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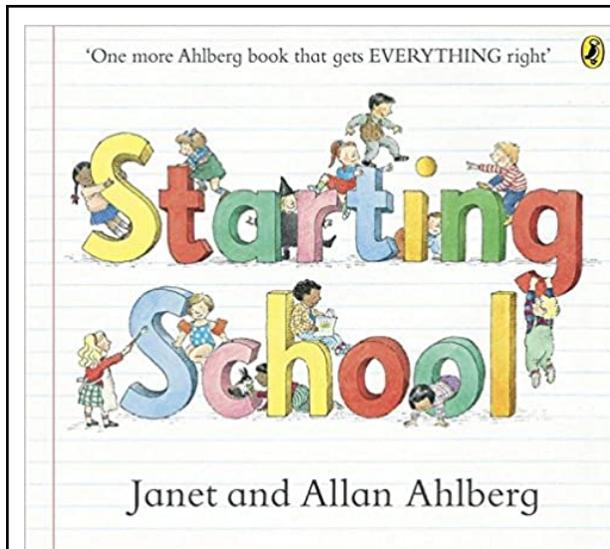
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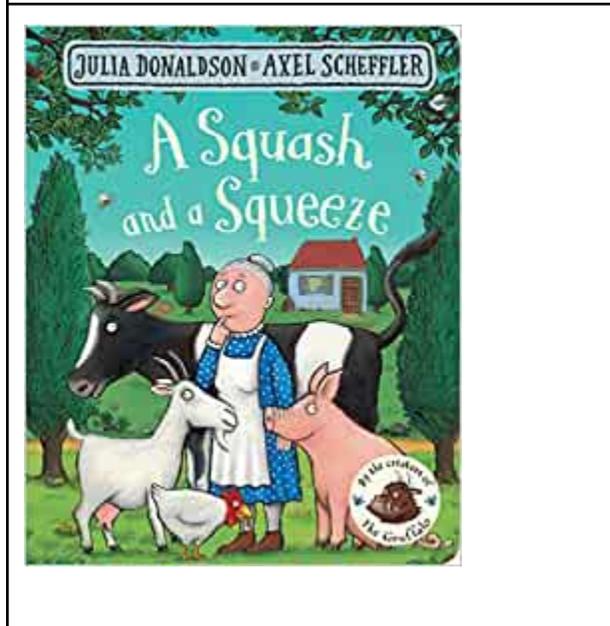
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Are you starting school soon? How exciting!

If you can't wait to start school, or are feeling a little nervous, this is the perfect book for you.

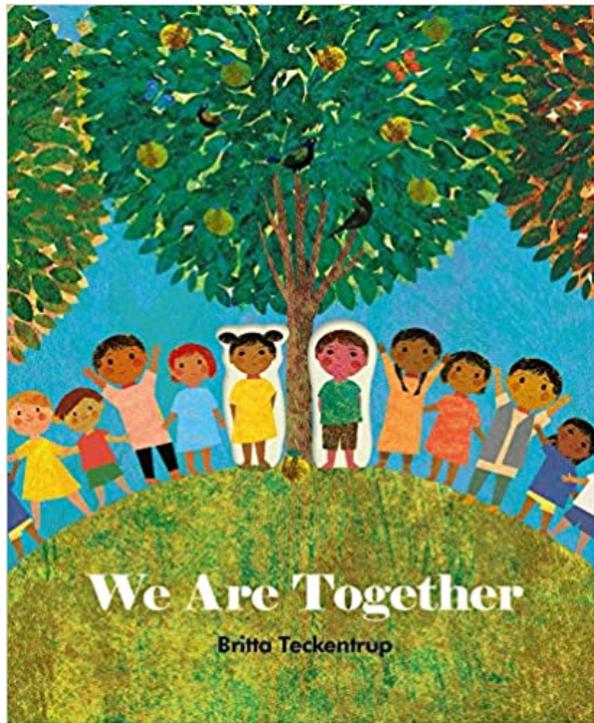
Full of humour and fun, this reassuring read will help children and parents get ready for the first day of school, and find out what to expect from the rest of their first term.



"Wise old man, won't you help me, please? My house is a squash and squeeze."

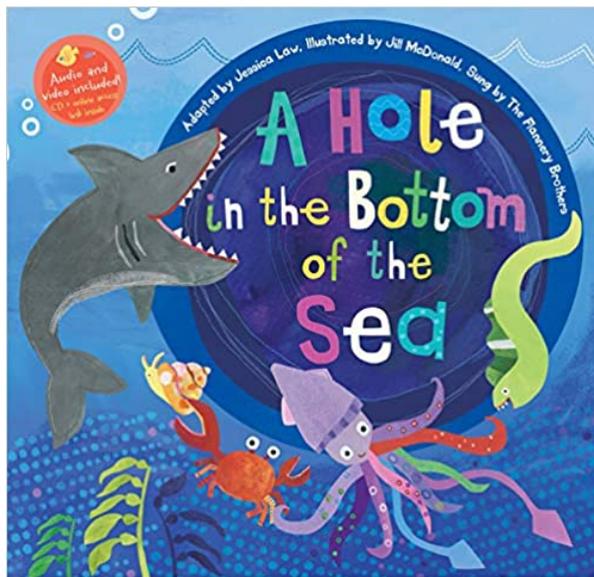
Visit the farm in the brilliantly funny **A Squash and a Squeeze**, the first ever picture book written and illustrated by the unparalleled picture book partnership of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, creators of **The Gruffalo**.

A little old lady lives all by herself but she's not happy – her house is just too small, even for one. Whatever can she do? The wise old man knows: bring in a flappy, scratchy, greedy, noisy crowd of farmyard animals. When she pushes them all out again, she'll be amazed at how big her house feels!

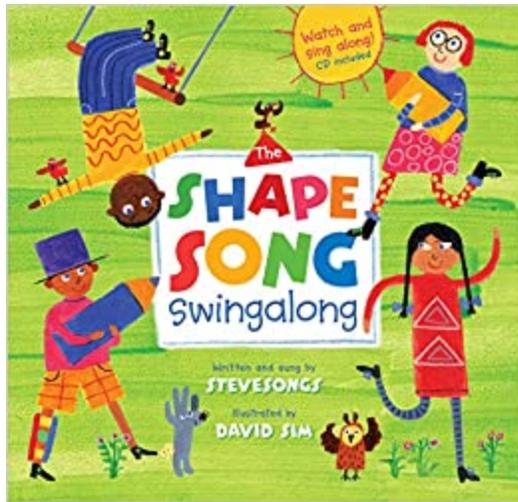


*On our own, we're special,
and we can chase our dream.
But when we join up, hand in hand,
together, we're a team.*

Celebrate the power of love and friendship in this beautiful book by award-winning illustrator and author Britta Teckentrup. With vibrant artwork and peek-through pages, this is a picture book to treasure.



Discover amazing and fascinating sea creatures in the hole in the bottom of the sea! Based on the traditional cumulative song, each verse introduces a new creature and its place in the food chain, with the shark chasing the eel, who chases the squid, who chases the snail. Enhanced CD includes video animation and audio singalong.



What can you make with a line, a circle or square? This inspiring book, based on an original song by children's singer SteveSongs, shows how simple shapes can be transformed into anything you can imagine from boats to skyscrapers to a circus. The catchy song and animation will soon have you dancing along, making shapes!

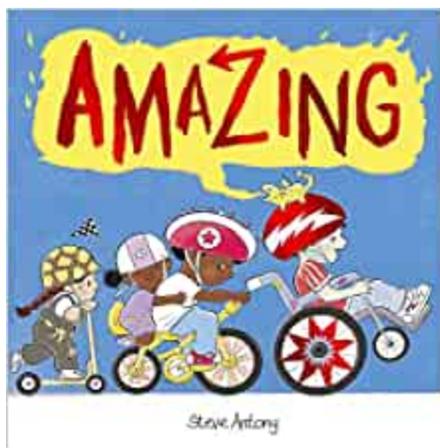


Tired of telling your child not to shout or kick things when they are angry? Then this book is the perfect solution for you!

When children are angry, they can manifest their anger through bad behavior. They might shout, cry, throw things and roll on the floor or all of these things combined. That's why most parents need help managing their kids emotions and feelings.

This book about little Nick:

- contains lovely illustrations and lightly rhyming storyline
- helps children recognize and cope with their anger in a funny way through communication with zoo animals
- offers a variety of calming techniques and is aimed to improve kids self-regulation skills
- teaches children to admit their mistakes and say "I'm sorry"
- includes a bonus coloring page

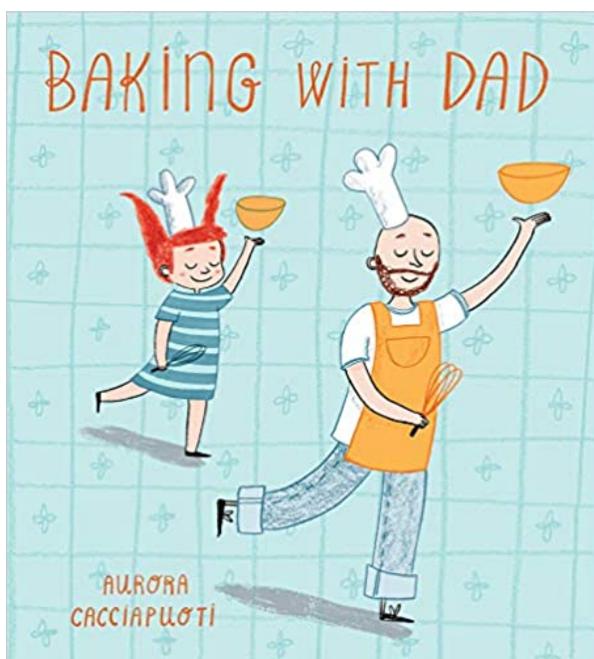


A joyful new picture book by the award-winning Steve Antony, creator of the bestselling *Please Mr Panda*.

A little boy and his pet dragon are the very best of friends. They laugh, they sing, they dance, they snooze. They are both amazing - just like everyone else!

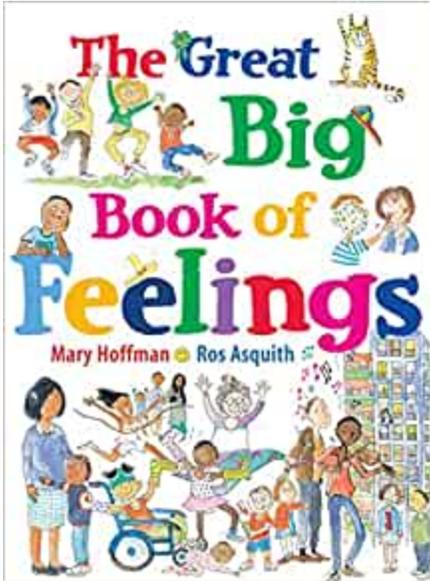
A celebration of friendship and being yourself with a positive message about celebrating diversity. The perfect platform to start conversations about the importance of understanding and acceptance.

Steve Antony is the winner of the Oscar's First Book Prize and has been nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal and shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize.

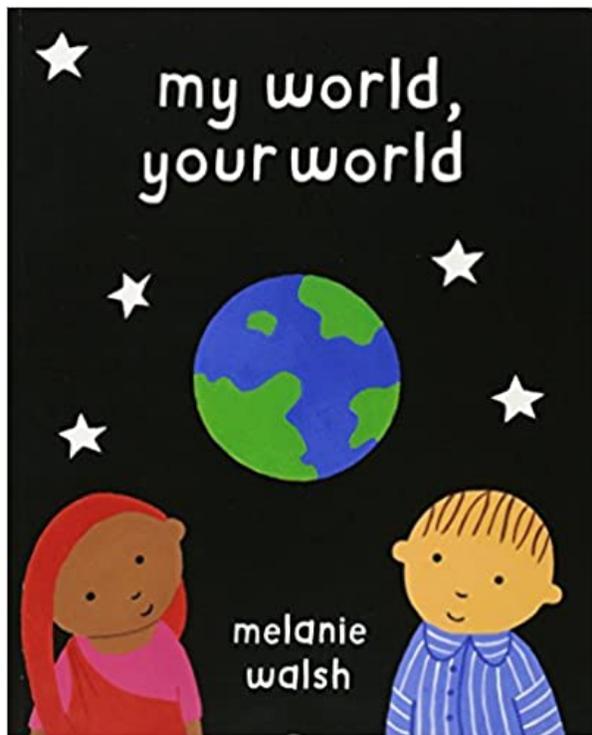


Challenging Stereotypes

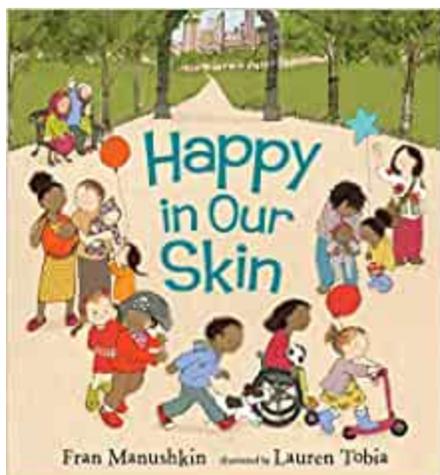
Today we're baking with Dad! We have everything we need, including the most important ingredient – Dad himself! But who are we baking for? And who's going to do the clearing up?



How are you feeling today? Happy? Sad? Excited? Scared? We all experience lots of different emotions, sometimes angry or silly, sometimes jealous or upset; sometimes lonely or worried. However you feel, sharing and talking about your feelings will make you feel better. This fresh, optimistic look at all the feelings we experience explores feelings in family life, at school and everywhere with warmth, wit and sensitivity. Featuring lots of different children in various situations, brief text captions and questions and plenty of humour, this is the go to book to learn about feelings.

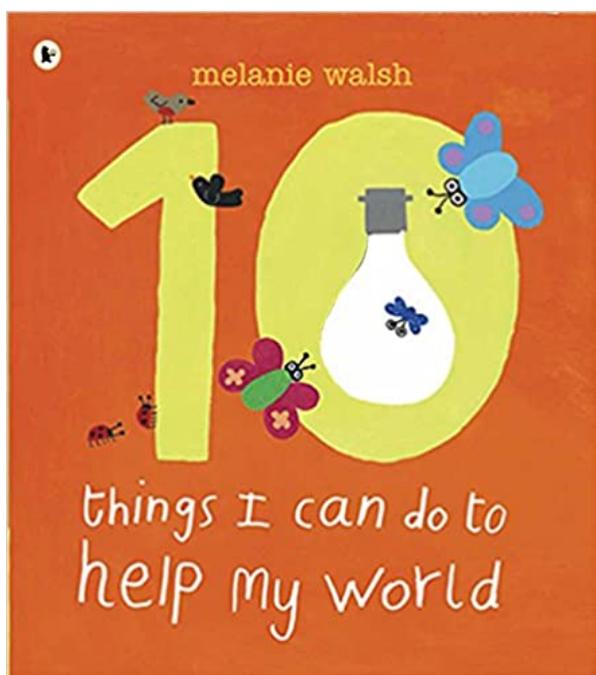


Pierre says 'bonjour'. George says 'hello'. But . . . they both say 'achoo!' when they sneeze. The world is full of all sorts of people, speaking different languages and living different kinds of lives, but deep down people are basically the same wherever they live.



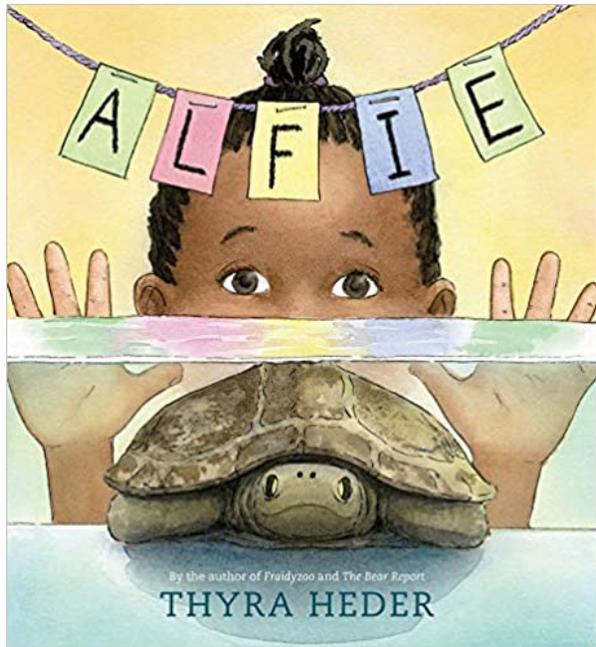
From the illustrator of *Anna Hibiscus*, comes a book filled with all kinds of bouncing babies, and a joyful celebration of the new skin of babyhood in all its wonderful forms.

Bouquets of babies sweet to hold: cocoa-brown, cinnamon, and honey gold. Ginger-coloured babies, peaches and cream, too – splendid skin for me, splendid skin for you! A delightfully rhythmical read-aloud text is paired with bright, bustling art from the award-winning Lauren Tobia, illustrator of *Anna Hibiscus*, in this joyful exploration of the new skin of babyhood. A wonderful gift book for new mums and toddlers, all children can see themselves, and open their eyes to the world around them, in this sweet, scrumptious celebration of skin in all its many, many, wonderful forms.

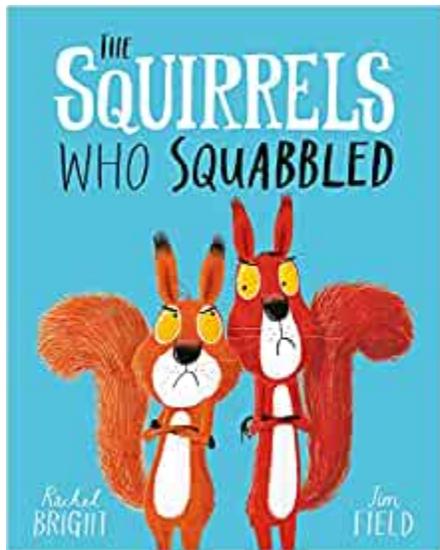


Written in a way that pre-schoolers will understand and yet gives a message that all ages should learn. An important book for the new generation.

A beautifully simple book for small children where transforming pages reveal ten things that everyone can do to help conserve their world. Many of them, such as turning off the television properly, walking to school and turning off lights when leaving a room, are about conserving energy. Others, such as feeding the birds in winter and growing plants from seed, will encourage an understanding of nature and conservation.



Nia loves Alfie, her pet turtle. But he's not very soft, he doesn't do tricks, and he's pretty quiet. Sometimes she forgets he's even there! That is until the night before Nia's seventh birthday, when nAlfie disappears! Then, in an innovative switch in point of view, we hear Alfie's side of the story. He didn't leave Nia—he's actually searching for the perfect birthday present for his dear friend. Can he find a gift and make it back in time for the big birthday party?

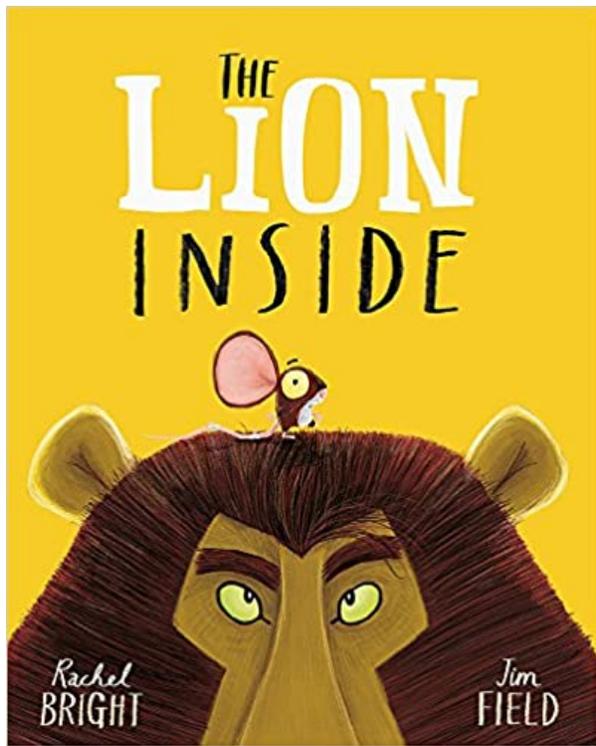


Two greedy squirrels learn to share, in this hilarious rhyming adventure from the bestselling creators of *The Lion Inside*.

Greedy squirrels Cyril and Bruce both have their sights on a very special prize: THE VERY LAST NUT OF THE SEASON! As the nut bounces crazily though the forest, the squirrels race after it, between the trees, over boulders, down the river and - ARGH! - right to the edge of a waterfall! Working together might be the only way to save themselves now ...

A laugh-out-loud tale about friendship and sharing. Perfect for competitive friends and sibling rivals!

'A charming story about sharing and friendship.'
Parents in Touch

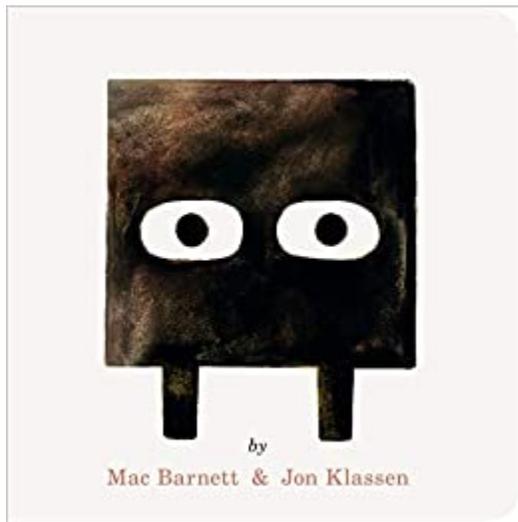


A bestselling story about confidence, self-esteem, and a shy little mouse who sets out on a journey to find his roar.

In a dry dusty place where the sand sparkled gold, stood a mighty flat rock, all craggy and old. And under that rock in a tinyful house, lived the littlest, quietest, meekest brown mouse.

Fed up of being ignored by the other animals, Mouse wishes he could roar like Lion. But, as he discovers, even the biggest, bossiest people are scared sometimes ... and even the smallest creatures can have the heart of a lion!

A modern classic, *The Lion Inside* has sold over 200,000 copies in the UK alone and been translated into over 30 languages worldwide.



Challenging thoughts/not being perfect/friendships/kindness

The second installment in the shape trilogy from the dynamic dream-team of Jon Klassen and Mac Barnett.

"A typically original delight" *Daily Mail*

Every day, Square brings a block out of his cave and pushes it up a steep hill. This is his work. When Circle floats by, she declares Square a genius, a sculptor! "This is a wonderful statue," she says. "It looks just like you!" But now Circle wants a sculpture of her own, a circle! Will the genius manage to create one? Even accidentally?



by

Mac Barnett & Jon Klassen

Multi-award-winning, bestselling duo Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen conspire again on a slyly funny tale about some very sneaky shapes.

“Picture book lovers will find much to like in Triangle” Guardian

From the award-winning team behind *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*, and illustrated by Jon Klassen, the Kate Greenaway-winning creator of *This Is Not My Hat* and *I Want My Hat Back*, comes the first tale in an exciting new trilogy. Meet Triangle. He is going to play a sneaky trick on his friend, Square. Or so Triangle thinks... Visually stunning and full of wry humour, here is a perfectly-paced treat that flips the traditional concept book, and approaches it from a whole new angle.



by

Mac Barnett & Jon Klassen

From the dynamic, dream team of Jon Klassen and Mac Barnett comes the final instalment in the hilarious shape trilogy.

“Simple shapes and succinct story express big ideas. Makes us consider fear of strangers, the power of the imagination, being brave and standing by friends” *Sunday Times*

Triangle and Square are visiting Circle, who lives at the waterfall. When they play hide-and-seek, Circle tells the friends the one rule: not to go behind the falling water. But after she closes her eyes to count to ten, of course that's exactly where Triangle goes. Will Circle find Triangle? And what OTHER shapes might be lurking back there?



THIS IS NOT MY HAT

JON KLASSEN

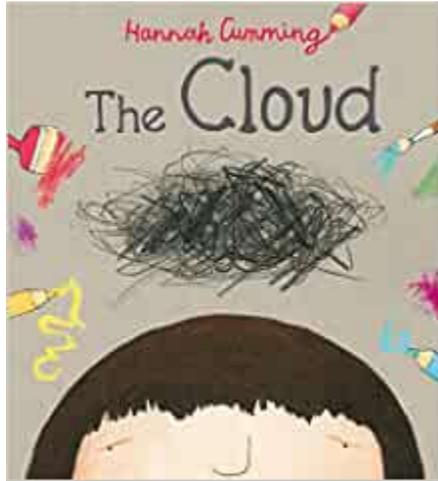


A sneaky fish learns a lesson in crime and punishment in the bestselling, multiple award-winning sequel to I Want My Hat Back.

Winner of the Caldecott Medal and Kate Greenaway Medal 2014

From the creator of the bestselling *I Want My Hat Back* and *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole* comes the story of a tiny fish who proudly wears a blue hat. It fits him perfectly. Problem is, trouble could be following close behind... So it's a good thing that the enormous fish he took it from

won't wake up. And even if he does, it's not as though he'll ever know what happened, right? With so many emotions conveyed in just the glint of an eye, visual humour swims to the fore in this thrillingly original, perfectly-paced cautionary tale.



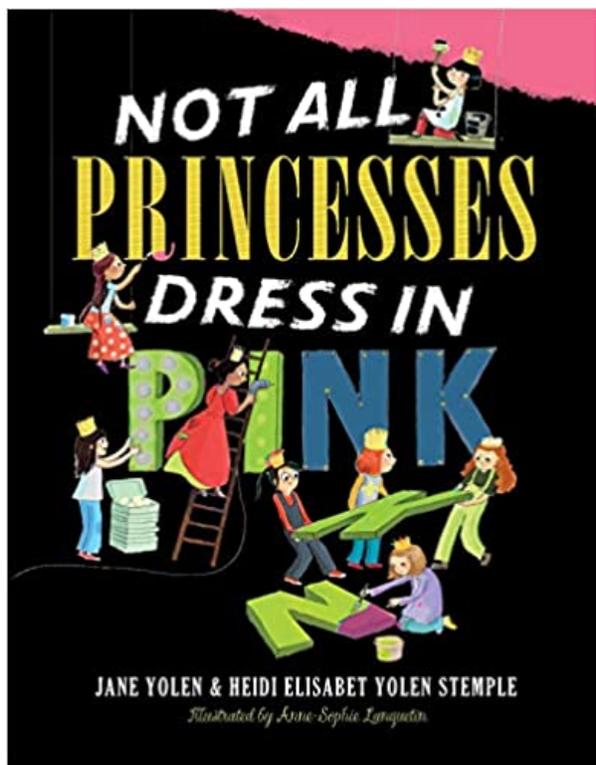
Everyone has bad days, and children are no exception. When a black cloud descends on a little girl at school, support from a classmate with a great deal of imagination helps to brighten up everyone's lives. The atmospheric illustrations really tell the story in this delightful picture book.



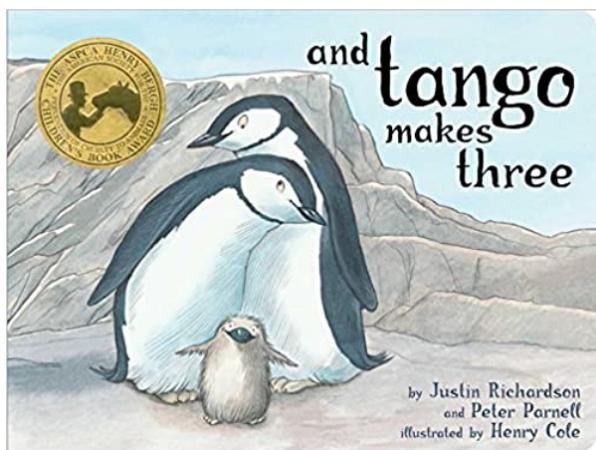
In this exceptional book, author-illustrator Barroux has crafted a powerful story with a twist ending about hugely important and current issues. A great opportunity for parents to discuss with children the plight of migrants and refugees, as well as global warming, in a gentle, open-ended way.

"With a reassuring twist, this exceptional and very current book should be read to young children everywhere." - Picture Books Blogger

"Barroux tells his story with a light touch and a sprinkling of humour, which takes nothing away from the message." - The Bookbag



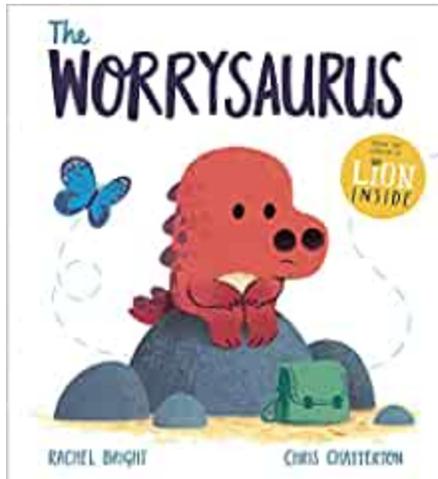
Not all princesses dress in pink. Some play in bright red socks that stink, blue team jerseys that don't quite fit, accessorized with a baseball mitt, and a sparkly crown! Princesses come in all kinds. Exuberant text from Jane Yolen and her daughter Heidi Yolen Stemple paired with charming illustrations prove that girls can jump in mud puddles and climb trees, play sports and make messes--all while wearing their tiaras! Not every girl has a passion for pink, but all young ladies will love this empowering affirmation of their importance and unlimited potential.



Story of two daddies and how they get their baby

The heartwarming true story of two penguins who create a nontraditional family is now available in a sturdy board book edition. At the penguin house at the Central Park Zoo, two penguins named Roy and Silo were a little bit different from the others. But their desire for a family was the same. And with the help of a kindly zookeeper, Roy and Silo got the chance to welcome a baby penguin of their very own.

In time for the tenth anniversary of *And Tango Makes Three*, this Classic Board Book edition is the perfect size for small hands.



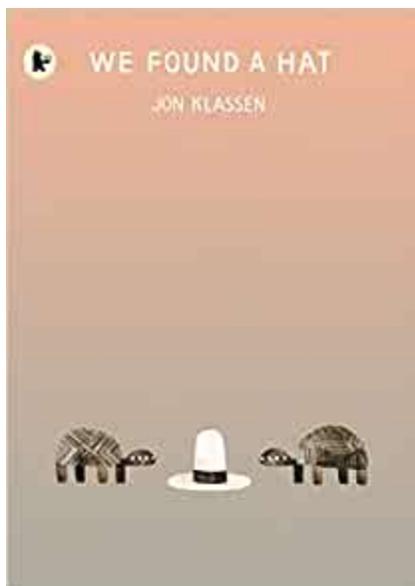
A fun and reassuring tale about dealing with worries from the author of the bestselling *The Lion Inside*.

It's a beautiful day and Worrysaurus has planned a special picnic.

But it isn't long before a small butterfly of worry starts fluttering in his tummy . . .
What if he hasn't brought enough to eat?
What if he gets lost in the jungle?
What if he trips and falls?
What if it rains?!

Can Worrysaurus find a way to chase his fears away and have fun?

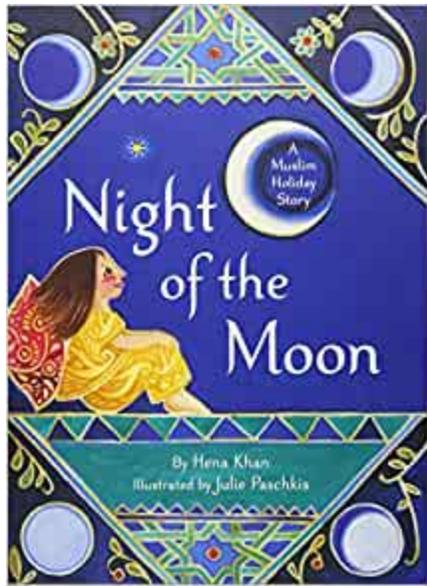
The perfect book to help every anxious little dinosaur let go of their fears and feel happy in the moment.



The multiple award-winning and bestselling Jon Klassen presents the final tale in his acclaimed and bestselling hat trilogy, giving his deadpan finale a surprising new twist...

Hold on to your hats! From the Kate Greenaway-winning creator of *I Want My Hat Back* and *This Is Not My Hat* comes the much-anticipated conclusion to the celebrated hat trilogy.

Two turtles have found a hat. The hat looks good on both of them. But there are two turtles. And there is only one hat... Evoking hilarity and sympathy, the shifting eyes tell the tale in this perfectly paced story in three parts, highlighting Jon Klassen's visual comedy, deceptive simplicity and deliciously deadpan humour.



Now in paperback, this sweet tale follows Yasmeen, a seven-year-old Pakistani-American girl, as she celebrates the Muslim holidays of *Ramadan*, "The Night of the Moon" (*Chaand Raat*), and *Eid*. With lush illustrations that evoke Islamic art, this beautiful story offers a peek into modern Muslim culture—and into the ancient roots of its most cherished traditions.



Kindness makes our community stronger

Discover the power of small acts of kindness, whether it's sharing a toy or rescuing an animal.



Many families are different, this one has Two Mums. They have plenty of space and plenty of love, but will the Mums and their children be able to manage their ever expanding animal family?

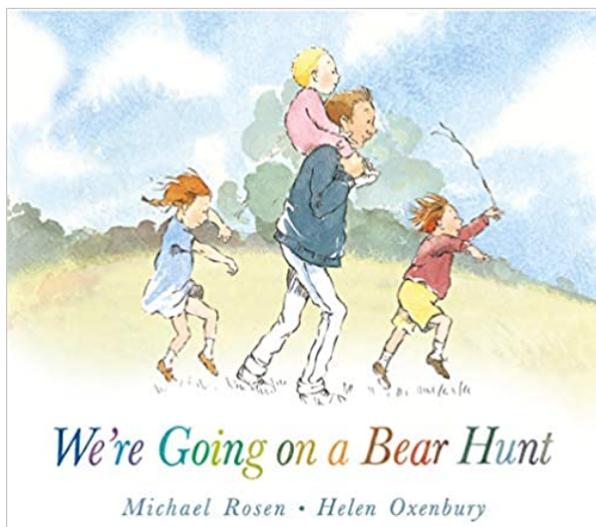
A fun and lively book with delightful illustrations that presents a same sex family in a positive way. A fantastic read for children from lgbt families and adopted children.

This story complements other books that present families in a more traditional light. Two Mums and a Menagerie is a great resource for schools and educationalists who want to broaden perspectives on the different types of loving families that exist today.

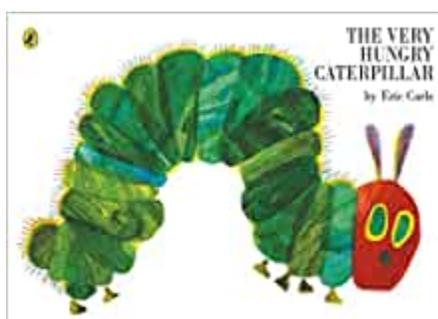


There's one thing that makes a family a family...

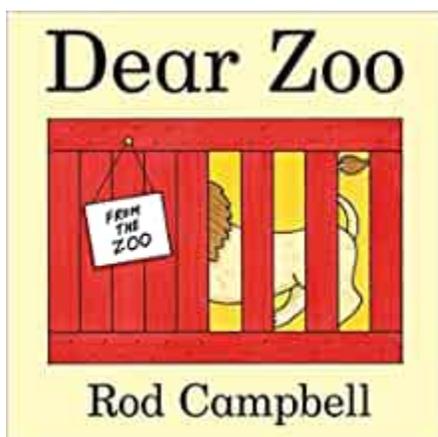
Discover the importance of family, whether you have two mums, two dads, one parent or one of each.



We're going on a bear hunt. We're going to catch a big one. Will you come too? For a quarter of a century, readers have been swishy-swashy and splash-splashing through this award-winning favourite. Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!



Eric Carle's The Very Hungry Caterpillar is a perennial favourite with children and adults alike. Its imaginative illustration and clever cutout detail charts the progress of a very hungry caterpillar as he eats his way through the week.



Rod Campbell's classic lift-the-flap book Dear Zoo has been a firm favourite with toddlers and parents alike ever since it was first published in 1982.

Young children will love lifting the flaps to discover the animals the zoo has sent – a monkey, a lion and even an elephant! But will they ever manage to send the perfect pet?

With bright, bold artwork, a catchy refrain and a whole host of favourite animals, Dear Zoo is a must for every child's bookshelf – and the thick card pages, chunky cased cover and sturdy flaps make it perfect for small hands.