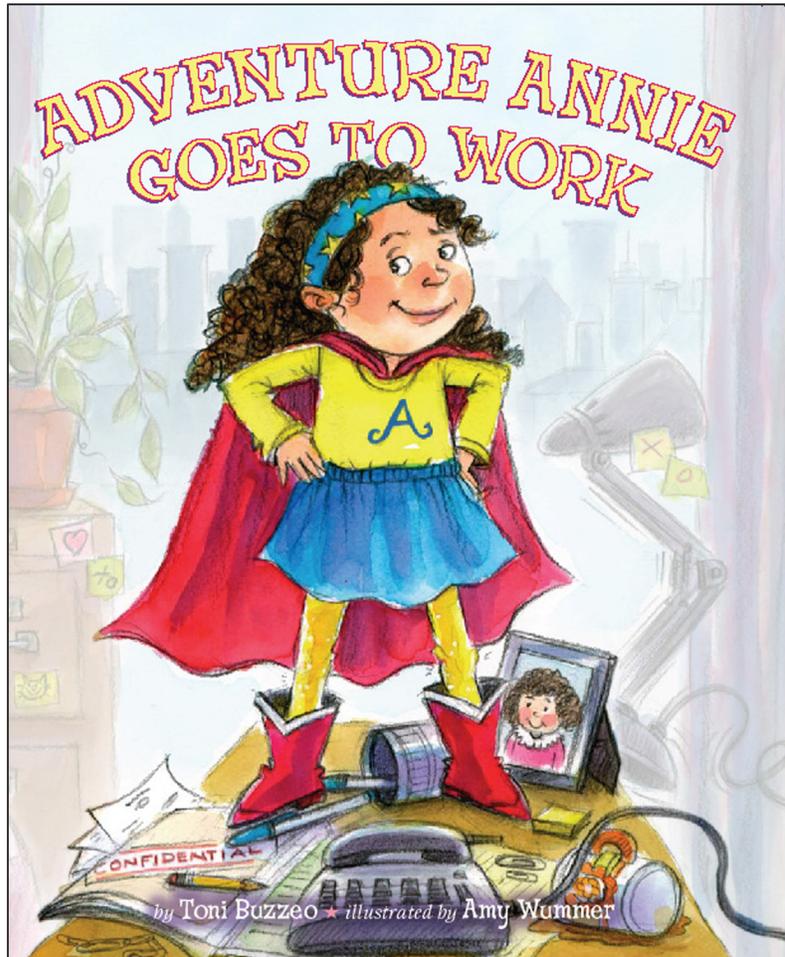
# Adventure Annie Goes to Work

by Toni Buzzeo

Read the book aloud to children first, so that they can enjoy the illustrations and become familiar with the story. Then, hand out a set of photocopied scripts to six students. Ask the remaining children to be the audience. If you have plenty of time set aside, allow students to practice their parts individually or as a group until they are reading fluently. If time is limited, have performers face the audience and simply read their parts on the first run-through. Once all readers are comfortable with their parts, have a second reading with the opportunity to use props while reading.

## Roles

- Annie Grace
- Mommy
- Narrator One
- Narrator Two
- Narrator Three
- Narrator Four



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## Adventure Annie Goes to Work Script

**Narrator One:** Mommy calls from the door.

**Mommy:** (call) Wake up, Adventure Annie.

**Annie Grace:** I rise. Morning shines.

**Narrator Two:** It's Adventure Annie Saturday.

**Annie Grace:** I grab my adventure cape and squizzle into my sparkle tights.

**Narrator Three:** The telephone rings.

**Narrator Four:** Annie Grace zips to the kitchen.

**Annie Grace:** Will I have a mountain top adventure?

**Mommy:** Not today.

**Narrator One:** Mommy squeezes the phone to her ear.

**Mommy:** (on the phone) *No, no, I finished it yesterday before I left.*

**Annie Grace:** Will I have a deep, dark jungle adventure?

**Mommy:** Maybe tomorrow.

**Narrator Two:** Mommy touches her finger to her lips.

**Mommy:** (on the phone) *No, I haven't seen it since.*

**Annie Grace:** What adventure? What adventure?

**Mommy:** (whisper) You'll see.

**Narrator Three:** Annie tap tap taps her toes.

**Mommy:** (on the phone) *Okay, I'll let you know if I have any luck.*

**Annie Grace:** Let's go.

**Narrator Four:** Mommy leans her head on the fridge.

**Mommy:** I'm sorry, Annie Grace. We can't play today. The big report is missing and I have to go to work.

**Annie Grace:** But it's Adventure Annie Saturday!

**Mommy:** I know. Hey, how about a Big Report Treasure Hunt?

**Narrator One:** Annie gives her the Adventure Annie thumbs-up.

**Annie Grace:** (sing) Adventure Annie to the rescue.

**Narrator Two:** They hop to it.

**Narrator Three:** Annie whirls through spinning office doors, dragging Mommy by the hand.

**Narrator Four:** The elevator ding-dings and swallows them inside.

**Mommy:** Annie pokes every button twice.

**Annie Grace:** We zoom and stop, zoom and stop, zoom and stop, stop, stop.

**Narrator One:** At the coat rack Mommy reaches for Annie's cape.

**Annie Grace:** No, no! Adventure Annie needs her cape for hunting treasure.

**Mommy:** I have a better idea.

**Narrator Two:** Mommy rolls a chair up close to her desk and hands Annie paper and pencils and tape.

**Mommy:** You work while I go hunting down the hall.

**Narrator Three:** But office work isn't Adventure Annie work.

**Annie Grace:** Treasure hunting is!

**Narrator Four:** She sneaks out the door and tip toe in the other direction.

**Narrator One:** On TV when something is lost, adventurers check their maps.

**Annie Grace:** I will need a map for checking too.

**Narrator Two:** Annie jiggles doorknobs down the hall.

**Annie Grace:** One—two—three!

**Narrator Three:** Finally, a door swings open wide.

**Annie Grace:** Map supplies!

**Narrator Four:** Annie climbs up high and duck down low.

**Annie Grace:** I fill my pockets full.

**Narrator One:** She ziggles up and down the halls.

**Narrator Two:** She zaggle round corners and under chairs.

**Annie Grace:** I sneak, I peek, I explore.

**Narrator Three:** When she know her directions from here to there, from there to here, she draws the map that's in her mind.

**Annie Grace:** Then I poke my nose into Mommy's office.

**Narrator Four:** Mommy is back behind her desk.

**Annie Grace:** What color is the report, Mommy?

**Mommy:** It's in a gold folder, and what are you doing in the hall?

**Annie Grace:** Oopsie.

**Narrator One:** When Mommy's bottom is in the air, Annie slips back out the door.

**Narrator Two:** Annie follows the arrow on her map that points to a climbing mountain.

**Annie Grace:** I dig my feet in tight and snatch up handfuls of gold.

**Narrator Three:** Annie's treasure teeters and totters as she carries it down the hall.

**Narrator Four:** She trips through Mommy's office door.

**Annie Grace:** Is it one of these?

**Mommy:** Goodness no!

**Narrator One:** Mommy points Annie to her seat.

**Annie Grace:** (whisper) When is the last time you saw it?

**Mommy:** I sent it to that jungle of a copy room yesterday afternoon. But I didn't see it there just now.

**Narrator Two:** Mommy pokes her head into the cabinet, and Annie ducks out one more time.

**Annie Grace:** I *know* my map can help.

**Narrator Three:** She follows the squiggle this time and creeps toward the deepest jungle.

**Narrator Four:** Branches reach down and she jumps to catch hold.

**Annie Grace:** Uh-oh.

**Narrator One:** She crawls through the dirt and the dark and the deep searching for the lost treasure.

**Narrator Two:** Then daylight shines in.

**Mommy:** (cry) Oh NO!

**Annie Grace:** Oh YES!

**Narrator Three:** Annie hops up.

**Narrator Four:** She pulls the treasure from inside her cape.

**Mommy:** (shout) That's it!

**Annie Grace:** Mommy gives me the Adventure Annie thumbs-up and we sing together.

**Mommy and**

**Annie Grace:** (sing) Adventure Annie to the rescue!