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There's only one thing that Freddie loves as much as football: sightseeing! Every time she and her trusty companion Fumble the Dog visit a new city, they set out to learn all about the location and its history before cheering on the home team!

### Gameday in Philadelphia

It's gameday in Philadelphia! Football Freddie and Fumble are on their way to Lincoln Financial Field to cheer for the Eagles. But first, they'll stop at the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and other historical locations to learn everything they can about The City of Brotherly Love. Come along and cheer with Freddie and Fumble for Philadelphia!



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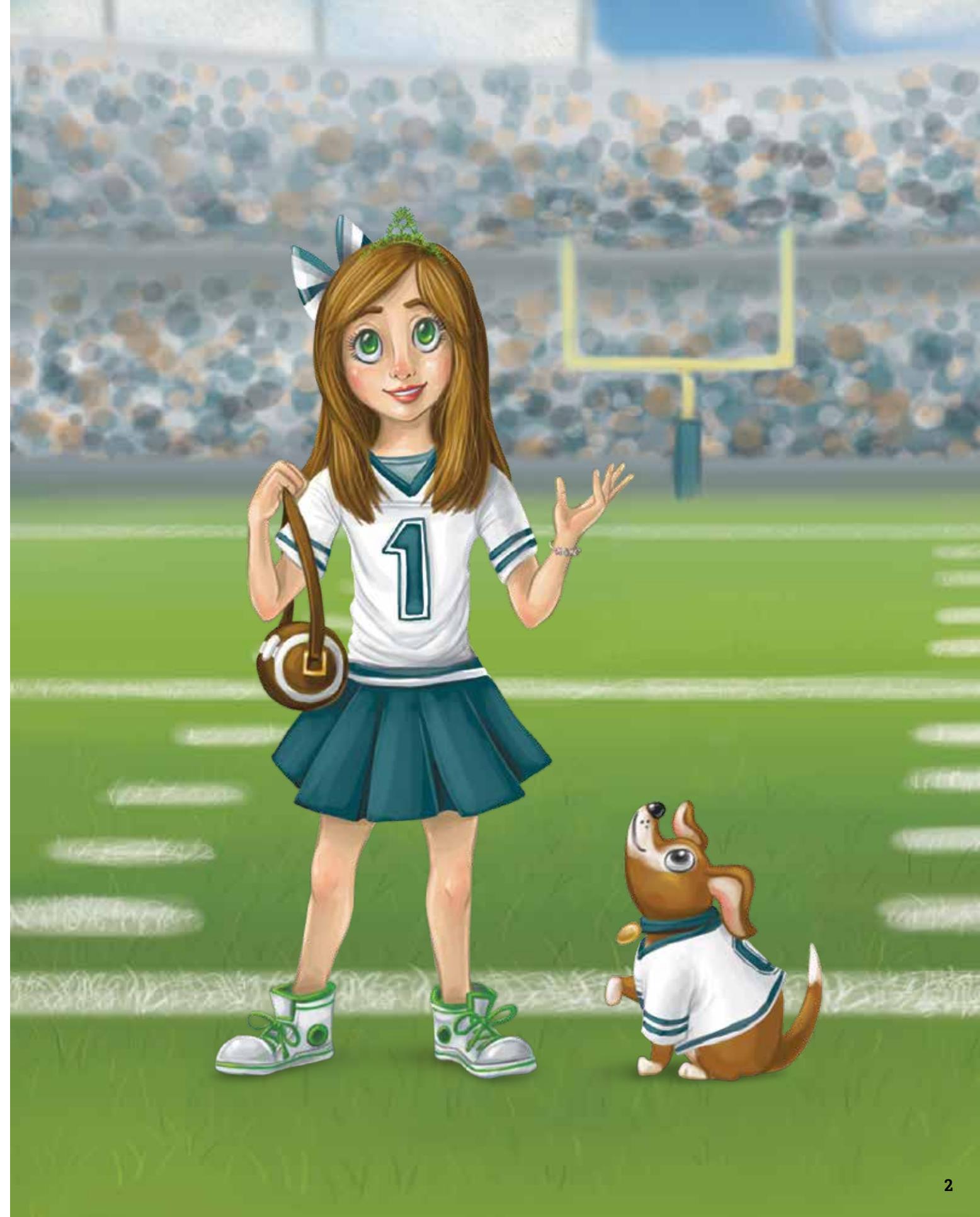


Hi! My name is Fredericka, but almost everyone calls me **Freddie**. I love football! I like to play flag football during gym class and during recess too. I even joined a team. I love to play, but I also love to go to football games. My whole family loves football, so we go to games everywhere. We are super-fans! Traveling to football games is a great way to see a city, learn interesting facts about a town, and of course, root for the home team.

And this is my trusty companion, **Fumble**. Yes, he loves football too!

Today, Fumble and I are in **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**. We're on our way to Lincoln Financial Field for an Eagles game. Before we head to the stadium, Fumble and I want to take you on a tour of The City of Brotherly Love.

Come on, let's go exploring!



We'll start our tour of Philadelphia at **Independence Hall**, one of the most important historical sites in America. This is where Ben Franklin helped draft the **Declaration of Independence** and the **Constitution of the United States of America**.

Let's say hello to Ben Franklin!



*Philadelphia was the capital city of the United States from 1790 to 1800 while Washington, D.C. was being built.*





The United States Constitution was ratified in 1788, making it the oldest constitution in the world.

Our next stop is the **National Constitution Center**. Here we can learn everything about the **United States Constitution**.

Look, Fumble! It's an eagle!

The eagle is the national symbol of the United States, and it represents power and authority. Maybe that's why Philadelphia's football team is called the Eagles!

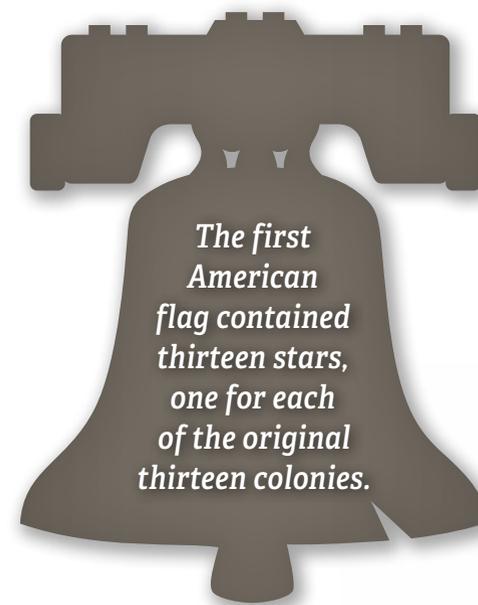




The Liberty Bell weighs over 2,080 pounds.



About 100 yards away from Independence Hall is the **Liberty Bell!** The Founding Fathers rang this bell when the Declaration of Independence was signed. The Liberty Bell has a large crack on the side, and it's one of the most famous bells in the world.



The first American flag contained thirteen stars, one for each of the original thirteen colonies.

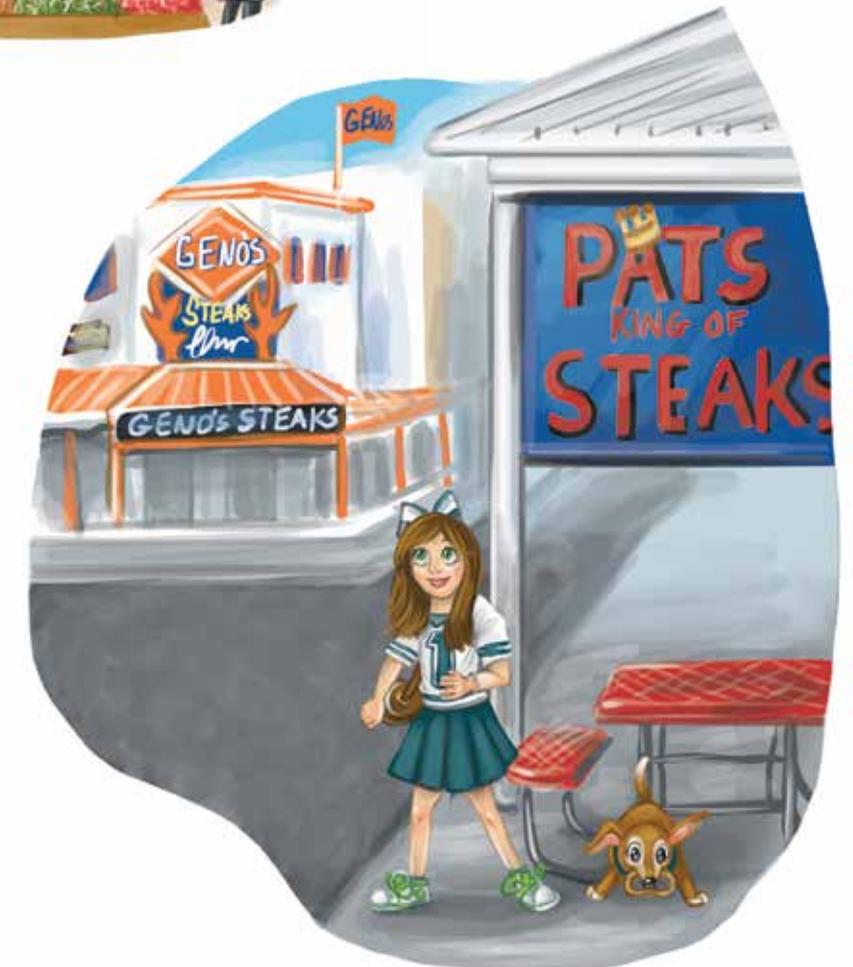
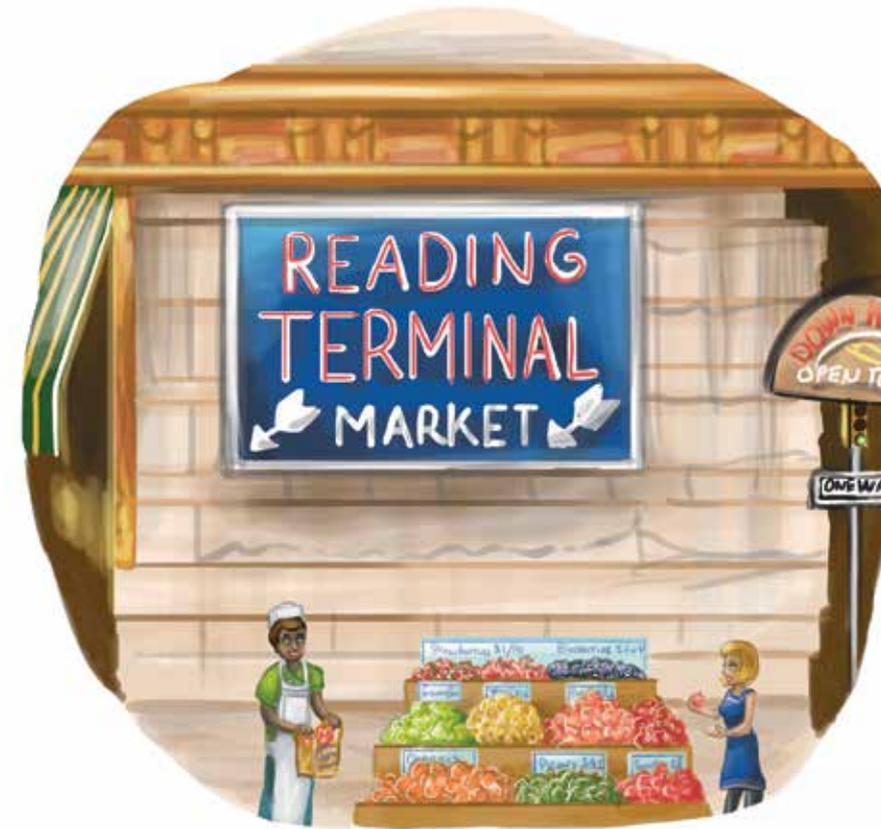
Our next stop is the home of **Betsy Ross.** It's believed that Betsy Ross sewed the first American flag in this house.



All this sightseeing is making me hungry!

Time for a famous Philadelphia **cheesesteak!** Some people say the very best cheesesteaks can be found at Pat's, while others like Geno's. The only way to be sure is to try them both!

We could also go to the **Reading Terminal Market** and see what the farmers have brought in. What do you want to eat, Fumble?





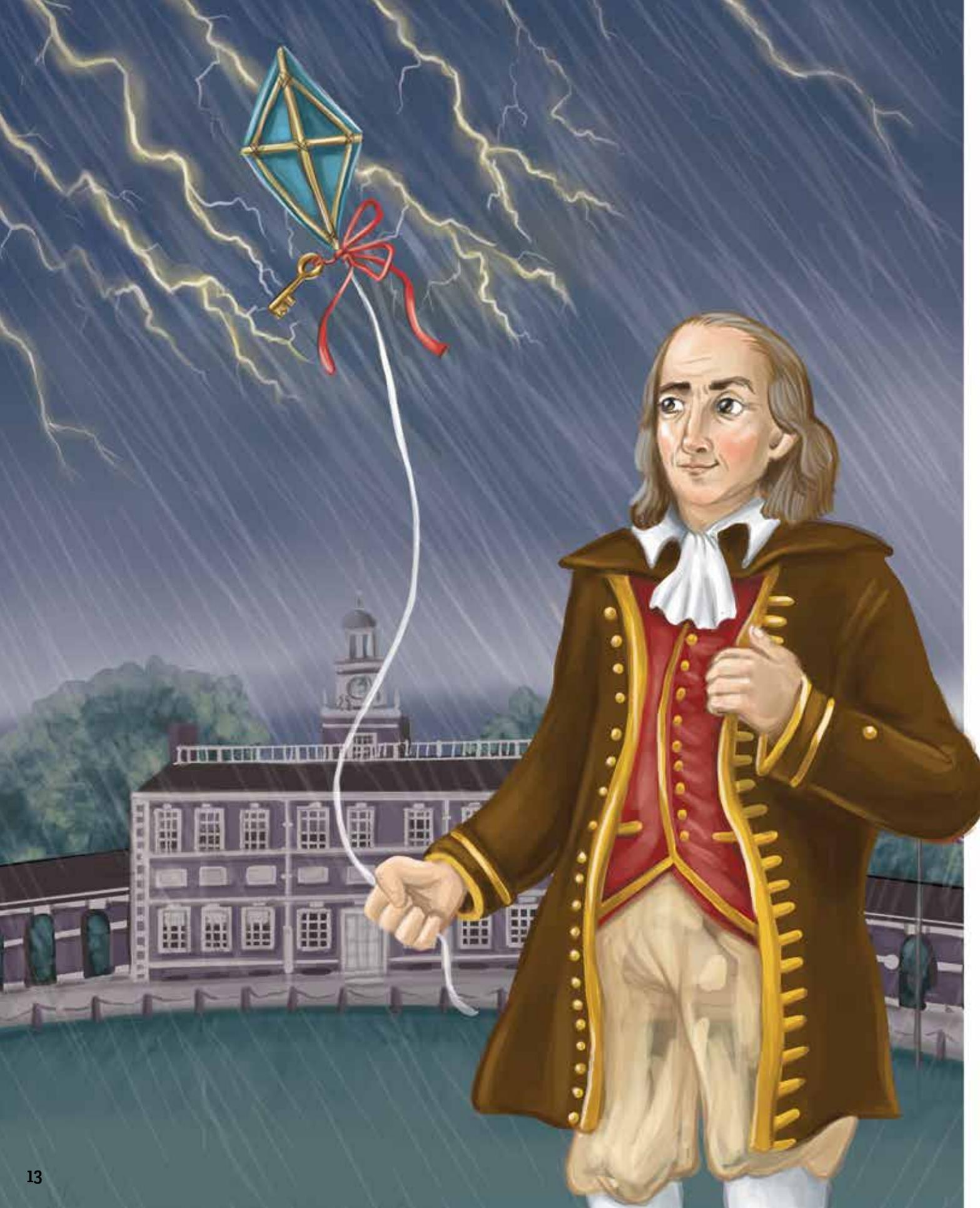
*Philos in Greek means "love" and adelphos means "brother."*

When **William Penn** named the city in 1682, he called it "The City of Brotherly Love" because he wanted everyone to be loved and accepted. I sure feel the love in Philadelphia, Fumble, how about you?



Next stop, the **Philadelphia Museum of Art**. Did you know that this museum was built to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Declaration of Independence? Talk about a birthday present! Come on, I'll race you to the top, Fumble!

Phew! Climbing all 72 steps is exhausting. It really makes you want to throw your hands up and cheer when you reach the top!



Our last stop is the **Franklin Institute**. Philadelphia is also known for being home to many famous scientists, like Ben Franklin. He discovered electricity by flying a kite with a key on it during a thunderstorm.



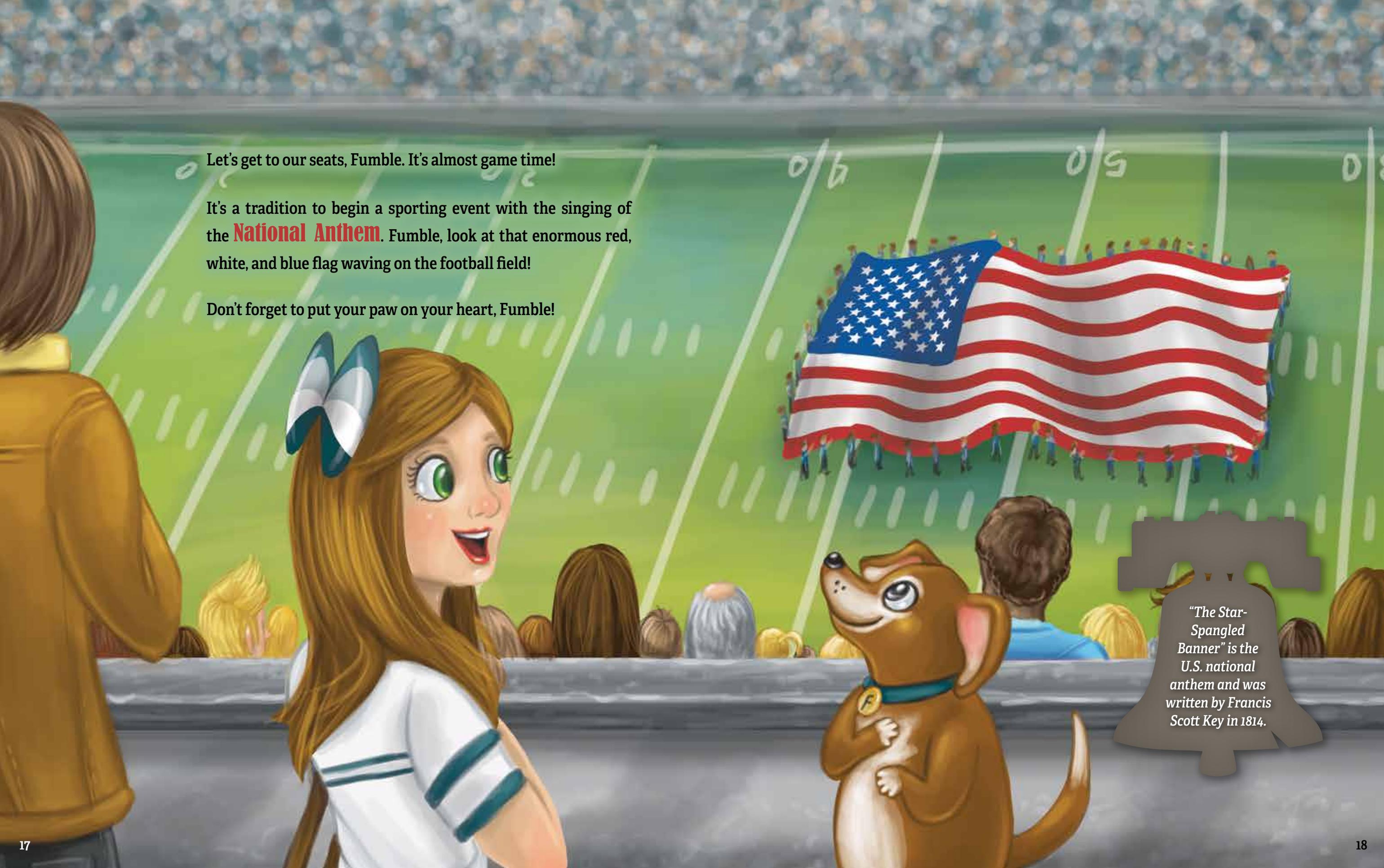
Look Fumble, we made it to **Lincoln Financial Field** just in time for today's big Philadelphia Eagles football game. What an exciting place on gameday! It takes a lot of work to host a football game. You need police, security, parking attendants, food vendors, cheerleaders, coaches, football players, ticket handlers, and the most important part—**FANS!**

Our first stop in the stadium is always the concession stand!



*The Philadelphia Eagles' first season was in 1933.*





Let's get to our seats, Fumble. It's almost game time!

It's a tradition to begin a sporting event with the singing of the **National Anthem**. Fumble, look at that enormous red, white, and blue flag waving on the football field!

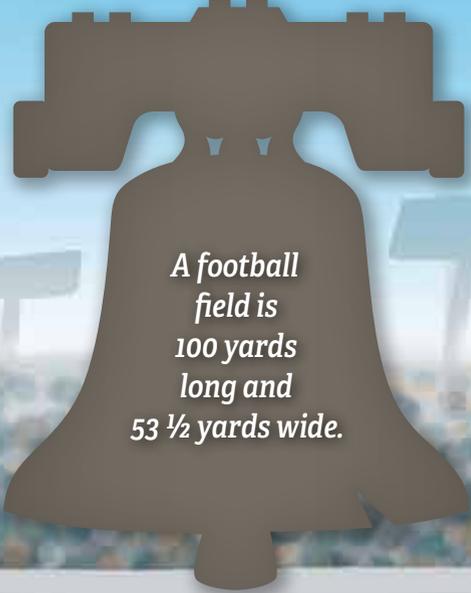
Don't forget to put your paw on your heart, Fumble!

*"The Star-Spangled Banner" is the U.S. national anthem and was written by Francis Scott Key in 1814.*

Finally, it's time for some **football!** The Philadelphia Eagles are wearing their famous green uniforms with eagle wings decorating their helmets.

Check it out, Fumble. The Eagles' kicker just made a field goal! That's three more points for the home team.

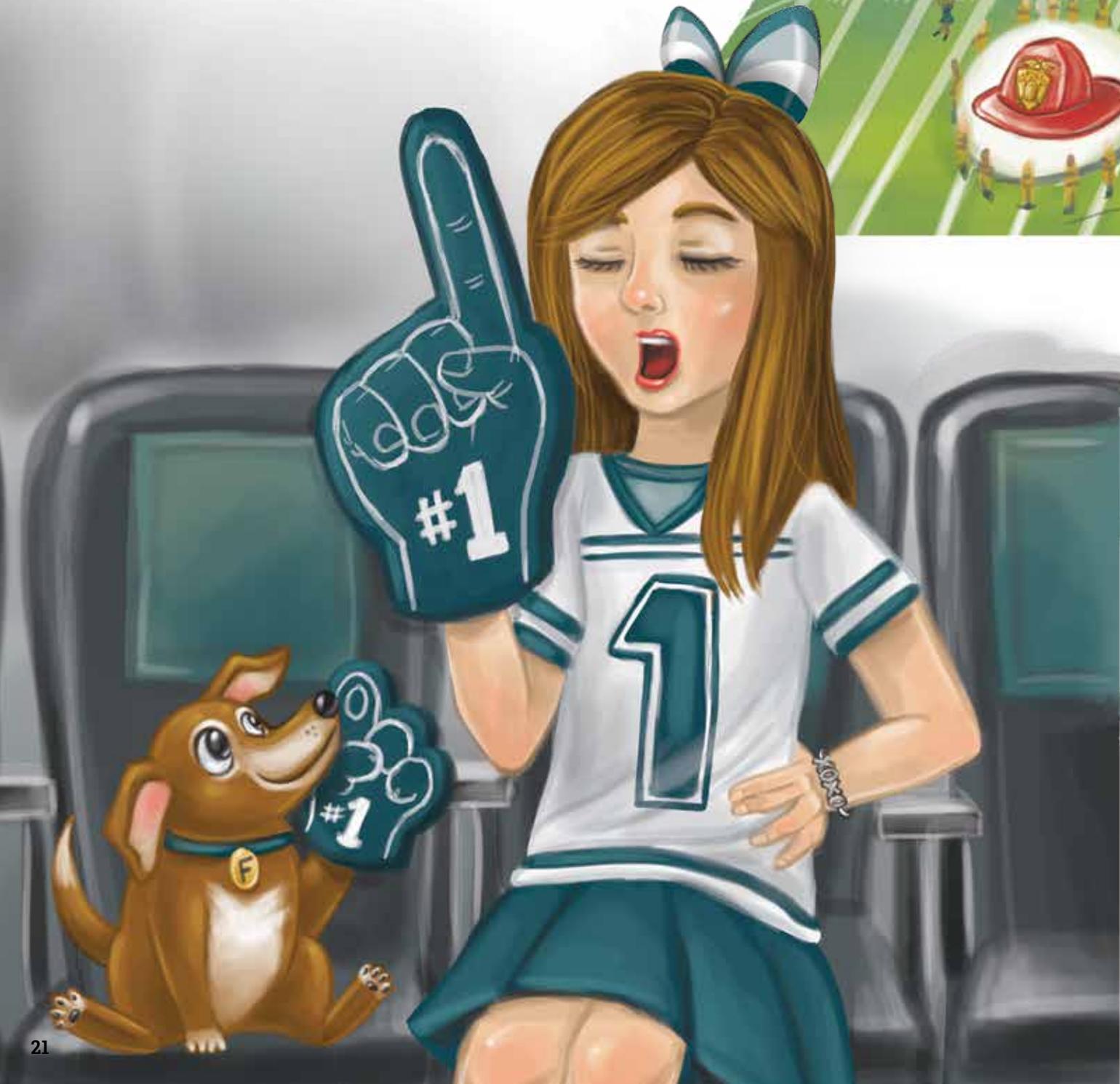
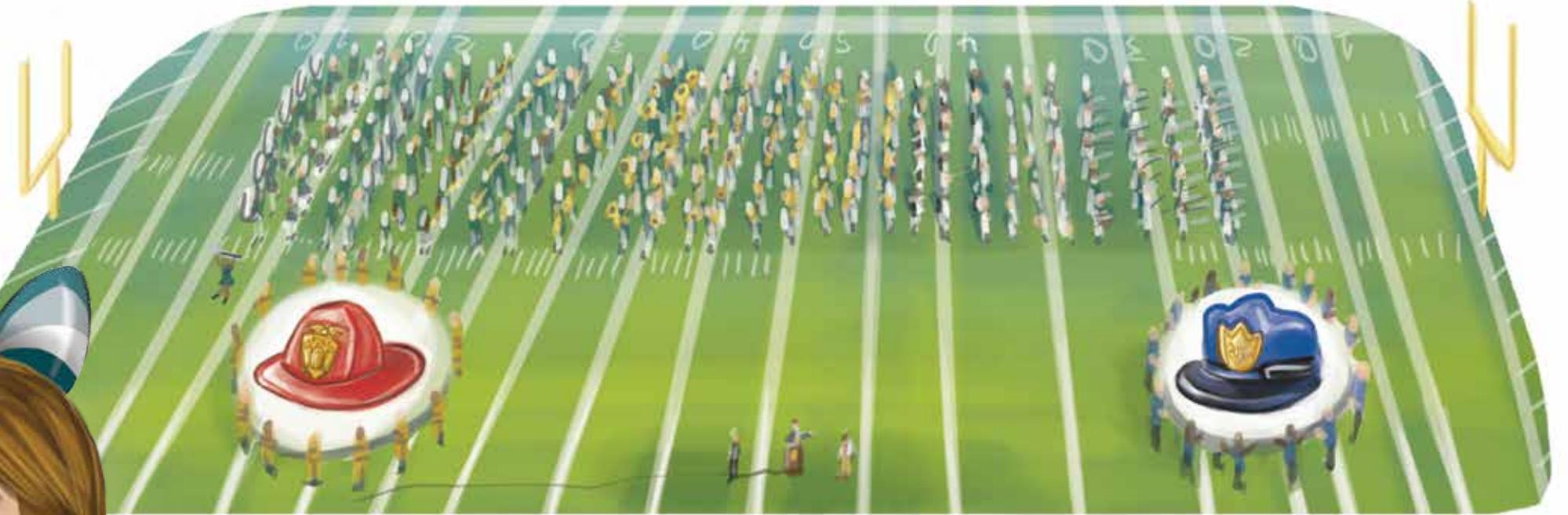
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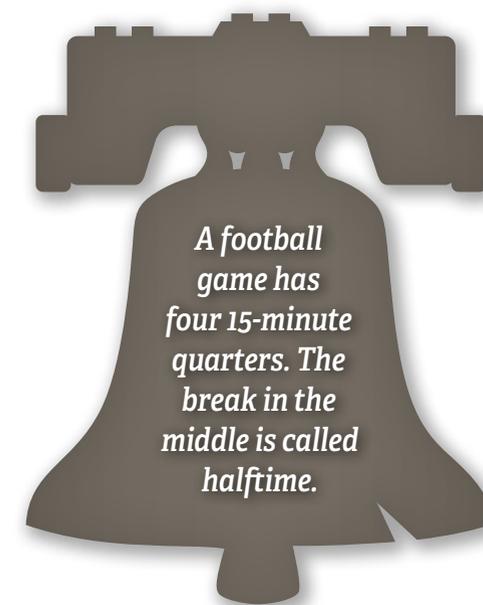
A football field is 100 yards long and 53 ½ yards wide.



Cheering in a stadium filled with Eagles fans is so much fun! We're **#1**, Fumble.



Looks like it's **halftime!** They're holding a special ceremony on the field for all the brave Philadelphia servicemen and women. They're also #1!



*A football game has four 15-minute quarters. The break in the middle is called halftime.*



The Eagles played a great second half and won the game. Everyone is cheering for the home team!

## **Fly, Eagles, Fly!**

It's been a fun day in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We visited so many cool places in the city, and we saw a spectacular Philadelphia Eagles game.

I wonder where our next football adventure will be, Fumble?

Join us on our next adventure in another great football city!

*XOXO (that's football talk),*  
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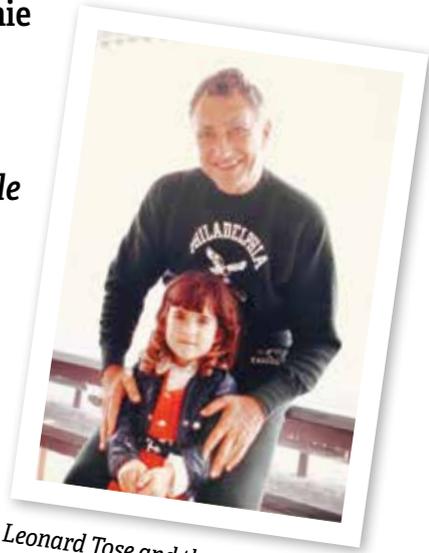


# About the Authors



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A Philadelphia native, Marnie's life has been driven by sports. Her grandfather, Leonard Tose, was the owner of the Philadelphia Eagles and the founder of the Ronald McDonald House, and from him, Marnie learned the importance of family, sports, and charity. *Football Freddie and Fumble the Dog: Gameday in Philadelphia* is her first children's book and her way of giving back to the Philadelphia community.



Leonard Tose and the young author.



## Susan T. Spencer

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