

It's okay

# ~~I LOVE~~ TO READ

BY TEDD ARNOLD

When I was in stinky diapers, *phew!*  
I giggled at old Mother Goose.  
Later when I was a kid,  
I laughed aloud at Dr. Seuss.

*like*  
I ~~love~~ to read.

*cool guy*



Then I met Freddie the Pig  
And Alice in her wonderland—  
Tom Sawyer, Tarzan, Sherlock Holmes,  
Each of them became my (*frand*)

*like*  
I ~~love~~ to read.

*a "friend" that rhymes with "land"*

At last I'm grown up, sad but true.  
Grown-up business fills my head.  
But all day long I just can't wait  
To read the book beside my bed.

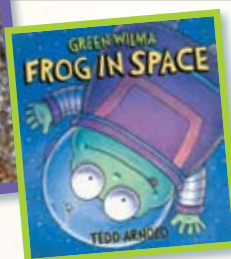
Okay, I gotta say it now  
even though us guys don't like  
to mention mushy stuff like "love."  
(If you don't like it, take a hike!)

I love LOVE **LOVE** to read!!!



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