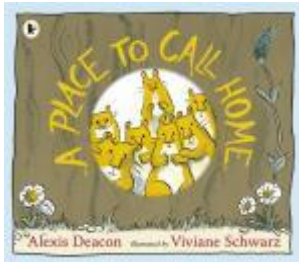


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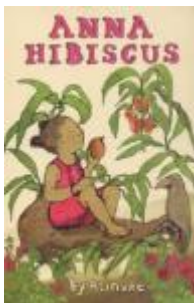
A Place To Call Home
By Alexis Deacon

Seven furry brothers emerge from the warm womblike home they have outgrown and travel in search of a new place in the wider world.



Amazing Grace
By Mary Hoffman

A wonderfully affirmative story. Grace 'a girl who loved stories' is told that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school pantomime because she is black and female.



Anna Hibiscus
By Atinuke

Stories about the life of a small girl who lives in Africa with her African dad and Canadian mum and a large extended family.



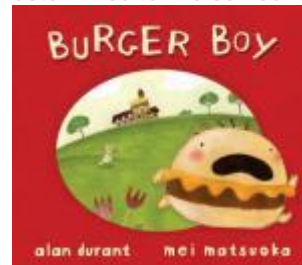
Azzi in Between
By Sarah Garland

Sarah Garland uses a comic strip format to tell the story of Azzi who has to flee her own country with her parents, leaving her grandmother behind, and settle as a refugee in a new country.



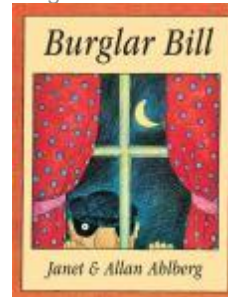
Bears Don't Read
By Emma Chichester Clark

Bears don't read but George is a bear who desperately desires to do so. Finding a book beneath a tree in the forest, he heads for the town, determined to find someone who will teach him.



Burger Boy
By Alan Durant

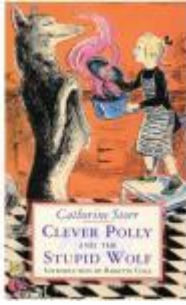
Benny hates vegetables and loves burgers. So much so, that his mum tells him he will turn into a burger and – lo and behold! – he does!



Burglar Bill
By Ahlberg, Allan

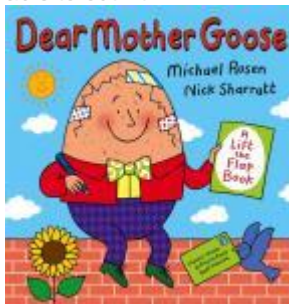
It is a brave author and artist who set out to make a burglar a hero - but Burglar Bill, who steals a box and finds there is a baby in it - has a heart

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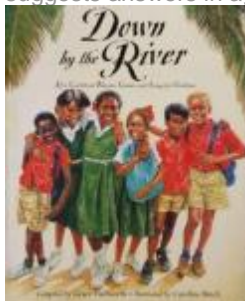
Clever Polly and the Stupid Wolf
By Catherine Storr

Polly is visited over and over again by the Wolf, who is always plotting to eat her, but she is always just able to outwit him.



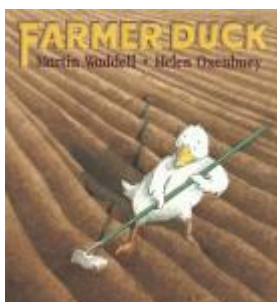
Dear Mother Goose
By Michael Rosen

Well known nursery rhyme characters write to Mother Goose with their problems and she suggests answers in agony aunt style.



Down by the River
By Grace Hallworth

A collection of African Caribbean rhymes, games and songs, many remembered from Grace Hallworth's own Trinidadian childhood



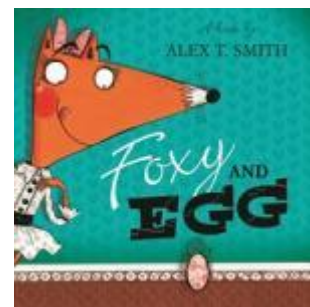
Farmer Duck
By Martin Waddell

It may not be commonly recognised by children that a duck is female; but unless this is appreciated the feminist message of this picture book will be lost.



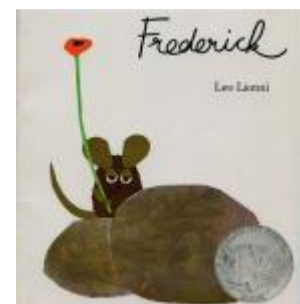
Flat Stanley
By Jeff Brown

At first it seems a disaster when Stanley Lambchop is flattened by an 'enormous bulletin board'. However, he soon finds that



Foxy and Egg
By Alex T Smith

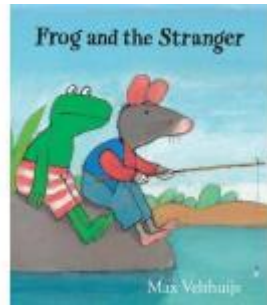
Egg rolls up at Foxy DuBois' door and she anticipates a feast in store. First she tries to fatten him up but what finally hatches out of the egg is no chickenfeed!



Frederick
By Leo Lionni

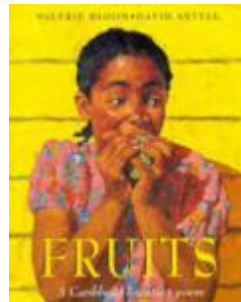
Frederick doesn't join the other mice in storing up food for the winter. Instead he gathers the rays of the sun, colours and words, for he realises that..

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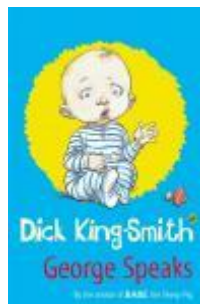
Frog and the Stranger
By Max Velthuis

When Rat sets up home in their community, Frog is the only one prepared to get to know this 'stranger'.



Fruits
By Valerie Bloom

A wryly amusing Caribbean counting poem enumerated in Jamaican Creole.



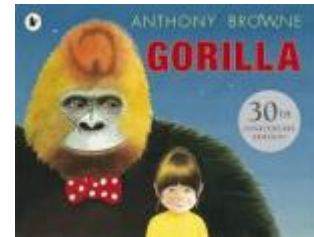
George Speaks
By Dick King-Smith

Some young children seem wise beyond their years, but none has ever been as advanced as this.



Goldilocks and Just the One Bear

A solitary bear stumbles into the city and is as lost as a little girl might be in the woods. He enters a flat in a tower block where he finds food that's just right



Gorilla

By Anthony Browne

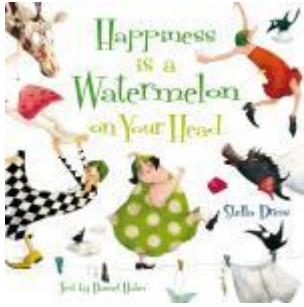
Hannah's father never seems to have time to spend with her. Disappointed with receiving a toy gorilla for her birthday instead of the real one she hoped for, she enjoys a night time outing with her new toy, who grows to life size. Is it a dream? This picture has subtle things to say about parent/child relationships, and each revisit reveals new things previously unspotted in the illustrations.



Grace & Family
By Mary Hoffman

In this sequel to Amazing Grace, Grace travels to the Gambia to visit her father and has to adjust to new relationships with his new wife and family.

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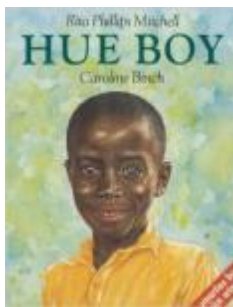
Happiness is a Watermelon on Your Head By Daniel Hahn

Three very grumpy women are determined to find out why their neighbour Miss Jolly is always so happy. Is the secret in her bizarre headgear?



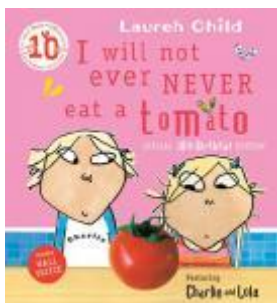
Hermelin By Mini Grey

The opening spread of this picture book sets the scene for a tale of a mystery-solving mouse.



Hue Boy By Rita Phillips Mitchell

In a Caribbean village Hue Boy seems not to grow 'at all, at all'. All kinds of cures are tried



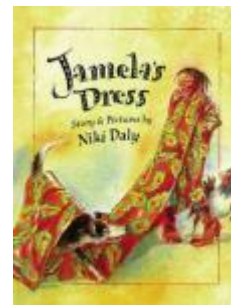
I will not ever NEVER eat a tomato By Lauren Child

Charlie's little sister Lola is a very fussy eater. She has a long list of foods she will not entertain passing her lips.



Iggy & Me By Jenny Valentine

Flo relates episodes about family life with her sister Sam who renames herself Iggy in the first chapter.



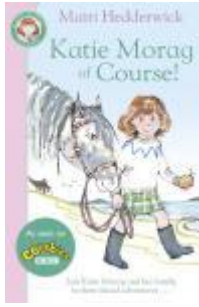
Jamela's Dress By Niki Daly



Just One More By Joy Cowley

Seventeen surreal small stories which are enjoyable to read aloud.

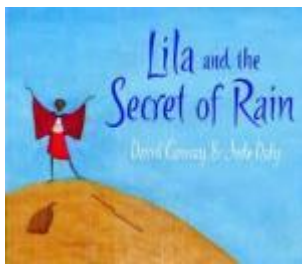
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Katie Morag, Of Course!

By Mairi Hedderwick

A short chapter book containing three episodes in the lives of Katie Morag and her family and friends who live on the Scottish island of Struay.



Lila and the Secret of Rain

By David Conway

There has been no rain in Lila's Kenyan village for many weeks and "Without water there can be no life", her mother says.



Lion at School and other stories

By Philippa Pearce

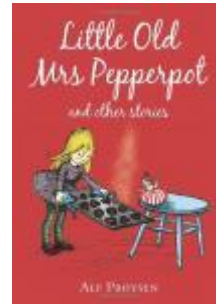
A rich mixture of tales for reading aloud or for confident new readers to read for themselves.



Little Evie in the Wild Wood

By Jackie Morris

A story with strong echoes of Red Riding Hood. Little Evie meets a wolf in the wood, a she wolf with 'Great eyes, the better to see her with. Great ears, the better to hear her call. Sharp teeth like dagger, nose black as coal.' The poetic text integrated within exquisite paintings celebrate the wildness of the wood and how humans can share this with the creatures who dwell within it.



Little Old Mrs Pepperpot and other stories

By Alf Proysen

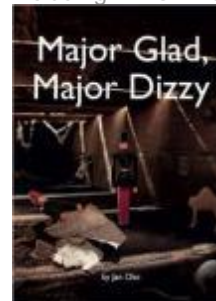
Mrs Pepperpot is an old woman who shrinks unexpectedly at the most inconvenient moments and this leads her into humorous and sometimes dangerous situations.

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Magic Beans

A compendium of fourteen famous fairy tales interpreted by highly regarded children's writers, including Anne Fine (Twelve Dancing Princesses),



Major Glad, Major Dizzy

By Jan Oke

An innovative book to share with children which will help them gain a conceptual understanding of history.

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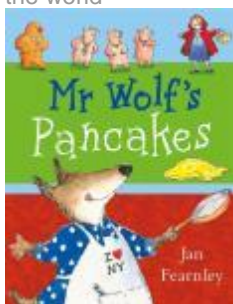
Man on the Moon (a day in the life of Bob)
By Bartram, Simon Bartram

It's Bob's job to keep the Moon clean and tidy. He also welcomes tourist spaceships and gives guided tours.



Meerkat Mail
By Emily Gravett

Sunny finds life with his typically close meerkat family somewhat claustrophobic and sets off to see the world



Mr Wolf's Pancakes
By Jan Fearnley

Hungry Mr Wolf fancies some pancakes. He tries to enlist the help of other fairytale characters such as Chicken Licken, the Gingerbread



Mrs Cockle's Cat
By Philippa Pearce

Mrs Cockle's cat Peter disappears from their London home in search of fresh fish.



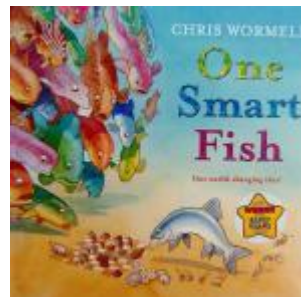
My Hat and All That
By Tony Mitton

A collection for younger children, featuring everyday things written about in everyday language, used in inventive ways, and illustrated by humorous black and



Once Upon a Time
By Niki Daly

Sarie does not enjoy going to school because she dreads being asked to read aloud.



One Smart Fish
By Chris Wormell

A (r)evolutionary fable of how one fish, smarter than all the others in the ocean, longs to walk upon the land.



Orion and the Dark
By Emma Yarlett

Orion has a whole list of things he is scared of which are comically mapped out on the page. But the one thing that scares him more than anything

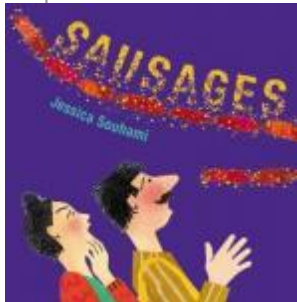
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else is ... the Dark! Then, one night, the Dark drops arrives in person for a visit and takes Orion on a journey.



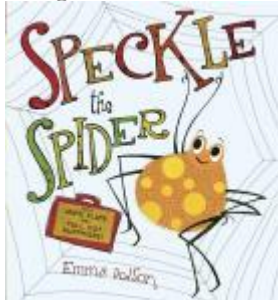
Pumpkin Soup
By Helen Cooper

A cat, a squirrel and a duck live together in an old white cabin deep in the woods. Each has his own job to do, including during the making of pumpkin soup.



Sausages
By Jessica Souhami

A retelling of a folk tale about being careful what you wish for. John the woodcutter rescues an elf who grants him three wishes.



Speckle the Spider
By Emma Dodson

Speckle knows he is a special spider but he is just not appreciated at home so he hitches a ride on a banana boat from the Bahamas.



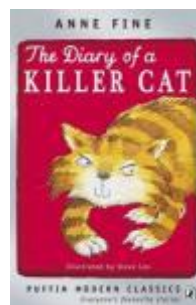
The Colour of Home
By Hoffman, Mary

This picture book lets us into the world of Hassan, a young boy who has just arrived in Britain from Somalia.



The Dark
By Lemony Snicket

Laszlo is afraid of the dark. The dark lives in the same house as Laszlo but mostly it spends its time in the basement. It doesn't visit Laszlo in his room. Until one night it does. With emotional insight and poetic economy, Lemony Snicket and Jon Klassen bring to light a universal and empowering story about conquering fear. Join a brave boy on his journey to meet the dark, and see



The Diary of a Killer Cat
By Anne Fine

A cat's eye view of a week in which his family fail to appreciate the results of his hunting - and blame him for killing next door's rabbit when all

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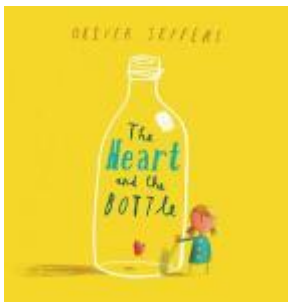
The Giant Jam Sandwich
By John Vernon Lord

The story, told in rhyming couplets, of how the resourceful villagers of Itching Down hatch an ingenious plan to rid their community of a plague of wasps.



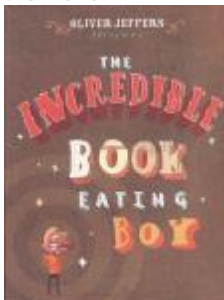
The Great Piratical Rumbustification
By Margaret Mahy

The pirates are restless and longing for a party – ‘a peppery, parrot party, a pirate party’.



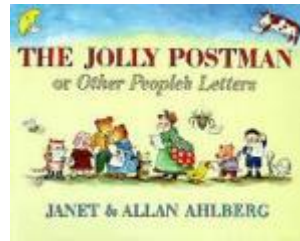
The Heart and the Bottle
By Oliver Jeffers

A curious child, saddened by loss, shuts away her heart in a bottle and seals off her wonderment at the world.



The Incredible Book Eating Boy
By Oliver Jeffers

Henry loves to consume books, quite literally.



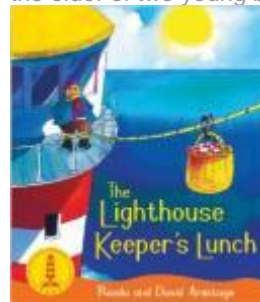
The Jolly Postman
By Allan Ahlberg

Sub-titled ‘Other People’s Letters’, this is a stupendous and original picture book. As the Postman delivers his letters to the Wicked Witch, the giant



The Julian Stories
By Ann Cameron

Emotionally warm stories about an African-American family told in the first person by Julian, the elder of two young brothers.



The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch
By Ronda Armitage, David Armitage

Every day Mr Grinling rows out to tend his lighthouse, and every day Mrs Grinling sends a delicious lunch in a basket along a wire



The Magic Bojabi Tree
By Dianne Hofmeyr

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There is a drought on the plains of Africa and the animals are hungry. A tempting tree is covered in red, ripe fruit but



The Magic Finger

By Roald Dahl

The narrator of this tale is a young girl whose finger has magic powers which become active when she is angry.



The Man Who Wore All His Clothes

By Allan Ahlberg

In a book which crosses the divide between picture books and first chapter books, readers are introduced to the Gaskitt family.



The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark

By Jill Tomlinson

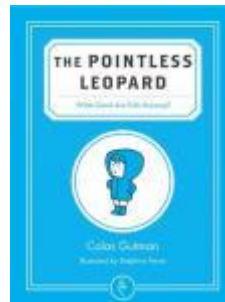
A cunning story that will help children who are afraid of the dark to appreciate it and be unafraid.



The Pirates Next Door

By Jonny Duddle

Matilda is delighted when her new neighbours turn out to be a pirate family, the Jolley-Rogers. The rest of the inhabitants of the dull seaside town where she lives are less than thrilled



The Pointless Leopard

By Colas Gutman

All children love going to the countryside, don't they? Not Leonard, whose parents assume he must appreciate its splendour.



The Princess and the White Bear King

By Tanya Robyn Batt

An amalgam of Scandinavian folk tales The Black Bull of Norraway, The White Bear King and East of the Sun, West of the Moon which also has resonances with many other traditional stories.



The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems

By June Crebbin

A lively collection of poems which are excellent to read aloud.

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The Shrimp
By Emily Smith

When his new teacher asks her class to do a wildlife project over the summer holidays, Ben Shrimpton takes the opportunity to expand his knowledge of seashells



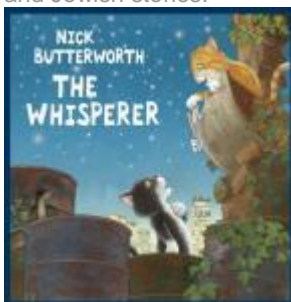
The Sticky Doll Trap
By Jessica Souhami

A West African trickster tale which is a variant on a story widely known as Brer Rabbit and the Tar Baby.



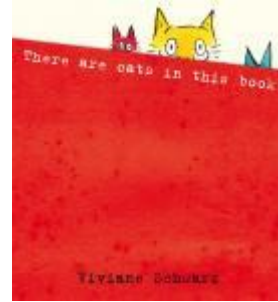
The Story Tree
By Hugh Lupton

The seven stories in this collection include familiar European tales as well as African, American, Indian and Jewish stories.



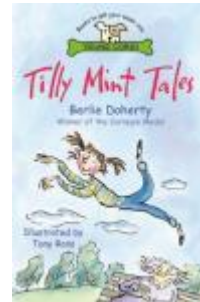
The Whisperer
By Nick Butterworth

A story in the tradition of Romeo and Juliet and West Side Story – Monty and Amber fall in love despite the fact that their families form rival gangs.



There Are Cats in This Book
By Viviane Schwarz

An inventive interactive book in which three playful cats directly address the readers, imploring them to keep turning the pages to make new discoveries, winding them in like a strand of a ball of wool which is a strong motif in the book. A knitting pattern for the cats can be found



Tilly Mint Tales
By Berlie Doherty

Like a modern day Mary Poppins, whenever Mrs Hardcastle looks after Tilly Mint magical adventures always happen. Each of the stories in the first part of this book has a similar pattern, enabling readers to become familiar with how stories can take shape. Mrs Hardcastle reminisces, falls asleep, and then Tilly's adventures begin, dancing with the leaf lords in Autumn or riding on a lion's back. In the second part, originally published separately, Tilly discovers why the dodo is extinct.



Tom's Sausage Lion
By Michael Morpurgo

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When Tom goes out to fetch some logs on Christmas eve.



Toys in Space

By Mini Grey

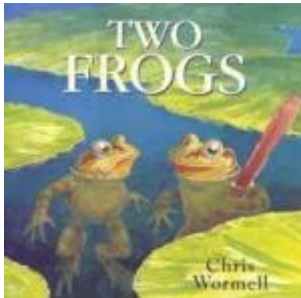
Seven toys are left out in the garden one summer night and WonderDoll tells them a story to help the hours of darkness pass.



Traction Man is Here!

By Mini Grey

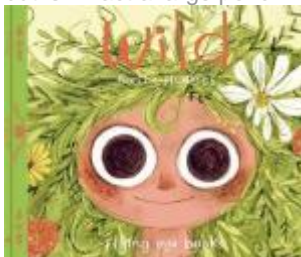
A boy receives an action figure as a Christmas present and the first half of this inventive picture book shows Traction Man's exciting adventures



Two Frogs

By Chris Wormell

Two frogs sit on a lily pad in a blue and green watery environment that seems to stretch to infinity but is in fact a large pond.



Wild

By Emily Hughes

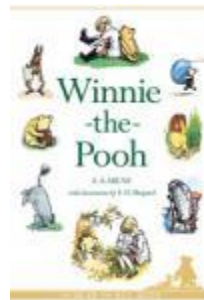
Wild eyed with wonder, a small naked girl stares out from the cover of this picture book, the pupils of her eyes wide and luminous. Turn to the title page and the same child looks grim and cross, her hair trussed into a topknot, a hint of restrictive clothing below her chin. Download the FREE teaching sequence below. Available for a limited period only.



William & the Missing Masterpiece

By Helen Hancocks

William is a cat with an international reputation for solving mysteries. Disaster strikes when the famous painting, the Mona Cheesa, is stolen from a gallery



Winnie-the-Pooh

By A A Milne

A well-established classic which many children may have met only through Disney cartoons.



Winter's Child

By Angela McAllister

Tom wishes that winter would last forever. He inhabits a winter wonderland full of sparkling snowflakes and iridescent icicles

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Zeraffa Giraffa
By Dianne Hofmeyr

A picture book inspired by the true story of a giraffe sent as a gift to the King of France by the Great Pasha of Egypt in the 1820s. The exquisitely composed pictures show the different stages of the journey made by Zeraffa, accompanied by her keeper, the young boy Atir. They travel downriver in a felucca 'to the place where the sea sipped up to the Nile' and cross the sea under a star-filled sky.