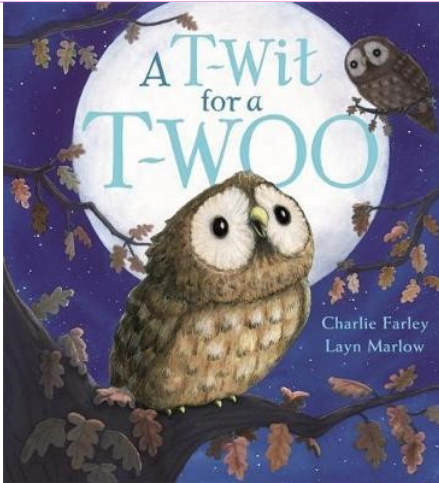


# AISTEAR – Identity and Belonging

The theme of **identity and belonging** is about children developing a positive sense of who they are, and feeling that they are valued and respected as part of a family and community. The books in this set will help children to develop strong identities, both as part of a family and as part of a group. They will develop their awareness of friendships, rights, responsibilities and co-operation.

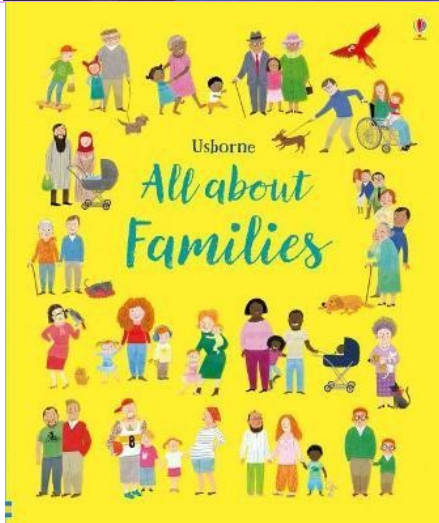


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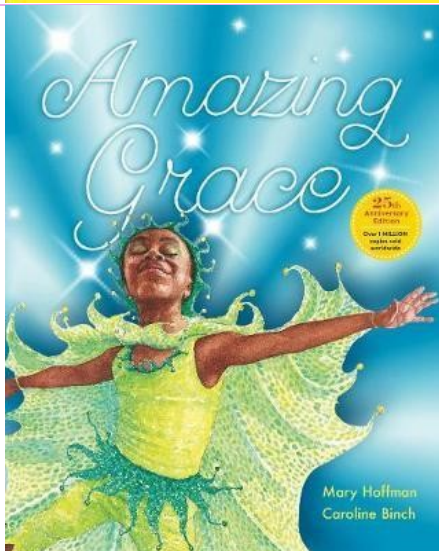
**'A T-Wit for a T-Woo'**  
**Charlie Farley and Layn Marlow**  
**Orchard Books**

He'd fly every night through the wood that he loved, and quietly gaze at the stars up above. But something was missing that made him feel blue. When he sang in the moonlight ... he'd just say 'T-WOO!' Little owl Twoo feels like something is missing. His song is incomplete, a T-woo without a T-wit. So the brave little owl sets off in search of his true owl song - and a true friend to sing with him. On his journey, he discovers that when you believe in yourself, anything is possible.



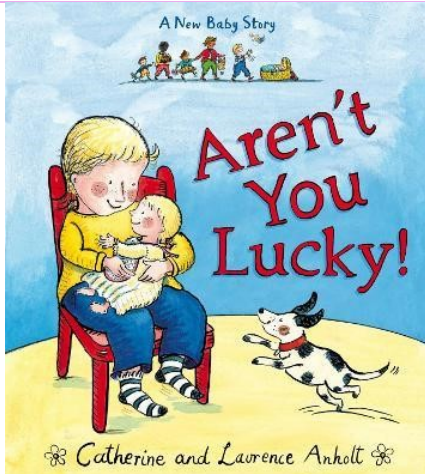
**'All About Families'**  
**Felicity Brooks and Mar Ferrero**  
**Usborne**

What do families look like? Who's in your family? And how can families change? With delightful illustrations, this glorious celebration of family diversity talks about lone-parent families, adoptive, foster, divorced, remarried, and mixed-race families, and lots, lots more, showing little children that families come in all shapes and sizes.



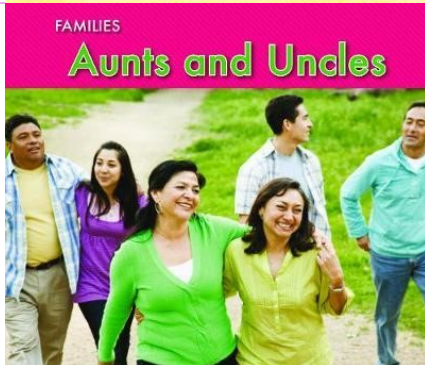
**'Amazing Grace'**  
**Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch**  
**Frances Lincoln Childrens' Books**

Grace loves to act out stories. Sometimes she plays the leading part, sometimes she is 'a cast of thousands.' When her school decides to perform Peter Pan, Grace is longing to play Peter, but her classmates say that Peter was a boy, and besides, he wasn't black... But Grace's Ma and Nana tell her she can be anything she wants if she puts her mind to it.



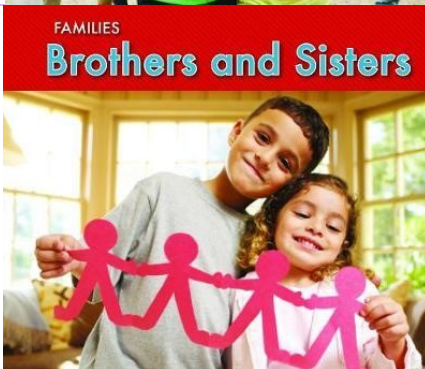
**'Aren't You Lucky!: A New Baby Story'**  
**Laurence Anholt and Catherine Anholt**  
**Red Fox Picture Books**

When a little brother or sister comes along, everyone is excited...everyone except one little person who can't quite understand why everything has changed. Follow the tale of one older sibling who learns that having a baby brother or sister can be truly magical - aren't they lucky!



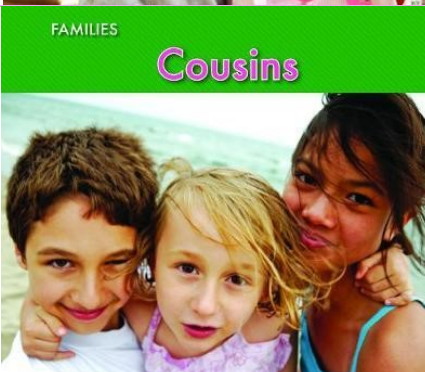
**'Aunts and Uncles'**  
**Rebecca Rissman**  
**Heinemann Educational Books**

This title teaches readers that all families are different, and that some families include uncles and aunts. A family tree shows readers how people in families are related to each other.



**'Brothers and Sisters'**  
**Rebecca Rissman**  
**Raintree Publishers**

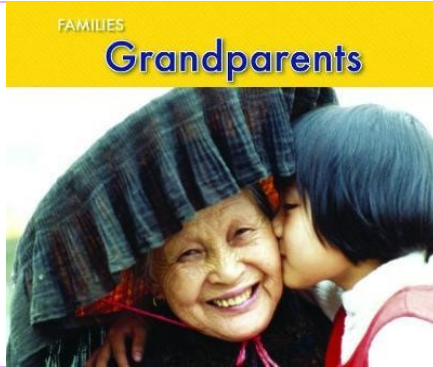
This title teaches readers that all families are different, and that some families include brothers and sisters. A family tree shows readers how people in families are related to each other.



**'Cousins'**  
**Rebecca Rissman**  
**Heinemann**

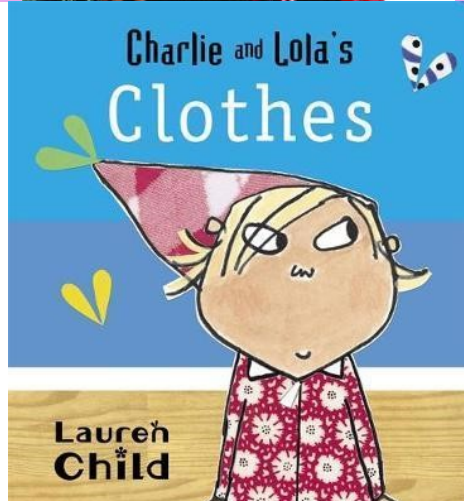
This title teaches readers that all families are different, and that some families include cousins. A family tree shows readers how people in families are related to each other.





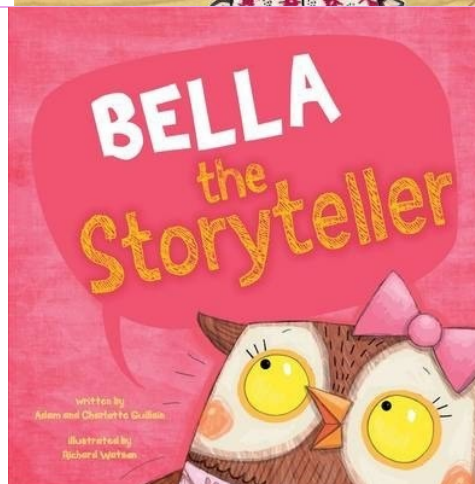
**'Grandparents'**  
**Rebecca Rissman**  
**Heinemann Educational Books**

This title teaches readers that all families are different, and that some families include grandparents. A family tree shows readers how people in families are related to each other.



**'Charlie and Lola's Clothes'**  
**Lauren Child**  
**Orchard Books**

Learn all about Lola's favourite clothes in this fabulously funny first concept board book



**'Bella the Storyteller'**  
**Charlotte Guillain, Adam Charlotte Guillain, and Richard Watson**  
**Raintree**

Bella loves telling stories and tells stories all the time, often when she should be doing other things. She tells stories during lunch, during lessons, when her brother is watching TV, and even when she should be brushing her teeth. One morning Bella wakes up and finds she has lost her voice and cannot tell any stories. Suddenly Bella has to listen to people and time to do things. Bella learns that it feels good to finish things and that people have interesting things to say.

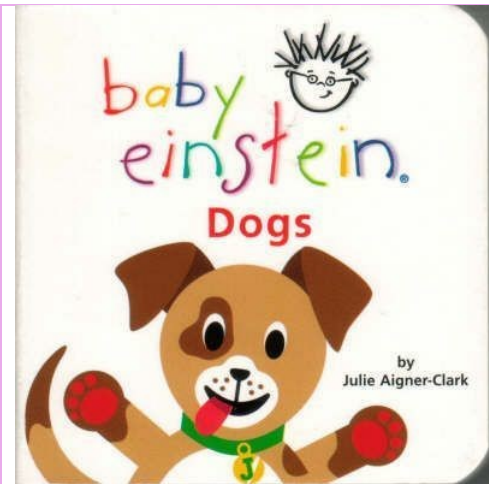
# Dear Zoo



**Rod Campbell**

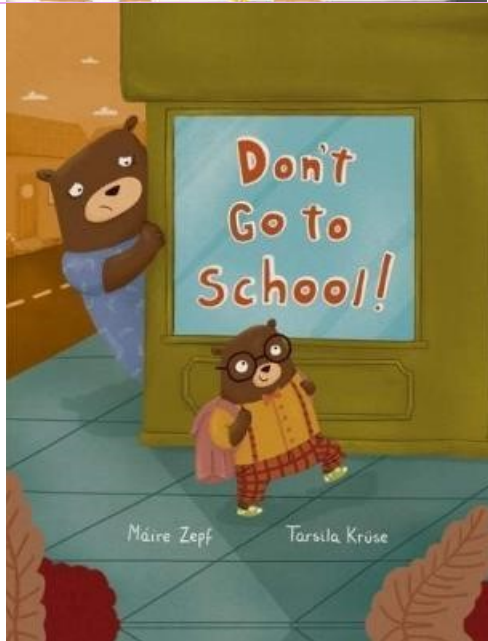
**'Dear Zoo: Lift the Flaps'**  
**Rod Campbell**  
**Little Simon**

A letter to the zoo asking for a pet results in a succession being dispatched - all of them containing highly unsuitable pets. All, of course, except the last one.



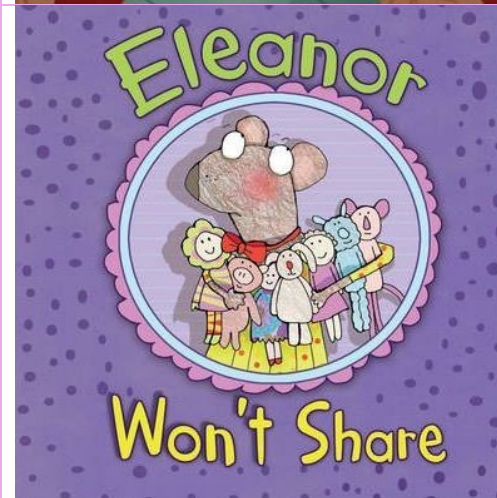
**'Dogs'**  
Julie Aigner-Clark  
Scholastic

Introduce your child to dogs in fine art, illustration and photographs.



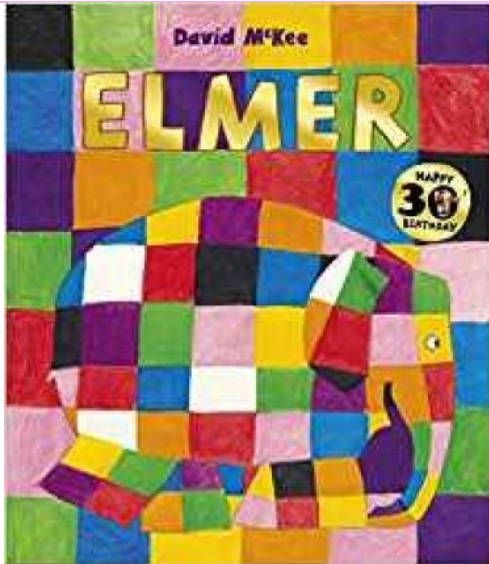
**'Don't go to school!'**  
Máire Zepf and Tarsila Krüse  
Futa Fata

Written in English about the excited bear Benno looking forward to his first day at school - one problem - his mum



**'Eleanor Won't Share'**  
Julie Gassman and Jessica Mikhail  
Raintree

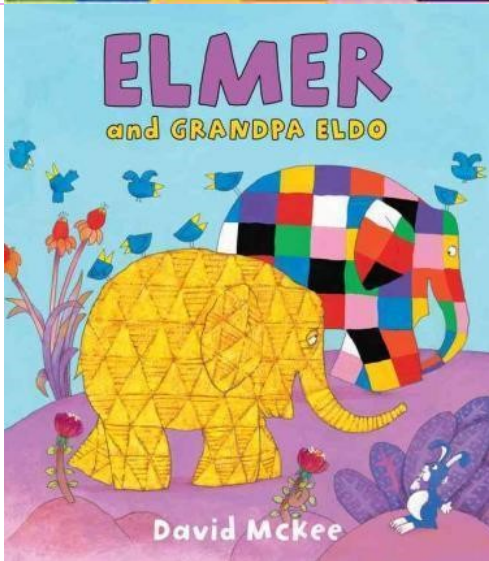
Eleanor does not like to share and soon learns a valuable life lesson about sharing and friendships.



**'Elmer'**  
**David McKee**  
**Anderson Press**

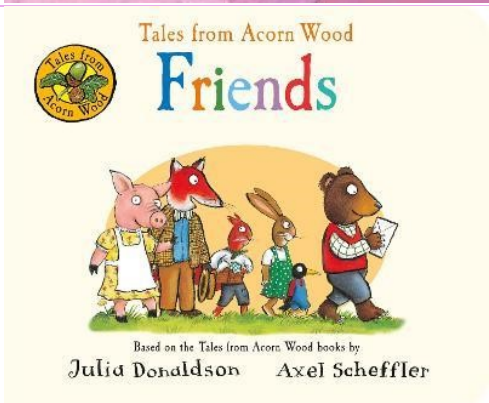
Elmer is different. Elmer is patchwork. The grey elephants all love him, but he soon starts to wonder what it would be like to be just the same as them...

Full of colour, wisdom and pathos, little readers will love this classic tale at bedtime. Deservedly a modern classic, with over ten million copies of his books sold worldwide, Elmer's subtle message, that it is OK to be different, resonates with children across the world. Elmer the colourful patchwork elephant has been a nursery favourite since 1989.



**'Elmer and Grandpa Eldo'**  
**David McKee**  
**Anderson Press**

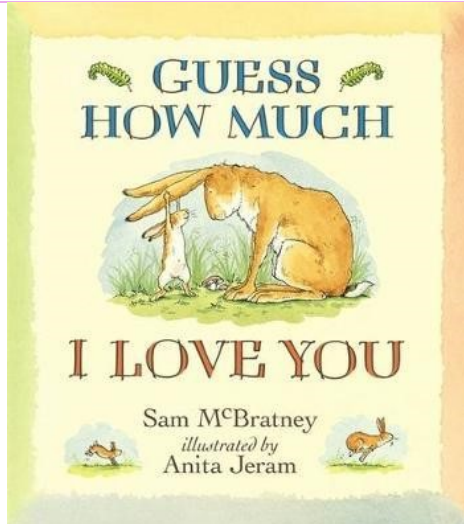
Elmer is on his way to visit his Grandpa Eldo. He has great fun reminding Eldo of all the things they used to do together, but is Eldo quite as forgetful as Elmer thinks? He may be old, but he is an elephant, after all, and elephants never forget. Do they?



**'Tales from Acorn Wood: Friends'**  
**Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler**  
**Macmillan Children**

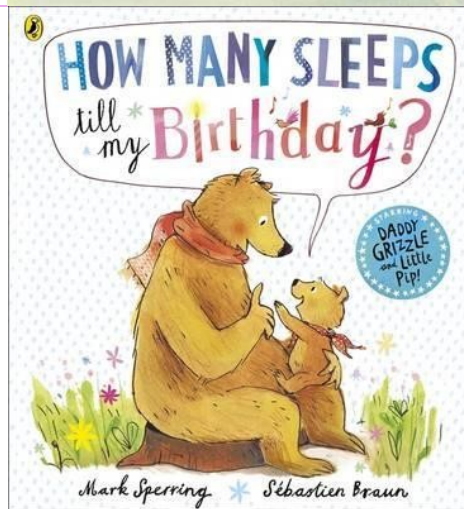
Everyone is friends in Acorn Wood! Friends is a delightful introduction to the world of Acorn Wood. Fox and Mouse play dress up, Squirrel's friends help with chores, Pig plays hide and seek with Hen, Bear's friends say "Happy Birthday", and Rabbit's friends sing her to sleep.





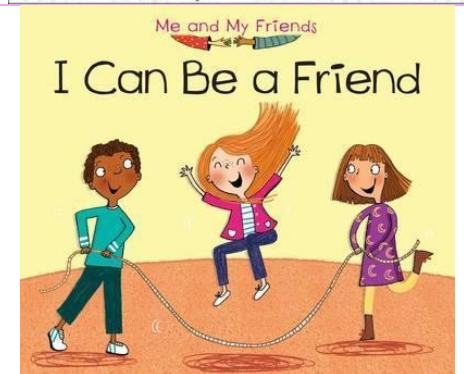
**'Guess How Much I Love You'**  
Sam McBratney and Anita Jeram  
Walker

This gorgeous picture book has become a modern classic. The story of Little Nutbrown Hare and Big Nutbrown Hare trying to express how much they love each other is one which has captivated adults and children the world over.



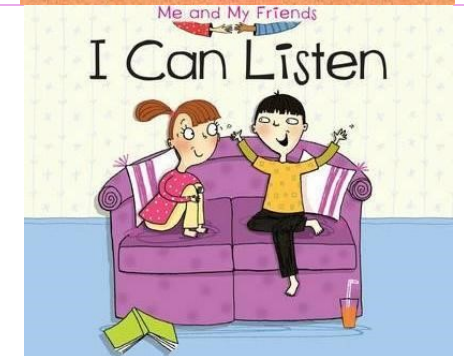
**'How Many Sleeps till my Birthday?'**  
Mark Sperring and Sébastien Braun  
Puffin

It's hard to be patient when you're only a very little bear, and Little Pip cannot wait until his birthday. And he's driving Papa Grizzle nuts! Every day he wakes up and asks the same question. Poor Daddy Grizzle . . . and poor Pip! How will he be able to wait until the big day? Luckily, Pip has his big Daddy Grizzle there to help. Hilarious and endearing story that every parent will recognise!



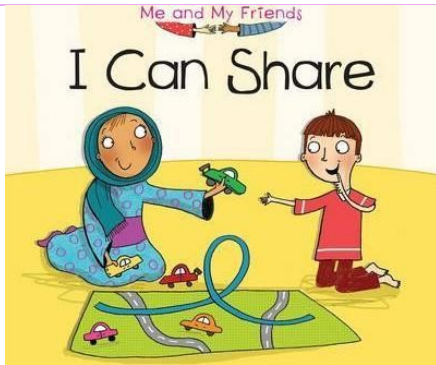
**'I Can Be a Friend'**  
Daniel Nunn  
Capstone Press

This book takes a very simple look at what children need to do in order to be a good friend. Levelled text with repeated use of high frequency words makes the book perfect for beginning readers, while bright, colourful illustrations complement the text and maintain readers' interest.



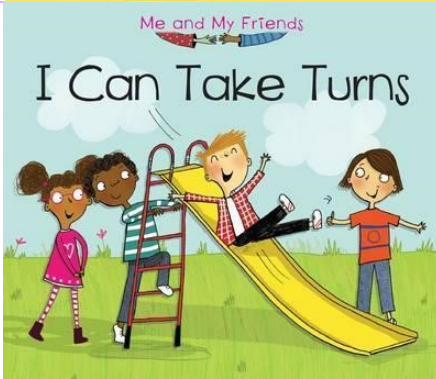
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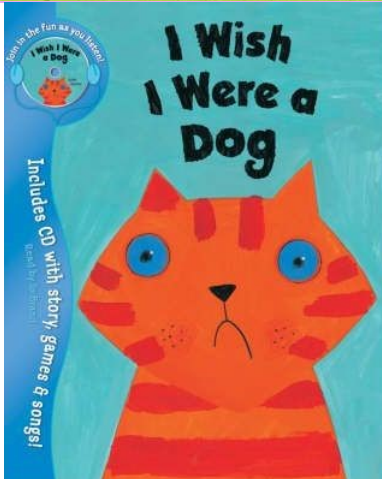
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This book takes a very simple look at sharing. Levelled text with repeated use of high frequency words makes the book perfect for beginning readers, while bright, colourful illustrations complement the text and maintain readers' interest.



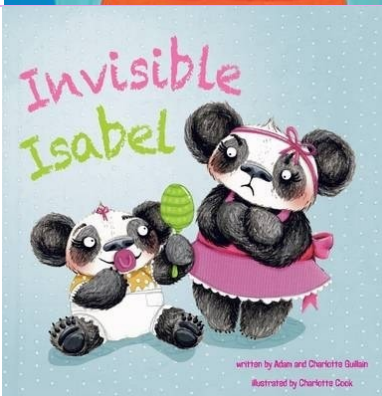
**'I Can Take Turns'**  
Daniel Nunn  
Capstone Press

This book takes a very simple look at taking turns. Levelled text with repeated use of high frequency words makes the book perfect for beginning readers, while bright, colourful illustrations complement the text and maintain readers' interest.



**'I Wish I Were a Dog'**  
Lydia Monks and Joao Brand  
Egmont Books

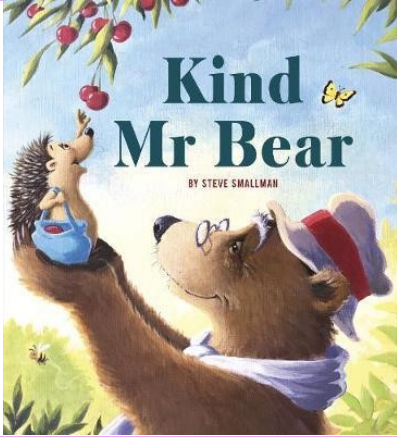
Kitty is fed up with being a cat. Dogs seem to have more fun. But dogs can't climb trees or catch mice. Maybe it's a cat's life after all.



**'Invisible Isabel'**  
Adam and Charlotte Guillain, with Charlotte Cook  
Raintree

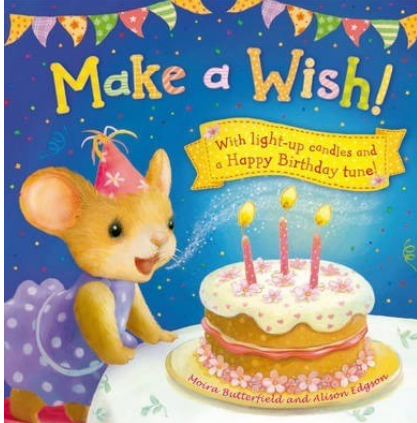
Isabel felt invisible. Nobody noticed her brand-new rucksack, her shiny new bike, or that she could tie her shoelaces. And, worst of all, when Isabel's baby sister Amy arrived, nobody noticed Isabel. Isabel learns that her family do notice her and that she is a wonderful big sister.





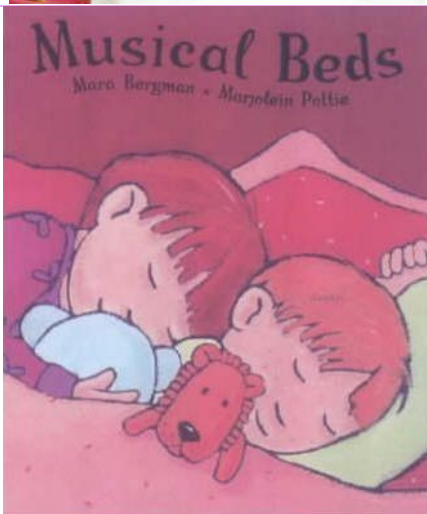
**'Kind Mr Bear: A story about gratitude and appreciation'**  
**Steve Smallman**  
**White Lion**

Kind Mr Bear is very kind. He's always happy to help those in need. But the animals in the forest are so used to him being there, they start to take his help for granted. Then one day Mr Bear gets ill and finds himself all alone in his cave. Will anyone come to help him? This touching title from award winning author/illustrator Steve Smallman shows that when it comes to true friends, kindness is something to give as well as receive.



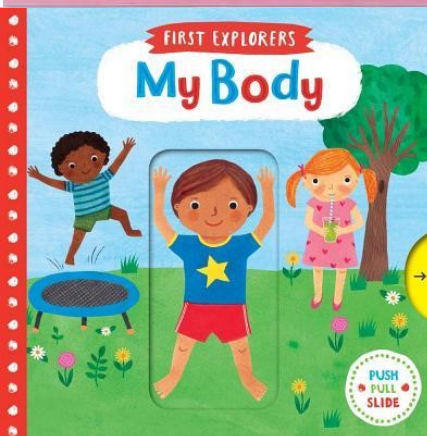
**'Make A Wish'**  
**Moira Butterfield and Alison Edgson**  
**Caterpillar**

This gorgeous book might just be the perfect birthday read for three to five-year olds! It's Lily Mouse's birthday but she doesn't know what she will wish for when the time comes to blow out the candles on her special cake. How will Lily decide what her birthday wish should be? Little ones can follow Lily's birthday tale and delight in the fantastic ending with birthday candles that light up and a Happy Birthday tune! A lovely birthday gift for any preschooler.



**'Musical Beds'**  
**Mara Bergman and Marjolein Pottie**  
**Simon and Schuster**

It's bedtime for Josie, Rosie and little Rick. Dad's tucked them in, each in their own bed, as snug as snails. But while he is trying to enjoy some quiet time by himself, each child tries to find a better place to sleep...So they go, one by one, on a bedtime dance around the house.



**'My Body'**  
**Rebecca Jones**  
**Campbell Books**

Our bodies are amazing machines! Take a look inside and learn all about the brain, the heart, the stomach, and more. As little hands pull the tabs and spin the wheels, they'll get to see a skeleton, learn why playing and running keep us healthy, and discover what happens when we eat an apple. It's the perfect book for young scientists.



## My Dad is BRILLIANT

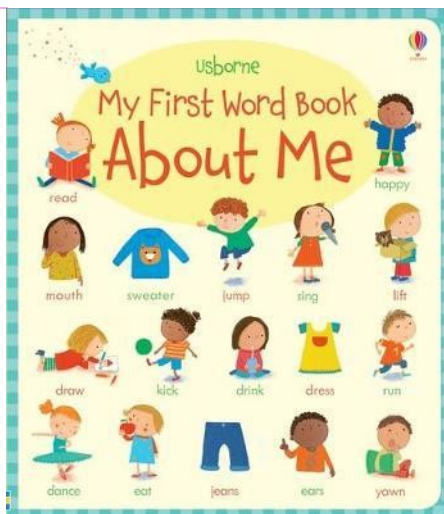


Nick Butterworth

### 'My Dad Is Brilliant'

Nick Butterworth  
Walker

This dad is, quite simply, brilliant! He's as strong as a gorilla, fantastic on roller skates, and can sing like a pop star! And not only all that, but he's a dab hand at cooking too! Find out what else he can do in this colourful book that positively bursts over with appreciation for pas ... everyone's dad is brilliant at something!



### 'My First Word Book About Me'

Caroline Young and Marta Cabrol  
Usborne

Over 250 words relating to the body and the movements it makes, the clothes children wear and the world around them. Young children can discover and learn lots of new vocabulary by spotting and talking about the illustrated words on themed pages which include 'Things I wear', 'What I can do' and 'Where I live'.

## My Mum is FANTASTIC

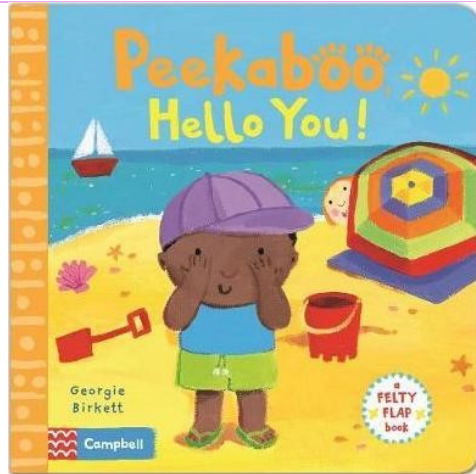


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### 'My Mum Is Fantastic'

Nick Butterworth  
Walker

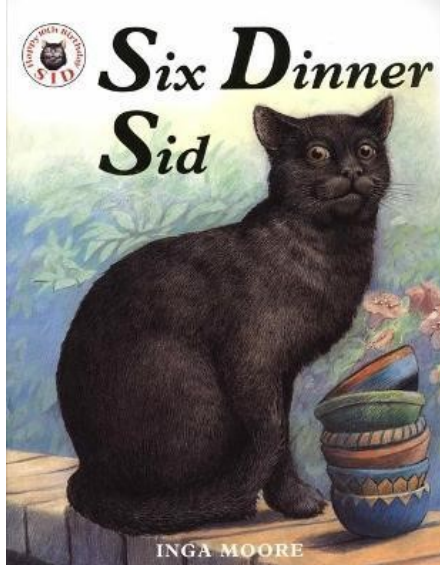
The mum in this book is truly fantastic. She's a brilliant artist, she can balance on a tightrope, she can swim like a fish, do amazing stunts on a bike and she can even tame wild animals ... in fact, there's very little this astounding mum can't do. The book ends: "It's great to have a mum like mine. It's fantastic!" And no one can argue with that!



**'Felty Flaps: Peekaboo, Hello You! : a Felty Flap Book'**

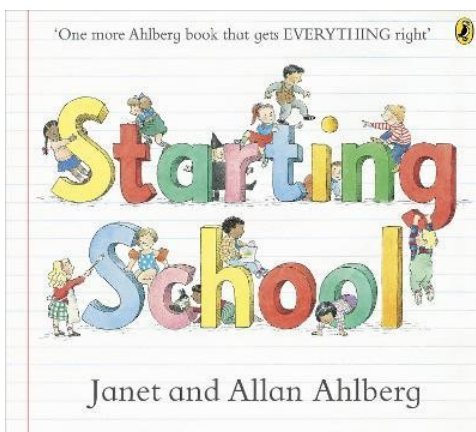
**Georgie Birkett**  
**Campbell Books**

Peekaboo, hello you! Lift the flaps to find out where the children are hiding at the beach. Are they behind the sandcastle, beneath the umbrella or under the towel? Little fingers will love to lift the five soft felt flaps in this wonderfully interactive board book. With Georgie Birkett's delightful illustrations and a gentle rhythmic text, this chunky little book is ideal for the bookshelf and the toy box. Also available in the Felty Flaps series: ONE, TWO, PEEKABOO!, RED, BLUE, PEEKABOO! and PEEKABOO! WHO ARE YOU?



**Six Dinner Sid**  
**Inga Moore**  
**Hachette Children's**

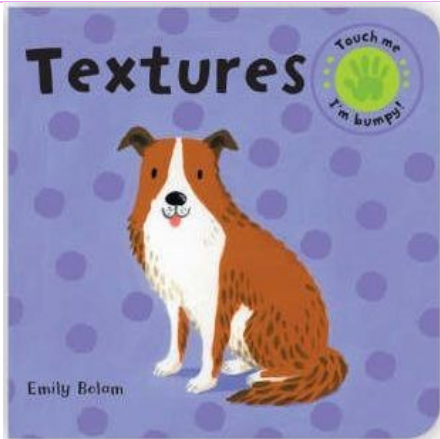
Sid is a cat who is addicted to having six meals a day and glories in this lifestyle. Manipulative, persuasive and a charmer he has wrapped everybody round his little paw - each owner believes that Sid belongs to them only . . . until the day he is found out!



**Starting School**  
**Allan Ahlberg and Janet Ahlberg**  
**Puffin**

Following a number of children's first experiences, this picture book takes children right from their very first day to the end of the school year. This reassuring read will support even the most nervous school-starter, exploring each emotion, from fear to excitement, with care. The perfect read to start a conversation about any pre-school nerves, packed with playful illustrations and easy to understand explanations. This is a book that you'll want to read again and again - far beyond the last day of the school year.





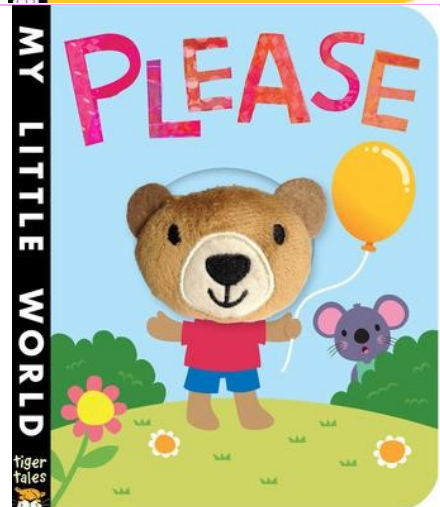
**Textures**  
**Emily Bolam**  
**Campbell**

Featuring ten amazing embossed pages, alternating between patterns and a host of friendly animals and objects, these unusual first concept books are full of tactile fun! Little ones will love to learn about textures as they explore the tactile pages.



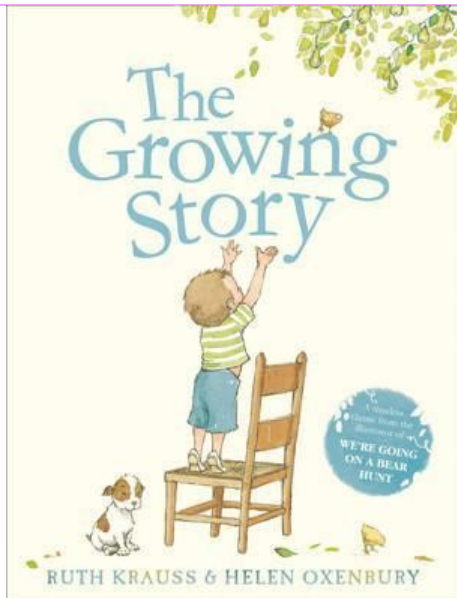
**'Thank You'**  
**Patricia Hegarty and Fhiona Galloway**  
**Tiger Tales**

Young readers can act out the story of Puppy in this interactive book as Puppy learns to use a very important word! Each book features a finger puppet that appears in every scene through the die-cut pages.



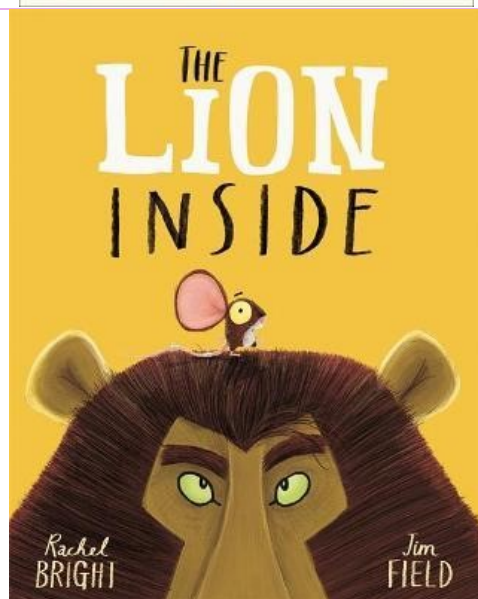
**'Please'**  
**Patricia Hegarty and Fhiona Galloway**  
**Tiger Tales**

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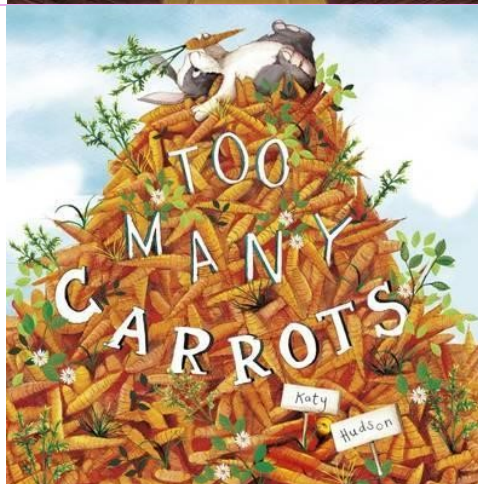
**'The Growing Story'**  
**Ruth Krauss and Helen Oxenbury**  
**HarperrCollins**

A little boy, some chicks and a puppy live on a farm. They see the first signs of spring growing in the fields and the little boy asks his mother if he and the puppy will grow too. Of course, you will, she assures him, and as spring turns to summer he sees his dog growing taller and the chicks become chickens. But as the seasons change and everything grows around him, the little boy feels like he has stayed the same. Can he really be growing too?



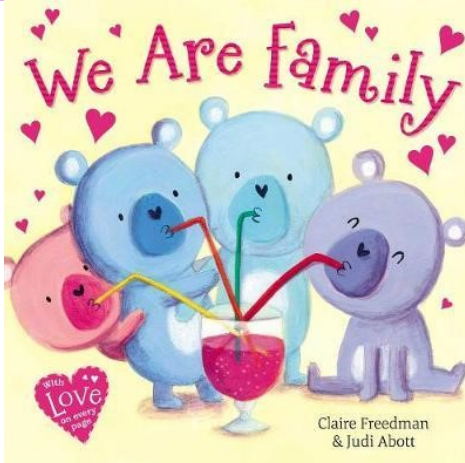
**'The Lion Inside'**  
**Rachel Bright and Jim Field**  
**Orchard Books**

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!



**'Too Many Carrots'**  
**Katy Hudson**  
**Curious Fox**

Rabbit has too many carrots, which overtake his house. When he tries to move in with friends, more chaos ensues. Will Rabbit learn to change his selfish ways?



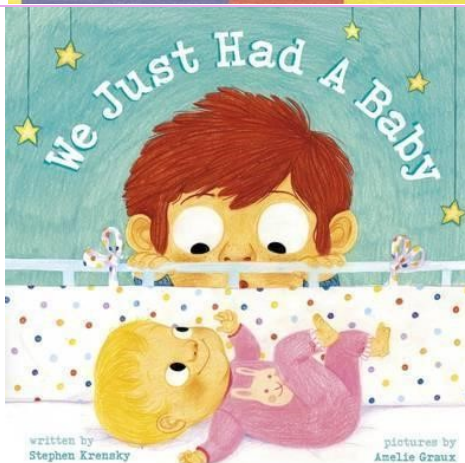
**'We Are Family'**  
**Claire Freedman and Judi Abbot**  
**Simon & Schuster Childrens**

From slurping milkshakes with a big crowd of siblings, to the heart wrenching difficulty of sharing that favourite teddy with a sister, and the joys of cuddling up together at the end of the day, this delightful picture book explores the love between siblings in all its forms, whatever the size or make up of a family.



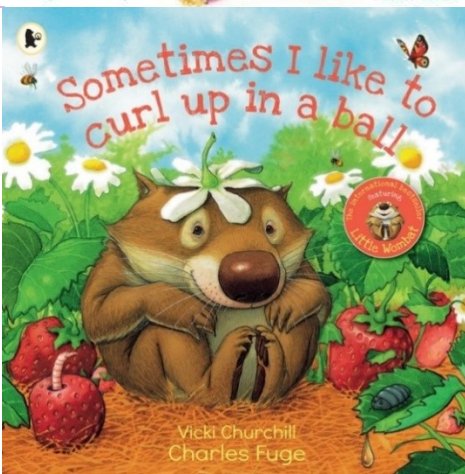
**'We Are Family'**  
**Patricia Hegarty and Ryan Wheatcroft**  
**Caterpillar**

All families are different - and yet in many ways the same! This book uses a gentle rhyming text to follow eight different families, celebrating their everyday differences as well as the similarities they share.



**'We Just Had A Baby'**  
**Stephen Krensky**  
**Curious Fox**

It's not easy getting used to a new baby in the house. Everyone in the world thinks whatever the baby does is amazing! And if you aren't the baby, everyone acts like you're invisible. This clever, funny picture book is told from a slightly older sibling's point of view. The observations about living with a new sister or brother are poignant, spot-on, and will make even the youngest reader chuckle.



**'Sometimes I like to curl up in a ball'**  
**Vicki Churchill and Charles Fuge.**  
**Walker**

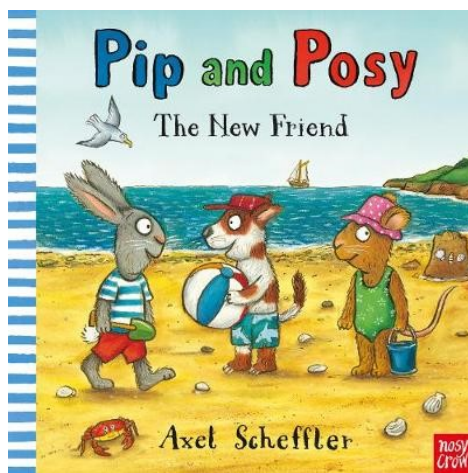
Little wombat spends a day doing favourite things-what could they be? Are they your favourites, too? Let's look and see. Soft-toned illustrations portray an endearing little wombat and the warm and friendly world around him. Every page is filled with charming details that stand up to repeated viewings: cute mice, rabbits, and turtles peering from behind tall grass, marching pigeons, and a menagerie of other adorable animals. The images, along with the lyrically rhyming text, combine to make a sweet-spirited bedtime story to ease young ones to sleep.





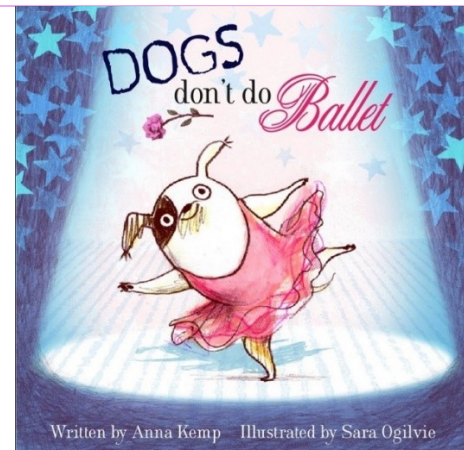
**'Everybody's Welcome'**  
**Patricia Hegarty and Greg Abbott**  
**Caterpillar Books**

Everybody's Welcome - No matter who you are...  
 Wouldn't it be great if you could build a home that opened its doors to everyone - tall or short, fat or thin, rich or poor...  
 Well, perhaps if everybody pitches in to help, one little mouse can achieve that dream. This heart-warming story is brought to life with clever die-cuts and playful illustrations.  
 An easy-to-read story book that is filled with beautiful illustrations of a mouse and other woodland friends embarking on a journey to build a home together. With simply written rhymes, this picture book teaches friendship, acceptance and the importance of diversity.



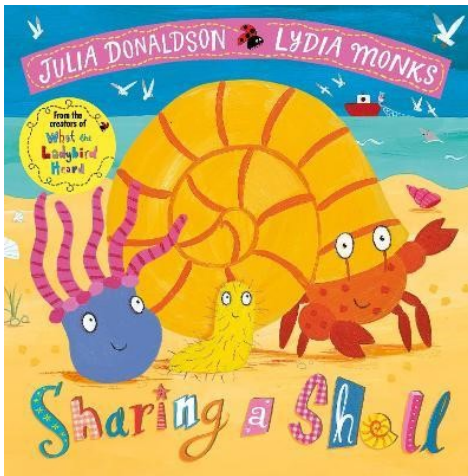
**'The New Friend'**  
**Axel Scheffler**  
**Nosy Crow**

Pip and Posy are best friends - they love to play, and make things, and have fun. But just occasionally they get cross or sad, and sometimes things go wrong that are beyond their control. And that's when kindness and understanding - and a cuddle - make everything better. In *The New Friend*, Pip and Posy are having a fun day at the seaside, collecting shells and digging the sand. But when Posy has a nap, Pip makes friends with a boy called Zac. Zac is very cool - he has lots of amazing toys AND he's really good at handstands. So, to her dismay, when Posy wakes up, she finds that Pip is more interested in playing with Zac than her.



**'Dogs don't do Ballet'**  
**Anna Kemp and Sara Ogilvie.**  
**Simon & Schuster Children's**

Meet Biff, an adorable little puppy who will stop at nothing to become a ballet dancer.  
 My dog is not like other dogs. He doesn't do dog stuff like weeing on lampposts or scratching his fleas, or drinking out of the toilet. No, my dog likes moonlight and music and walking on his tiptoes. You see, my dog doesn't think he's a dog. My dog thinks he's a ballerina!

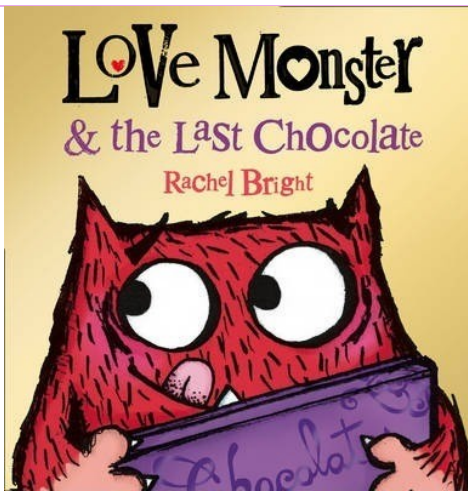


### 'Sharing a Shell'

**Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks**  
**Macmillan Children's Books**

When Crab finds a new shell, he doesn't want to share it with anyone - especially not a blobby purple anemone and a tickly bristleworm. But life in the rock pool proves tougher than Crab thinks and he soon finds he needs his new housemates.

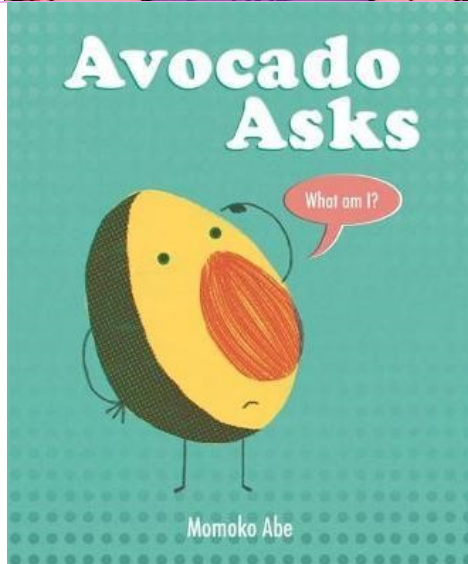
Sharing a Shell is a charming underwater tale of friendship and fun from the stellar picture book partnership of Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks, creators of What the Ladybird Heard. With brilliant rhythmic verse, bright and distinctive illustrations, this is a firm favourite with children and parents alike.



### 'Love Monster & the last chocolate'

**Rachel Bright.**  
**HarperCollins Children's Books**

When Love Monster finds a mystery box of chocolates at his door, he can't believe his luck. But he's soon thrown into a whirlwind of turmoil. Should he keep the chocolates for himself? Or risk the perils of sharing his good fortune with his friends?



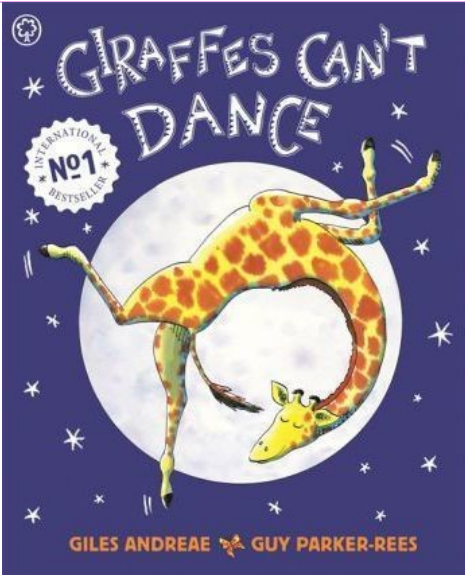
### 'Avocado asks "What am I?"'

**Momoko Abe.**  
**Orchard Books**

Avocado is feeling just fine in the fruit and veg aisle at the supermarket - until a young customer asks a difficult question: "Is an avocado a fruit or a vegetable?"

Avocado doesn't know the answer either - and the question won't seem to go away!

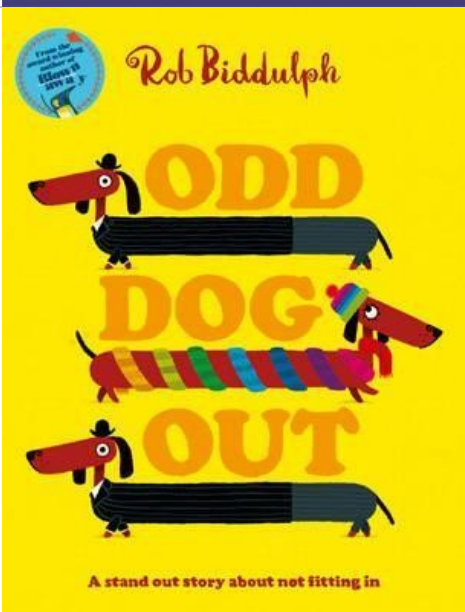
A brilliantly funny book about identity and being confident in your own skin - featuring the world's most popular superfood!



**'Giraffes Can't Dance'**  
**Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees.**  
**Orchard**

Gerald the tall giraffe would love to join in with the other animals at the Jungle Dance, but everyone knows that giraffes can't dance ...or can they? A funny, touching and triumphant picture book story about a giraffe who finds his own tune and confidence too, with joyful illustrations from Guy Parker Rees and a foiled cover...wonderfully funny.

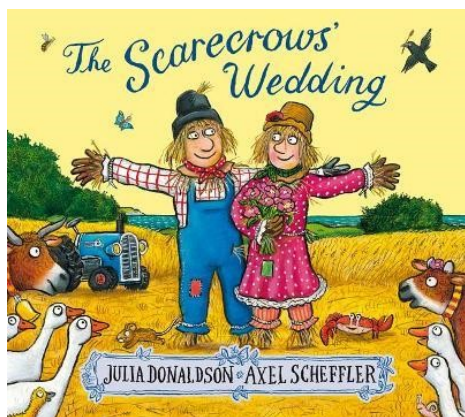
- Independent A fantastically funny and wonderfully colourful romp of a picture book. All toddlers should grow up reading this or hearing their parents read it aloud to them. - Daily Telegraph A joyful read about an outsider who finds acceptance on his own terms...there's also a simple moral about tolerance and daring to be different.



**'Odd Dog Out'**  
**Rob Biddulph.**  
**HarperCollins Children's Books**

For busy dogs  
 A busy day  
 Of busy work  
 And busy play...

But one dog doesn't quite fit in. It's lonely being the odd dog out. She's willing to go to the other side of the world to look for her place in it... but it might take a different kind of journey for her to realise that maybe where she's meant to be is right back where she started...



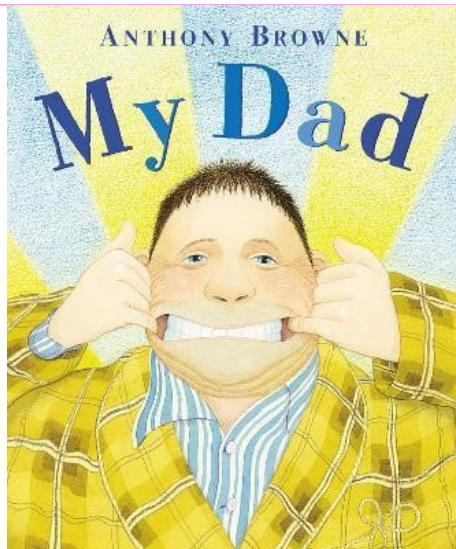
**'The Scarecrows' Wedding'**  
**Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.**  
**Alison Green Books**

Harry loved Betty, and Betty loved Harry,  
 So Harry said, 'Betty, my beauty let's marry!'

Two scarecrows are planning the perfect wedding and set off to find everything on their list.

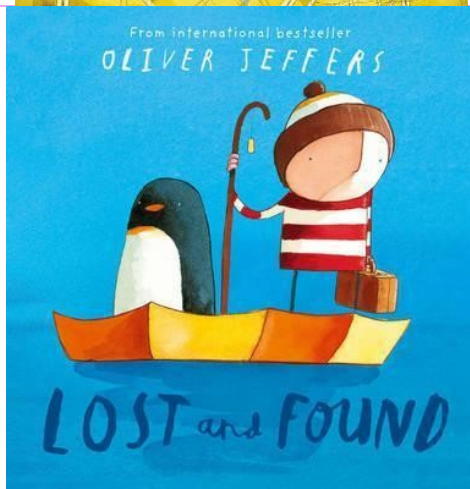
But wicked scarecrow, Reginald Rake, has other ideas and almost ruins their special day. Harry O'Hay must become a hero before he and Betty O'Barley can have the wedding of their dreams.





**'My Dad'**  
**Anthony Browne.**  
**Picture Corgi**

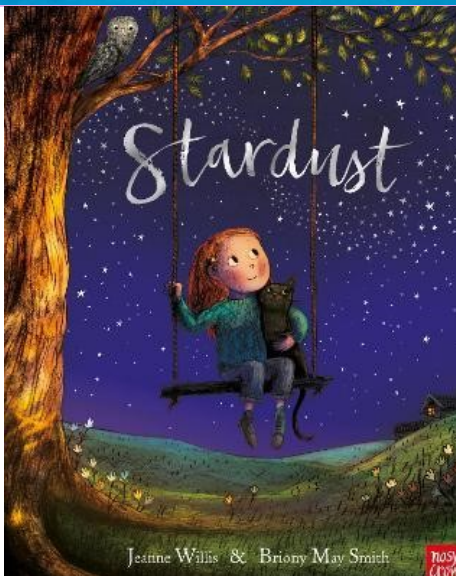
My dad can wrestle with giants, eat like a horse, swim like a fish ...Can yours? This is a brilliant, humorous look at fatherhood from a child's point of view, from this multi-award-winning author/illustrator.



**'Lost and found'**  
**Oliver Jeffers.**  
**HarperCollins Children's**

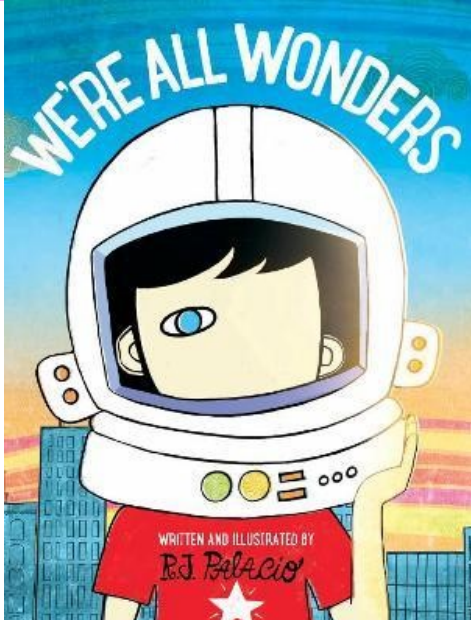
There once was a boy... and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him. But no one seems to be missing a penguin. So the boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole.

But when they get there, the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all...



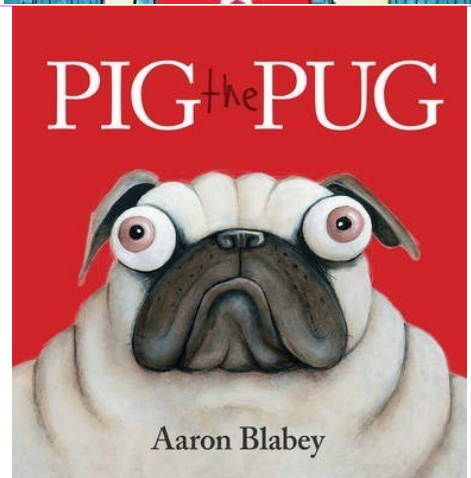
**'Stardust'**  
**Jeanne Willis and Briony May Smith.**  
**Nosy Crow**

Stardust, science and stem subjects combine to create a touching picture book that's perfect for bedtime. One little girl dreams of being a star. But whether it's finding Mum's lost wedding ring or winning the fancy-dress prize, her big sister always shines brighter. Yet for her grandad she IS a star and, as he dries her eyes and they both gaze up at the night sky, he tells a story, the story of the beginning of the world. Everything and everyone is made of stardust, and we all shine in different ways. It's a lesson this little girl will never forget . . . and one day her dream comes true, and she finally realises her ambition to become an astronaut and fly up, up, up into space



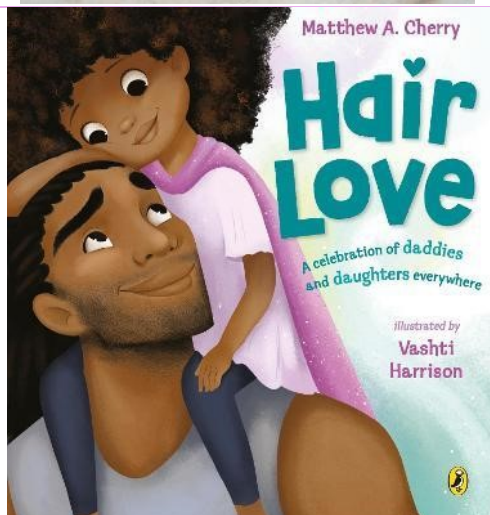
**'We're All Wonders'**  
**R.J. Palacio**  
**Puffin**

For younger readers, the unforgettable story of August Pullman and Wonder reimagined in this gorgeous picture book. With spare, powerful text and richly-imagined illustrations, We're All Wonders shows readers what it's like to live in Auggie's world - a world in which he feels like any other kid, but he's not always seen that way. We're All Wonders taps into every child's longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are. It's the perfect way for families and teachers to talk about empathy, difference and kindness with young children.



**'Pig the Pug'**  
**Aaron Blabey**  
**Scholastic**

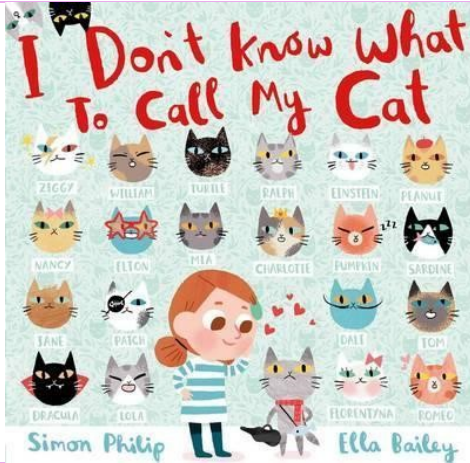
He is bad-tempered, rude and he never, ever shares. Friendly sausage dog Trevor is always trying to persuade Pig to play with him, but without success. When Pig is asked to share his toys, his greed finally backfires and something unexpected happens to him. Will Pig the Pug learn his lesson at last?



**'Hair Love'**  
**Matthew Cherry and Vashti Harrison.**  
**Puffin**

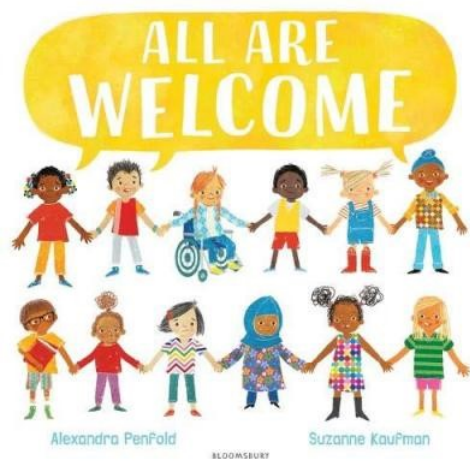
Zuri knows her hair is beautiful, but it has a mind of its own! It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Mum always does Zuri's hair just the way she likes it - so when Daddy steps in to style it for an extra special occasion, he has a lot to learn. But he LOVES his Zuri, and he'll do anything to make her - and her hair - happy. Tender and empowering, Hair Love is an ode to loving your natural hair - and a celebration of daddies and daughters everywhere.





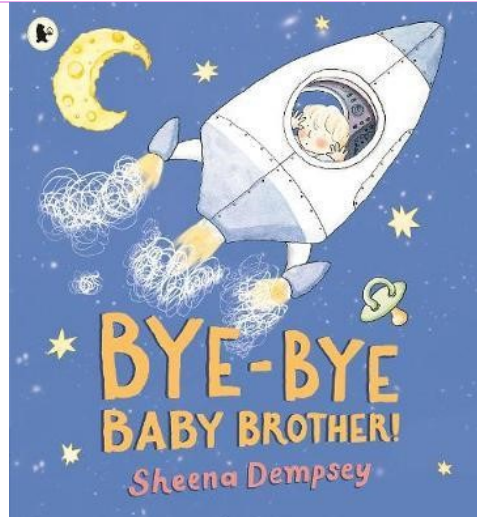
**'I Don't Know What to Call My Cat'**  
**Simon Philip and Ella Bailey**  
**Simon and Schuster Childrens**

Every cat needs a name. One name, one word, just a sound... It should be easy to choose one, right? WRONG!!! I just don't know what to call my cat! Choosing the right name for a new pet is very important! Find out just what this cat's name turns out to be in this clever and witty story from an exciting debut author and talented young illustrator.



**'All Are Welcome'**  
**Alexandra Penfold**  
**Bloomsbury Children's Books**

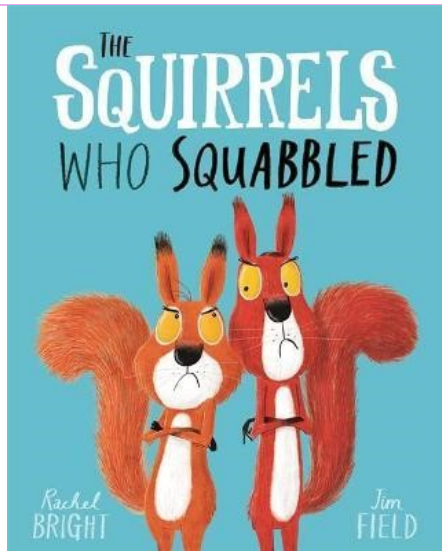
No matter how you start your day, what you wear when you play, Or if you come from far away, All are welcome here. Follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcome. A school where children in patkas, hijabs, baseball caps and yarmulkes play side by side. A school where students grow and learn from each other's traditions. A school where diversity is a strength. Warm and inspiring, All Are Welcome lets young children know that no matter what, they have a place, they have a space, and they are welcome in their school. Engaging lyrical text and bright, accessible illustrations make this book a must for every child's bookshelf, classroom and library.



**'Bye-Bye Baby Brother!'**  
**Sheena Dempsey**  
**Walker Books**

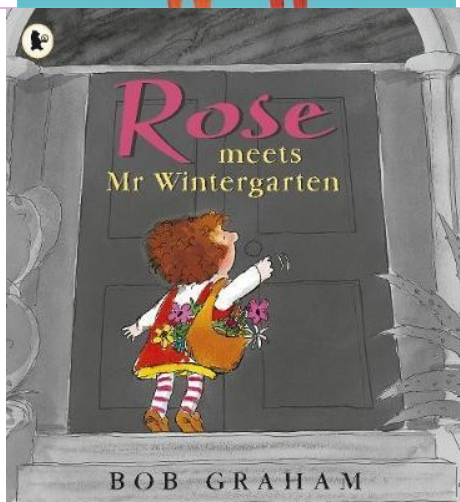
Ruby loves nothing more than playing, especially with Mum. But Mum is always so busy with Oliver, Ruby's little baby brother, and Ruby is tired of waiting. She's already looked at TONS of books, painted SO MANY pictures and she's even dressed her dog Rory in a very fetching stripy jumper. Babies are so boring. Ruby stomps out into the garden and there she begins to wonder ... what if she could magic Oliver away? With a delicious blend of knowing observations and truly funny art, Sheena Dempsey's very first picture book perfectly captures the anxieties and frustration of having a new sibling.





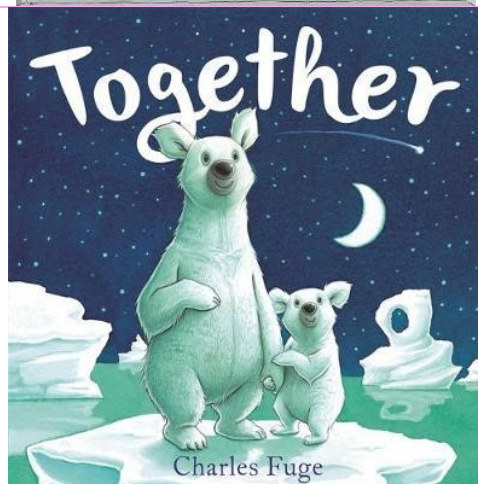
**'The Squirrels Who Squabbled'**  
**Rachel Bright and Jim Field**  
**Hachette Children**

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 through 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!



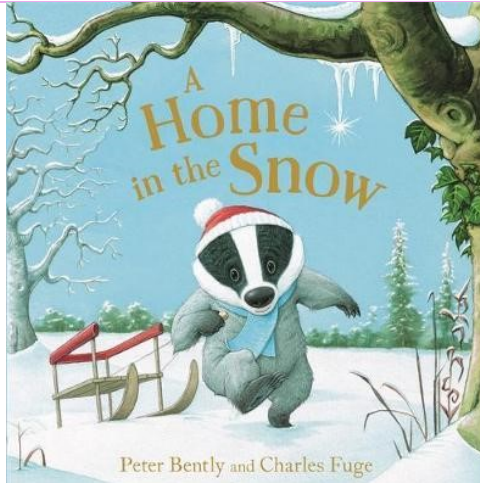
**'Rose Meets Mr Wintergarten'**  
**Bob Graham**  
**Walker Books**

All the children are afraid of mean Mr Wintergarten. His garden is grey and sunless and it is guarded, they say, by a dog like a wolf and a saltwater crocodile. By contrast, the garden of his sunny new neighbours, the Summers, is a playground of happiness and flowers. One day Rose's ball goes over the fence into Mr Wintergarten's garden and, prompted by her mother, Rose visits her frosty next-door neighbour, bearing hot fairy cakes and flowers. What will Mr Wintergarten say?



**'Together'**  
**Charles Fuge**  
**Hodder Children**

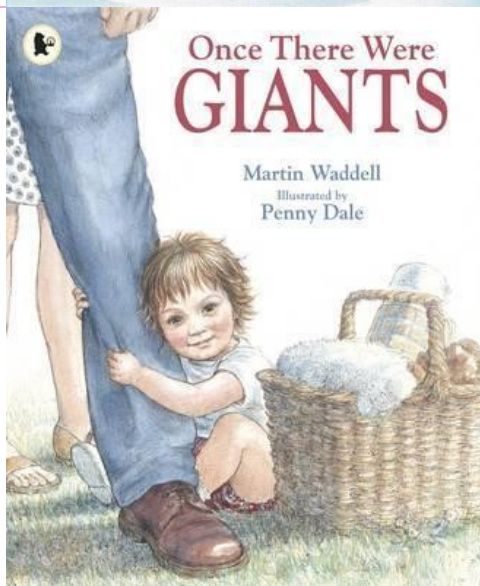
Join a polar bear and a young cub as they explore the magical snowy world around them. Playing, learning, laughing, dreaming . . . every day is special when they spend it together.



**'A Home in the Snow'**  
**Peter Bently and Charles Fuge**  
**Hodder Children's Books**

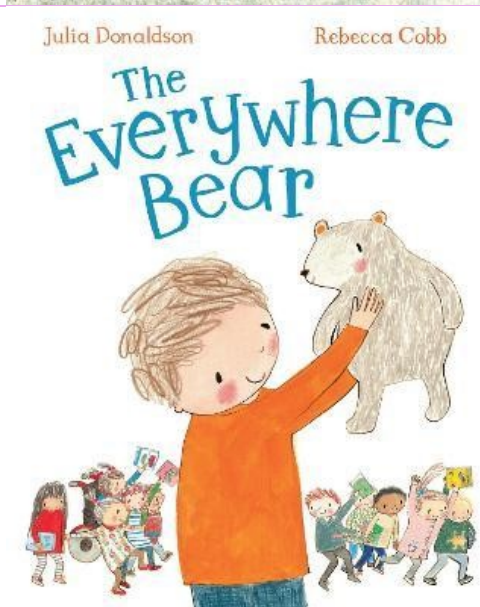
A beautifully illustrated rhyming story about friendship, with a cosy winter setting.

It's a big day for Bramble. It's his birthday! The only trouble is, his woodland friends seem to have forgotten. It's beginning to look like poor Bramble will have to celebrate all alone... But perhaps there's a special surprise in store for him after all!



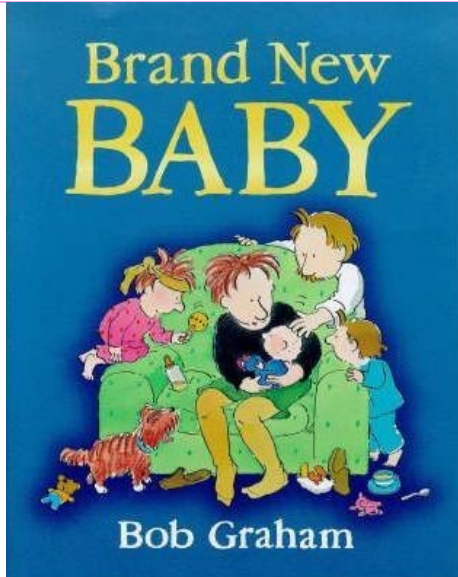
**'Once There Were Giants'**  
**Martin Waddell and Penny Dale**  
**Walker**

Once there was a baby in the house - and to that baby, Mum and Dad and Jill and John and Uncle Tom were giants. But little by little, that baby grew up - until she became a giant too! Martin Waddell says of the book, "Small children live in a world designed for big people. I wrote this story to help them understand it, and the idea of growing old.



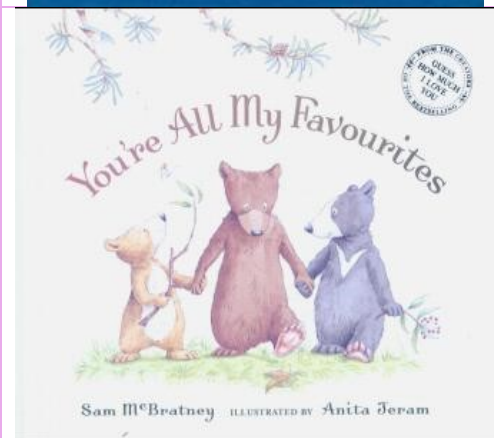
**'The Everywhere Bear'**  
**Julia Donaldson and Rebecca Cobb**  
**Macmillan Children's**

The Everywhere Bear has a home on a shelf  
 But he doesn't spend very much time by himself,  
 For each boy and girl in the class is a friend  
 And he goes home with one of them every weekend  
 The Everywhere Bear has a wonderful time with the children in Class One, but one day he gets more than he bargained for when he falls unnoticed from a backpack and embarks on his own big adventure! He's washed down a drain and whooshed out to sea, rescued by a fishing boat, loaded onto a lorry, carried off by a seagull . . . how will he ever make it back to Class One?



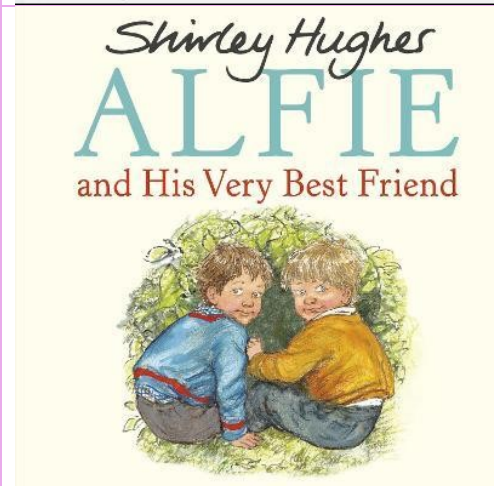
**'Brand New Baby'**  
Graham Bob  
Walker

A picture book which traces the final days of pregnancy and the first days of having a new brother, as seen through the eyes of two small children, who offer their remarks and comments along the way. Illustrated in full colour throughout.



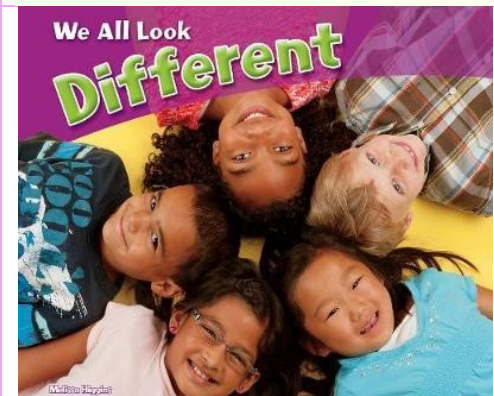
**'You're All My Favourites'**  
Sam McBratney and Anita Jeram  
Walker

Mummy Bear and Daddy Bear reassure their three little bears that each is equally special to them. But the little bears start to wonder: do their differences - being the smallest, not having spots, etc. - mean they are loved less? In the end they are satisfied that they really are all their parents' favourites.



**'Alfie and His Very Best Friend'**  
Shirley Hughes  
Red Fox

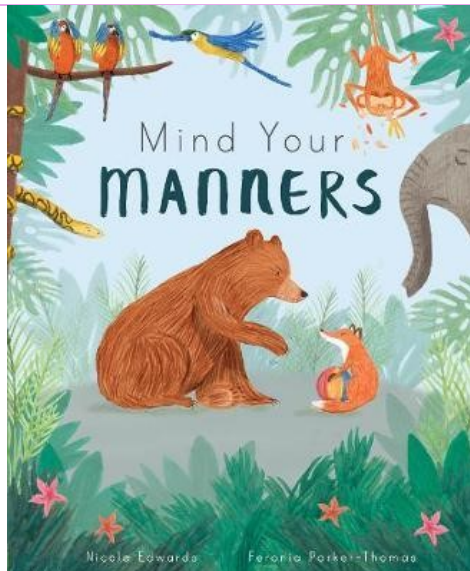
Alfie and Bernard are very best friends and together they have lots of adventures. Join them as they go to the library, take part in scooter races and make a very special club with only two special members! A heart-warming tale of friendship by the award-winning Shirley Hughes, creator of Dogger.



**'We All Look Different'**  
Melissa Higgins  
Raintree

Blue eyes! Brown eyes! Freckles! Braces! What make you unique? Let's share and celebrate what makes us special!

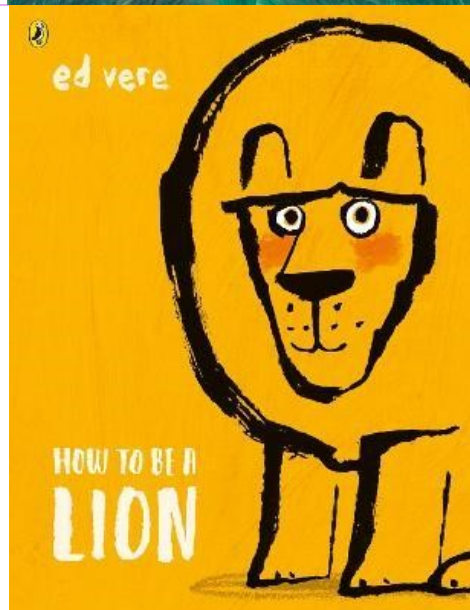




**'Mind Your Manners'**  
**Nicola Edwards and Feronia Parker-Thomas**  
**Caterpillar Books**

It's okay to enjoy roaring loudly. We all deserve some time to play.  
 But all lions should practice those soft growls,  
 For the quieter times of the day.

Welcome to the jungle! It's full of misbehaving animals, from messy monkeys to grumpy grizzly bears. But with the help of our quirky, memorable rhymes and adorable animal illustrations, your child will enjoy learning why it pays for pandas to say 'please', and how good manners make the world go 'round.



**'How To Be A Lion'**  
**Ed Vere**  
**Puffin**

You don't have to ROAR to be heard...

Meet Leonard - a lion like no other.

Leonard's best friend is Marianne, a duck. But lions chomp ducks, don't they?

What will the pair do when their way of life is threatened?