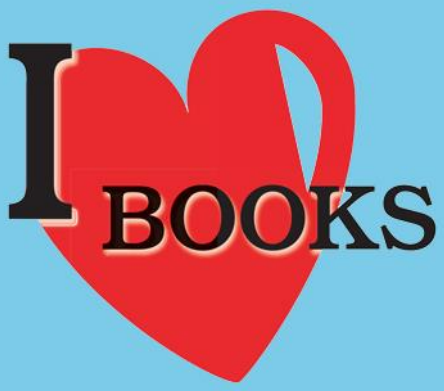


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"Where have you been?" Old Tom croaked.
"I ran and ran around the world," said Jake.
"I can't hear you," said Old Tom.
"I'm so weak. Come closer!"





Tom tied himself in knots just trying to catch Jake.
His tummy rumbled. He got thinner and thinner.

And he ran out of the garden and into the fields.