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Picture Book Ages 4-7
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THE 10 DOG WALK
(Sample)
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We've got errands to run.
Its time for a walk!

Illo: A young nanny calls out to two children, 6 and 4, who are excited to go out

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Roll out the stroller.
Lets hit the block!

Illo: Nanny kneels beside a stroller and helps the younger child get their shoes on while the older child puts theirs on in the background

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But before we get out there
What do we say?

Illo: The trio are poised to go at the door, nanny's hand is on the knob as they ask the important question. The children are two tightly pressed springs, anticipating the moment they will be permitted to yell...

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HOW MANY DOGS
WILL WE SEE TODAY?!

Illo: The Springs sprung—everyone joyous as they shout the answer

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Ten!

Illo: say the children

TEN?!

Illo: Says the nanny

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No way!

Illo: Block Letters Full Page

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A ten dog walk!?

Illo: Nanny incredulous

A TEN DOG WALK!

Illo: The children animatedly chant

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I wouldn't get your hopes up
for a *ten* dog walk.

Illo: Outside now, Nanny bounces the stroller down the steps

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Things start off well
As we head to town.

Right away there's a car
With its window down–

Illo: Trio walks down street, 4 yo in stroller, 6yo walks along beside them. There is also a place for them to stand and ride on the back of the stroller. They are walking from the left side of the page to the right.

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And who sticks their head out
Into the wind?

Illo: The children excitedly point towards the oncoming car

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Why, a scruffy little mutt
With a great big grin!

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YAY!

Illo: Block Letters Full Page

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We saw ONE scruffy dog!

Illo: Dog Inventory, in this case, the number '1' next to a depiction of the window mutt. Going forward they should contain the numbers with depictions of their dogs and equation marks.

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A ONE DOG WALK!
A ONE DOG WALK!

Illo: The children animatedly chant

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What luck to already be on
a one dog walk!

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Off to the library!

Illo: In front of library book return, the two children play tug of war with a library book, smaller dialogue text next to their faces- I want to do it! No I want to do it!

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We *all* return our book.
Then we *all* hear an airplane—

Illo: Nanny points firmly but kindly to the return slot. The children each have a hand on the book as they push it through together.

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—so UP we all look!

And then, when we *all*
look back down from the plane—

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–we a/most run into
A HUGE great dane!

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This is just a sample of the manuscript, please email if you are interested in reading the whole thing.