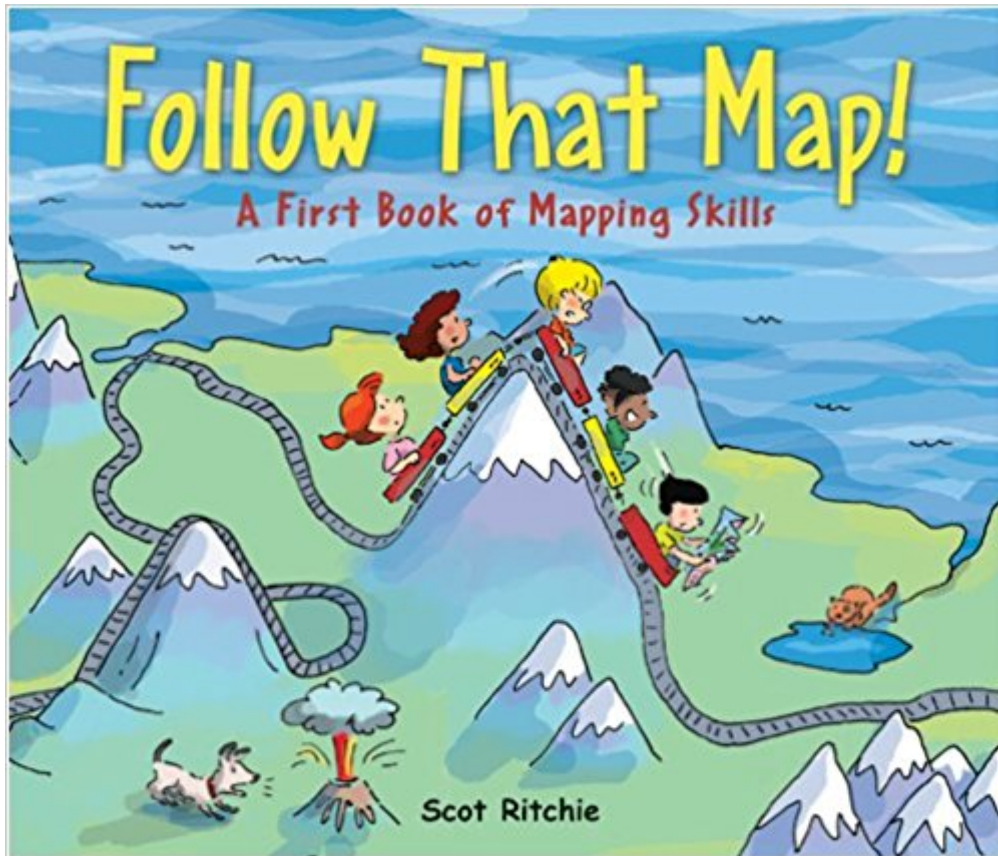




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# Follow That Map!: A First Book Of Mapping Skills



## Synopsis

Maps are about far more than getting from a to b. Maps can help children understand and explore both their everyday environment and faraway places. With an appealing search-and-find technique, *Follow That Map!* is an interactive picture book that explains and demonstrates key mapping concepts. Kids will enjoy following Sally and her friends as they search for Max and Ollie, a mischievous dog and cat on the lam from the backyard. Sally and friends take an imaginative trip through the neighborhood, city and country, around the world and beyond. Kids can join in the search for Max and Ollie, who are hiding somewhere in every map. An activity at the end of the book shows children how to make a map of their bedroom.

## Book Information

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Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

In this clever introduction, Sally and her four friends are looking for her missing cat and dog. The simple text is accompanied by a colorful map that uses symbols to identify places such as the library. Next, the youngsters explore the park, and the map shows how to follow a route. They continue their search in the city, the countryside, and eventually across the world and the solar system. On the way, a different type of map—*for example, weather, topographical, and treasure*—is featured on each spread and explained. The idea works well for the first few pages but falls apart as the children go further and further afield. However, the information is solid, and readers will enjoy looking for the animals, who are hiding somewhere in each map. Back matter

includes instructions for creating a map of a bedroom.~ Wendy Woodfill, Hennepin County Library, Minnetonka, MN END

Sally and friends are playing in her backyard when they notice that her dog and cat, Max and Ollie, are missing. Determined to find them, they run through their neighborhood, the park, and the zoo; venture into the country and to a tropical island; and finally travel around the world and into space before locating the animals in the backyard. The fanciful story is less important than the overhead views of the search, which create maplike scenes of the children searching across land, sea, and space. Map-related information appears in bold type on each spread. Younger children will enjoy finding Ollie and Max in each ~ cartoon-style picture, but older ones can pick up quite a bit about maps, including their purpose, use of symbols, and terminology, e.g., compass rose and legend. An appended project shows children how to create maps of their bedrooms. Preschool-Grade 3.

--Carolyn Phelan

This book is easy enough to follow for a six-year old, and teaches the basics of map-making without sounding like a text book. After I read him the book, my grandson did a drawing and together we selected symbols for the legend and added the compass. I am pleased with the presentation and the quality of the illustrations.

I used this book as a read-aloud to introduce basic map skills to my combined 1st and 2nd-grade class. It is not too technical and gives plenty of easy-to-understand vocabulary for this age group. It has examples of a variety of map types. The kids were engaged and I enjoyed reading it!

Wonderful book that encourages kids to read all kinds of maps in order to follow their traveling pets. The dog and cat travel the city, country, world, and even solar system before coming back home. This enables a lot of different maps to read along the way. So glad I got this - great introduction to geography.

I teach Head Start and we were doing a study on our community. I love how the book begins with a concrete example of a map in their backyard, moves on to their town and then reaches out to the country, a treasure map and even space.

Item as describedPurchased for my nine year oldAs he explained it was more for his brother who is

seven years old He states that he already knew what was in the book and that "it was good for basics"

My 3.5 year old loves this book. Not just at bed time, she'll pick it up and bring it to us in the afternoon. I think having the dog and cat as part of the journey gets her imagination going.

This was a perfect gift for a cute child that is starting to read maps.

My 4yo loves maps of all sorts. This is his new favorite book. We read it 6 or 7 times in the first two days.

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