

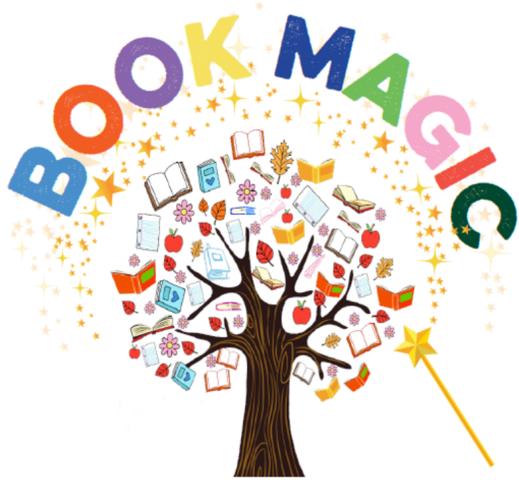
BOOK MAGIC

(those magic books that deal with feelings, emotions and difficult situations)

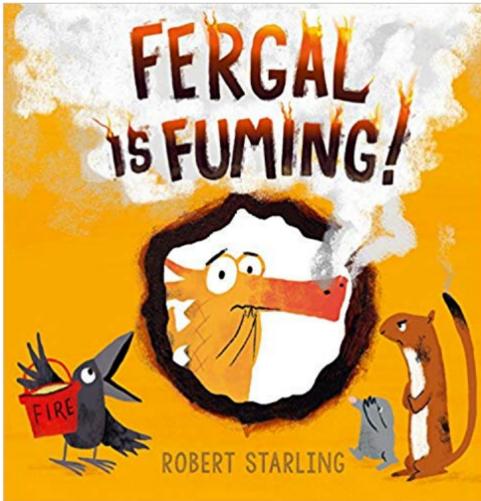
The following few pages show the range of books and stories available through the 'Book Magic' project developed by Mayo County Library, The Children's and Young People's Services Committee (Mayo CYPSC), and HSE Health Promotion Mayo.

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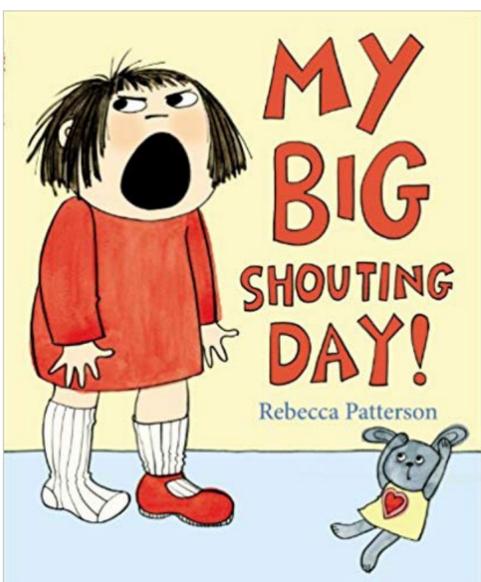
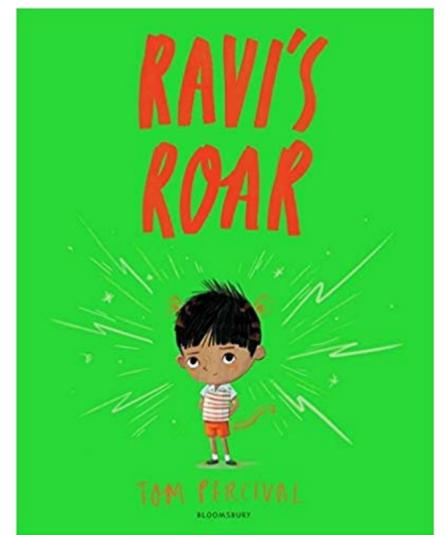


Anger



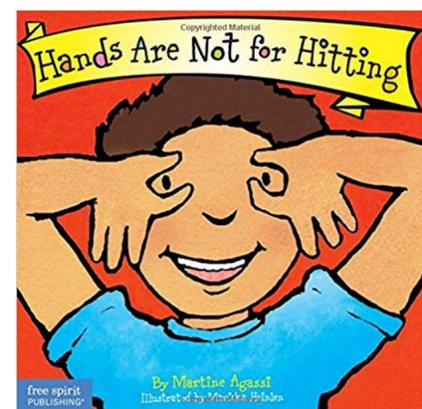
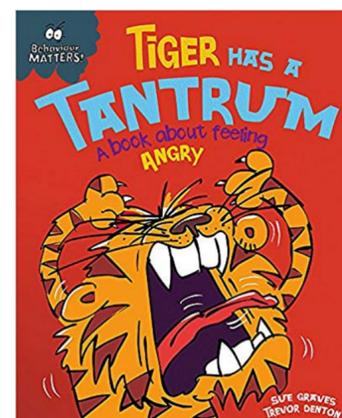
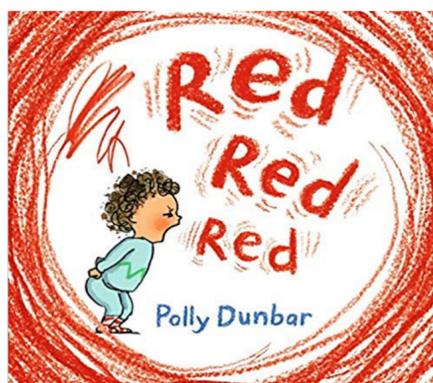
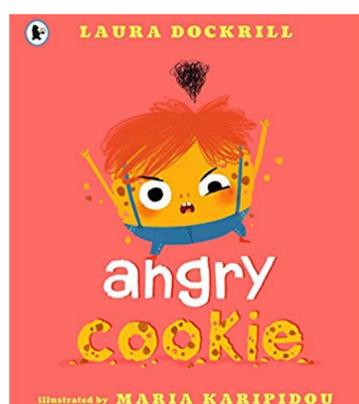
Fergal is a little dragon with a big problem – he keeps losing his temper and setting things on fire. Everybody is very cross with him. His mum shows him how to count to ten and keep his cool. And something amazing happens when he starts to manage his temper and saves up all his fire power!

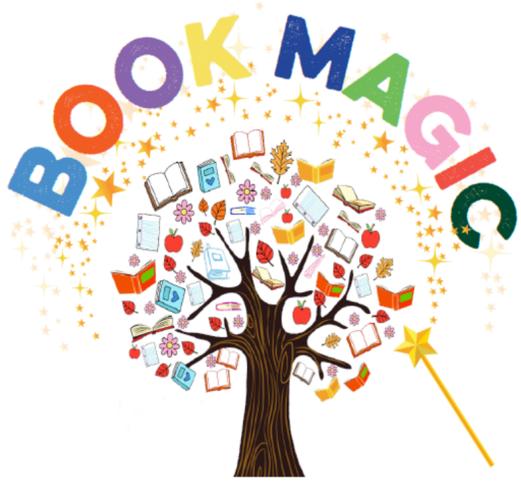
Ravi quite likes being the youngest in his family, but sometimes he can't help losing his temper. Then he growls, and changes into a tiger who roars really loudly and scares everybody. But then nobody wants to play with him! Saying sorry makes him feel a bit better, and he changes back into a little boy.



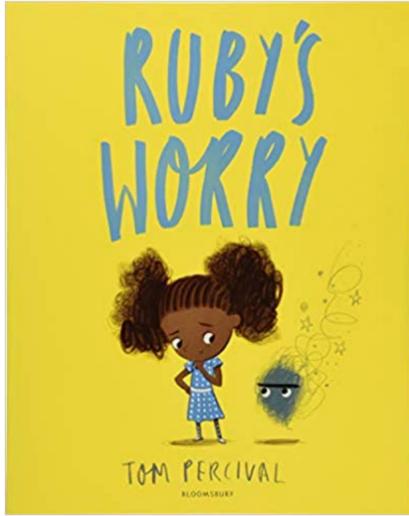
Bella wakes up and shouts at her baby brother. And that is the start of her BIG SHOUTING DAY. She doesn't like her breakfast, or her shoes, or her trip to the supermarket. But a bedtime story and a cuddle make her feel a bit better. "We all have those days sometimes," says Mummy, "but perhaps you will be more cheerful tomorrow!"

Other books:



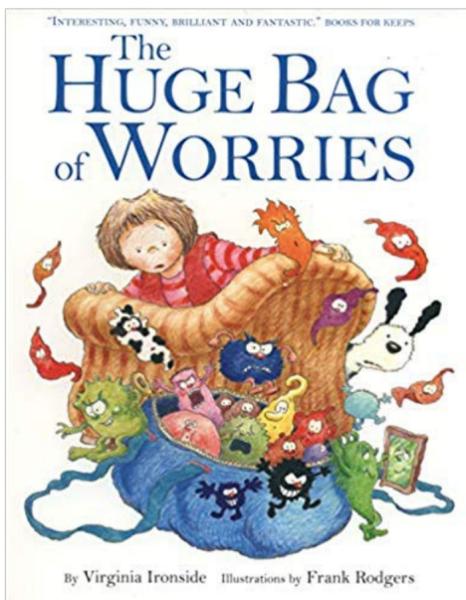
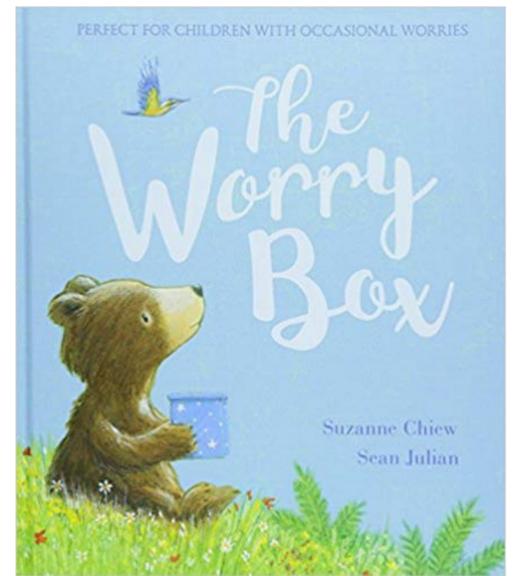


Worry



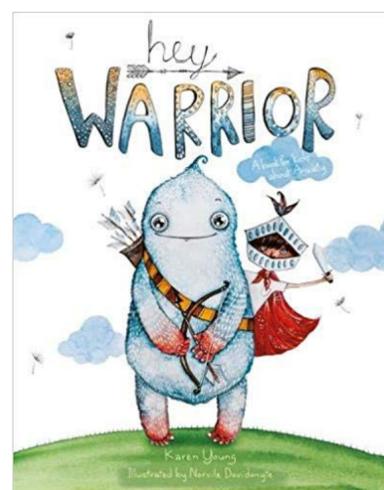
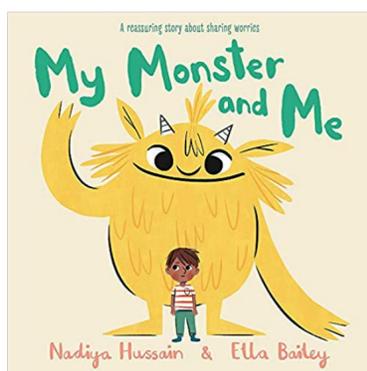
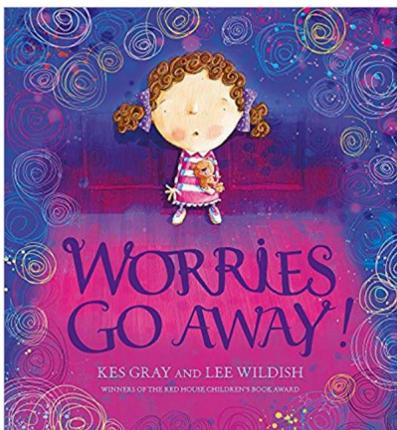
Ruby is a little girl with a big worry. Her worry grows and grows as the story is told – and by the end it's so big it nearly takes up the whole page. One day, Ruby meets a little boy who also has a worry. They sit and talk, and their worries grow smaller. "Finally, Ruby felt like herself again!"

"Sharing worries always makes them feel smaller," Milly tells her little brother Murray. That and a tight squeeze from someone who loves you. Milly shows Murray her worry box. "When something's worrying me, I write it down, then I put it inside." It doesn't make the worries disappear, but it helps a lot.



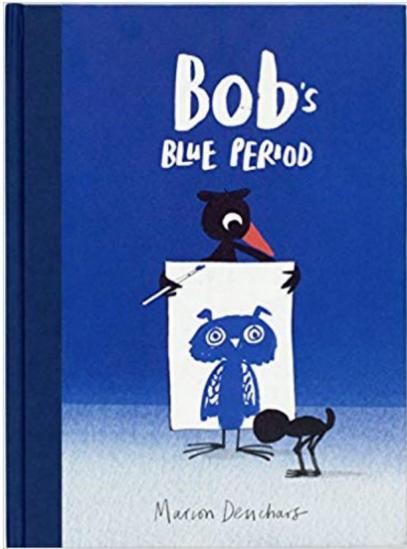
One morning Jenny wakes up to find a huge bag of worries that follows her everywhere – to school, to swimming, to the toilet. Everyone has advice on what to do, but nothing works. Finally, the kindly old lady who lives next door gives her some great advice about the bag of worries: "Let's just open it up and see what's inside."

Other books:



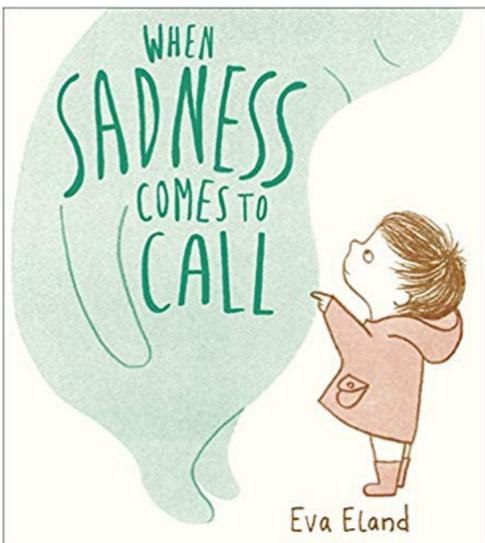
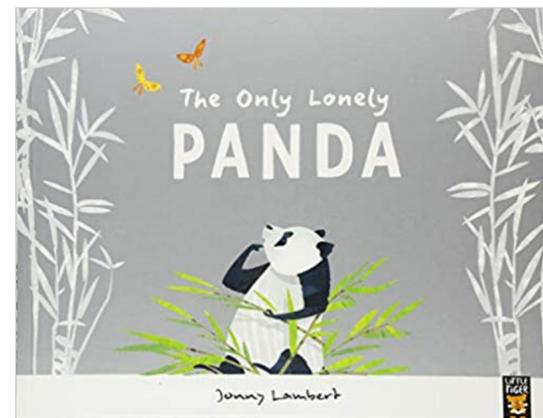


Lonely/Sad



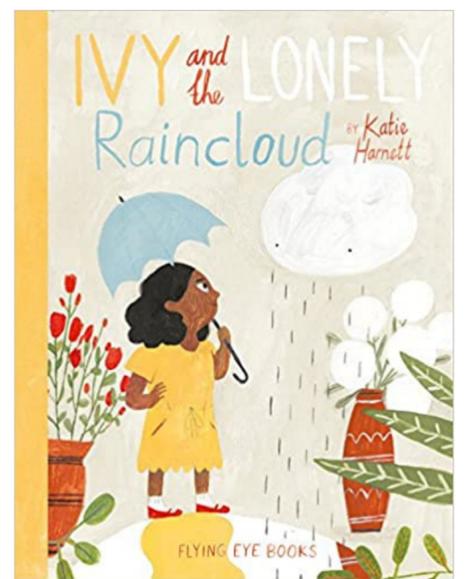
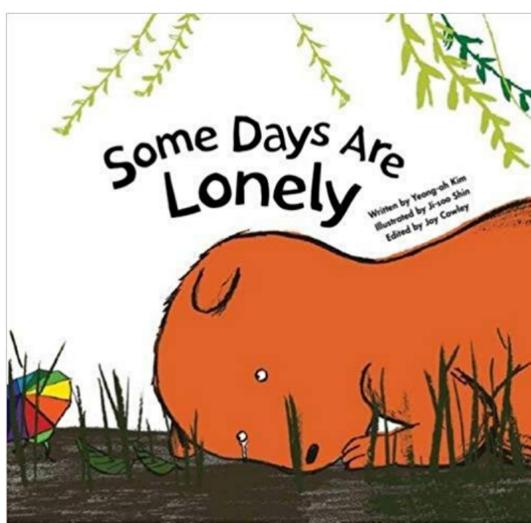
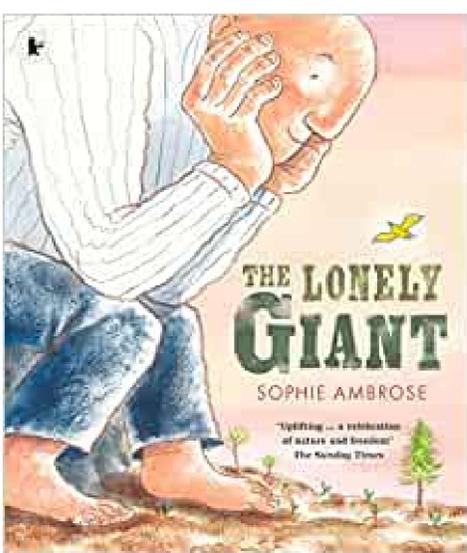
Bob and Bat are best friends who love painting together. But when Bat goes away, Bob doesn't feel like using colours in his paintings anymore – he paints everything blue. A blue orange. A blue banana. His friends are sad that he's lost the colour from his life and decide to show him something that might help.

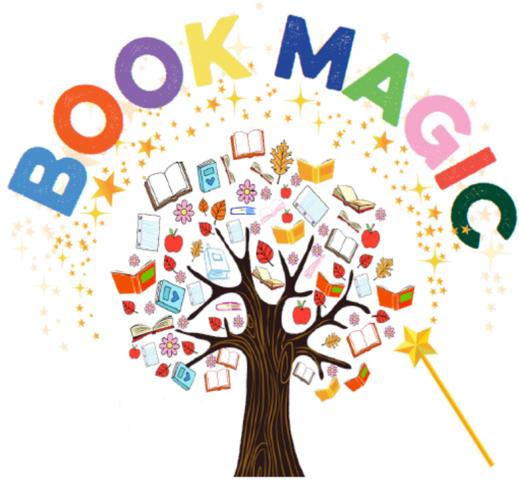
Panda is lonely and wishes he had a friend. When he sees another panda, he tries everything he can think of to make her be his friend: he dances like a flamingo and struts like a peacock. But nothing works. Finally, it's the smallest thing that makes the biggest difference.



"Sometimes Sadness arrives unexpectedly. It follows you around ... And sits so close to you, you can hardly breathe." But when you let Sadness in, it doesn't try to take over. And sometimes, all you have to do is listen to it. This beautiful book can help start the discussion about feelings, and how to handle them.

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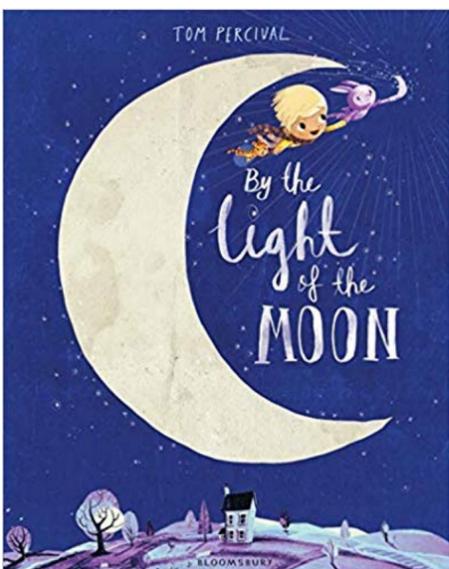
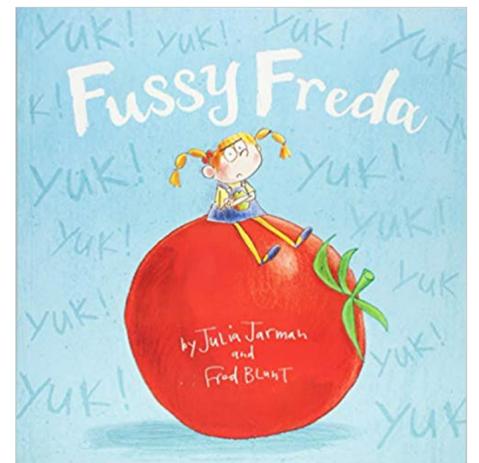


Coping with Change



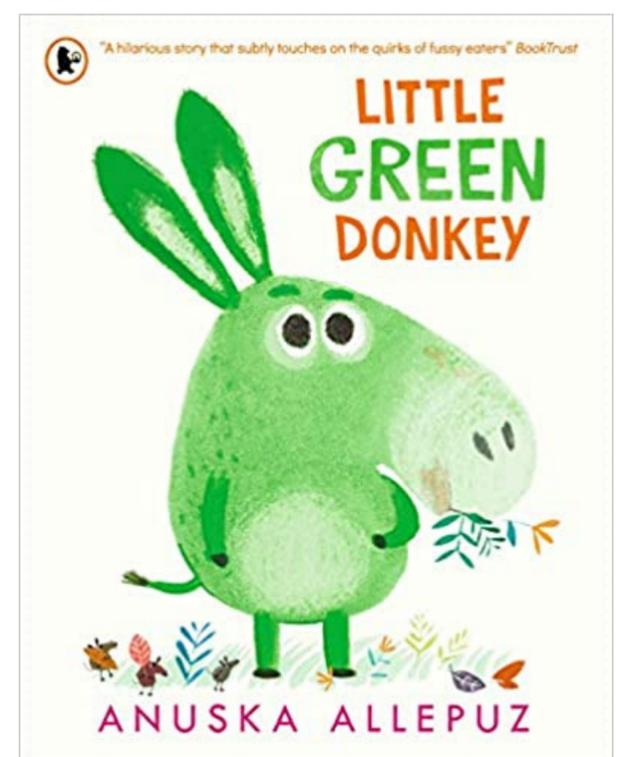
Once there was a little rabbit who would only eat spaghetti. No toast. No sandwiches. No soup. "All I want is SPAGHETTI!" Until he hears his parents enjoying their chocolate cake ... Hmm, what will he do?

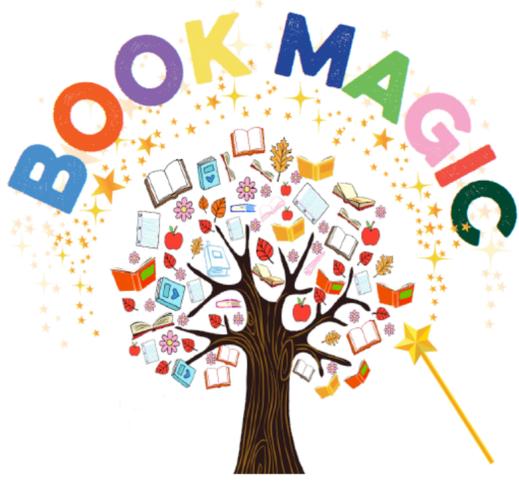
It doesn't matter what Freda's mum and dad try to feed her – she only shouts "Yuk! Yuk! Yuk!" She doesn't like vegetables or fish or chicken. She won't eat anything. But then Freda learns how important food is to help us grow. The perfect book for fussy eaters!



Ivan doesn't like his new house – it's not warm and friendly like the old one. His new bedroom feels very strange, not like home at all. But then he makes a new, magical friend who shows him something special. And Ivan realises he might get used to his new home after all.

Little Donkey loves to eat grass. And only grass. Nothing else. He has grass for breakfast, lunch and dinner. YUM. His mum tries everything she can think of, but he won't even taste any other food. Until one day he catches a glimpse of his reflection.



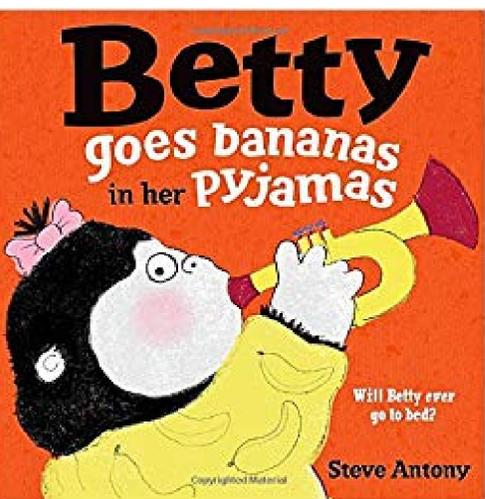


Bedtime



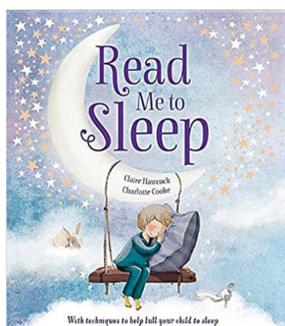
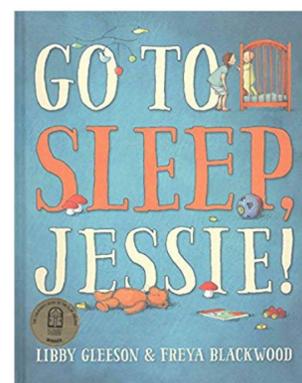
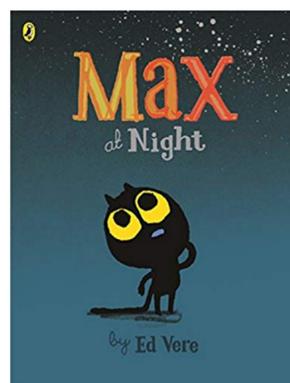
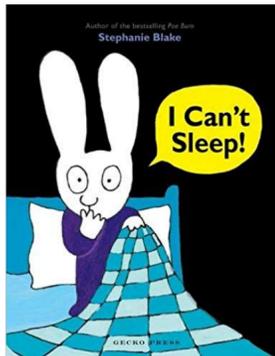
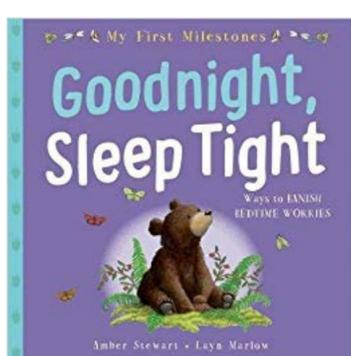
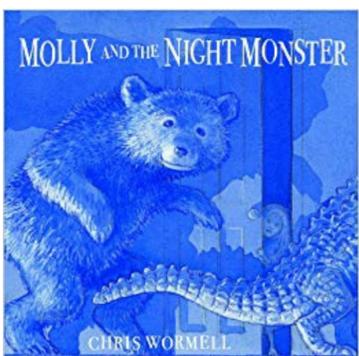
This book is so dull – everybody is asleep. Or so says someone who’s trying to convince us to put it down. All the monsters in the book have different and funny ways of sleeping. Until, that is, the big monster alarm clock starts ringing and wakes them up. Uh-oh, they don’t like to eat children, do they?!

Bear is so exhausted he feels like he could sleep for weeks. But Duck is wide awake and wants some company. Bear gets crosser and crosser, as Duck keeps interrupting his sleep with silly excuses. "Goodnight already!" he finally roars, having had enough. A funny story about trying your best to get to sleep.



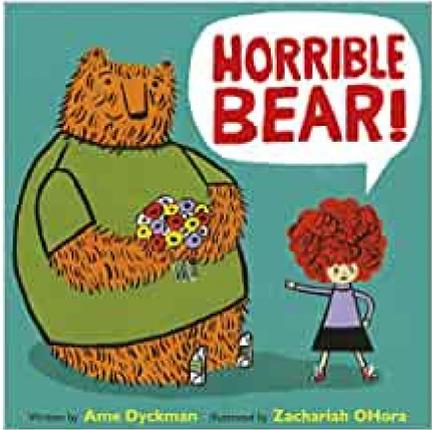
Will Betty ever go to bed? It doesn't feel like it! She wants to make music and paint pictures and play with her toys. She finally agrees to a bedtime story, but wants to hear it again and again and again. A funny story for the bedtime resister.

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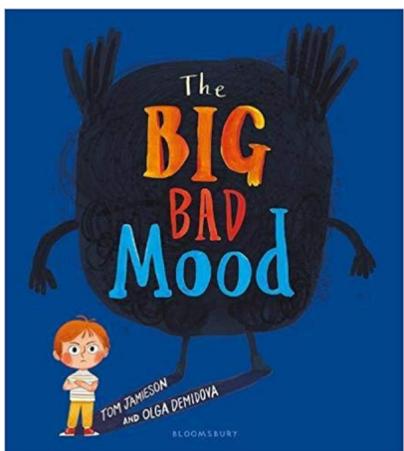
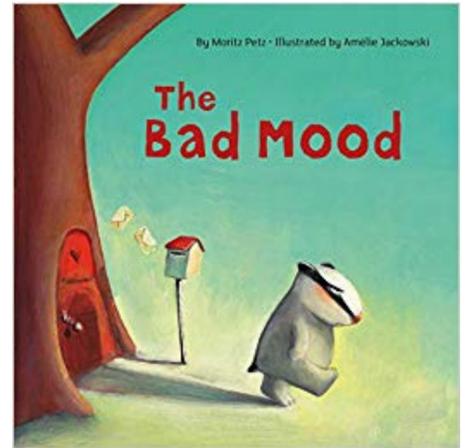


Bad Mood



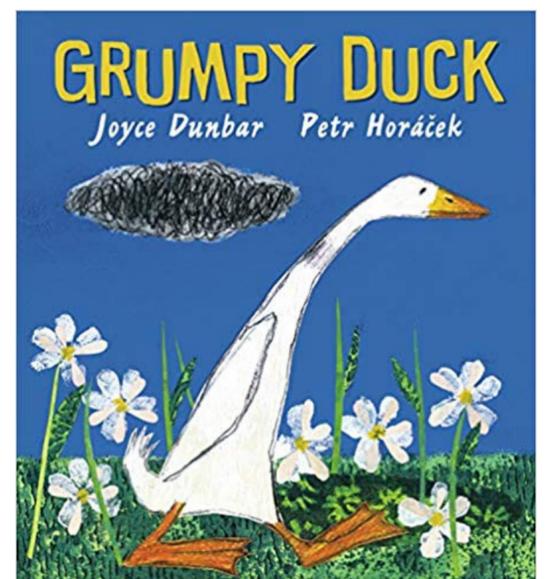
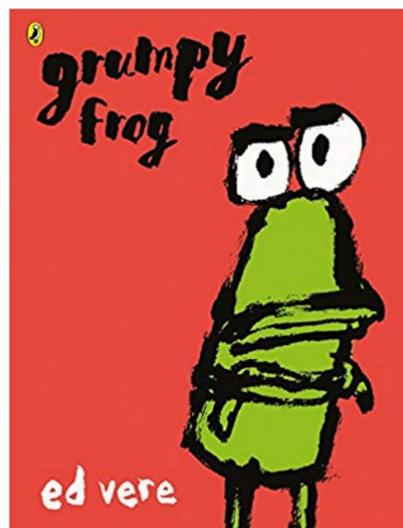
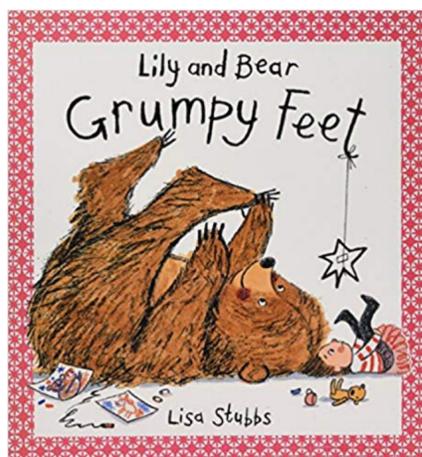
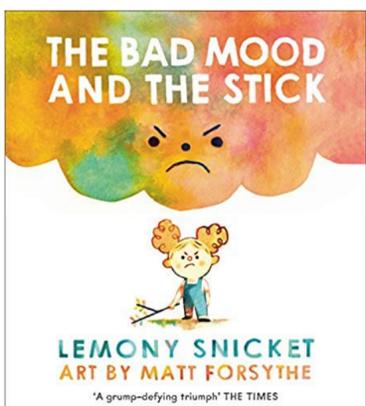
Bear didn't mean to break the girl's kite. But she was so upset, she shouted: "Horrible bear!" Is he really horrible? He doesn't think so. But maybe he'll just have to start living up to the name!

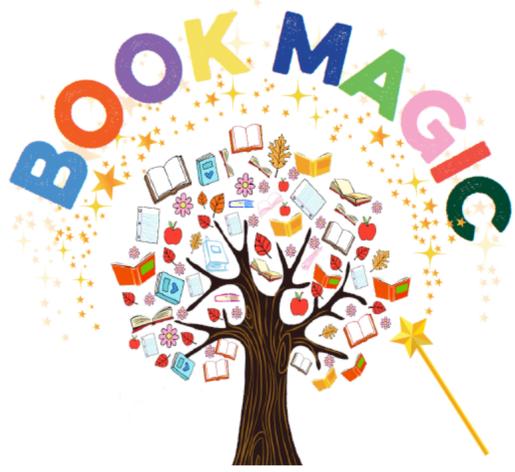
One morning Badger woke up in a very bad mood. He grumbled, growled and scowled at his friends, and stomped back home to be alone in his garden. But later, when he's feeling better, he realises he has passed his bad mood on to everybody else. What can they do to fix things? Perhaps a party might help?



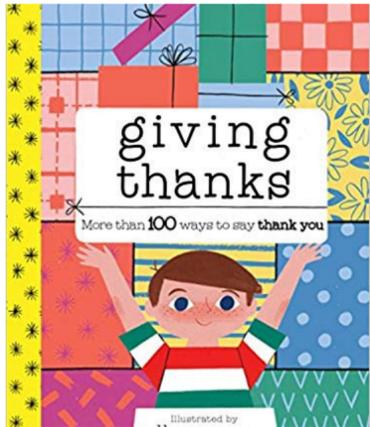
"George was having one of THOSE days." The sort of day when he shouts, stomps and screams. His mum tells him there's a Big Bad Mood hanging around him, but George can't see it anywhere. Then he spots it, and for a while he enjoys stomping and shouting along with the Big Bad Mood. But does he want to do this forever?

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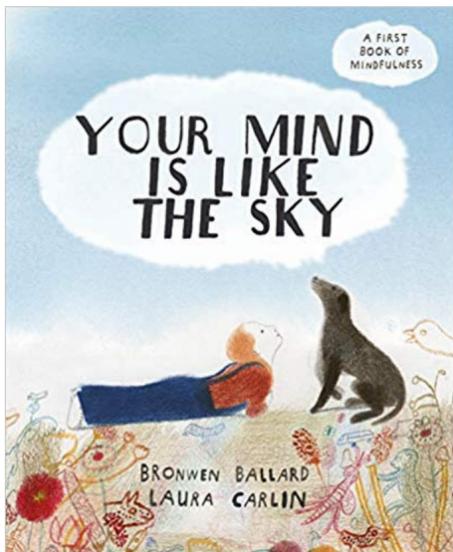
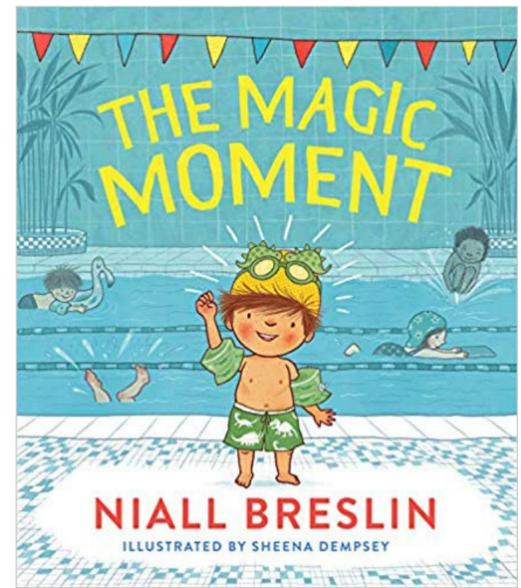


Mindfulness



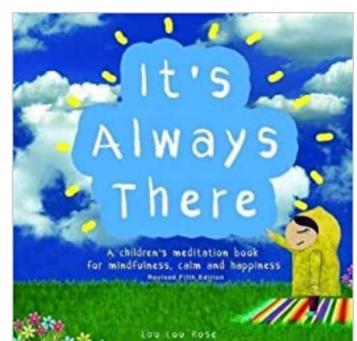
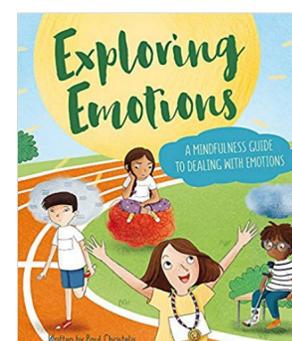
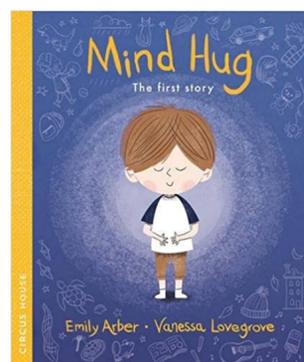
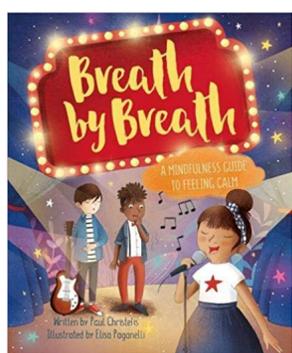
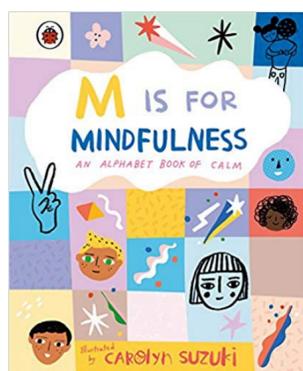
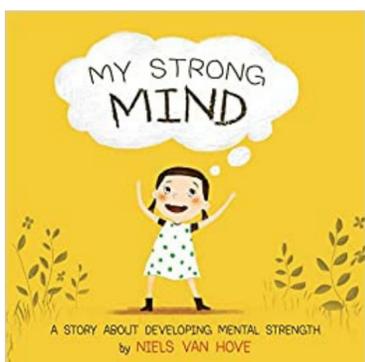
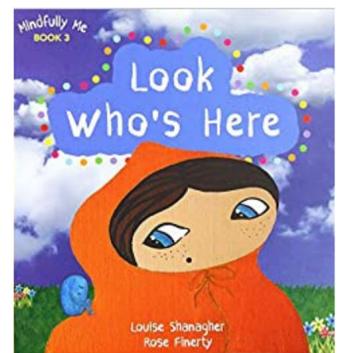
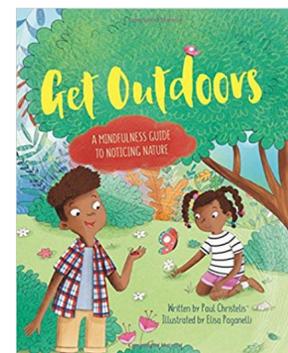
Who would you like to say thank you to? What would you like to say thank you for? If you could give them a gift, what would you give? If you could give them a feeling what would it be? A sweet guide to being mindful for the things and people that make you happy.

Freddie can't wait for his first trip to the swimming pool with Dad. But when he gets there, everything is too scary and he just wants to go home. So Nana teaches him a very special magic moment trick that he can use whenever he feels scared or sad.



Your mind is like the sky – sometimes it's a clear blue, sometimes it's a stormy black and sometimes it's just a bit grey. Your thoughts are like the clouds – white and fluffy or dark like a raincloud. How can you see the whole sky and not just the rainclouds? Read this book to find out.

Other books:



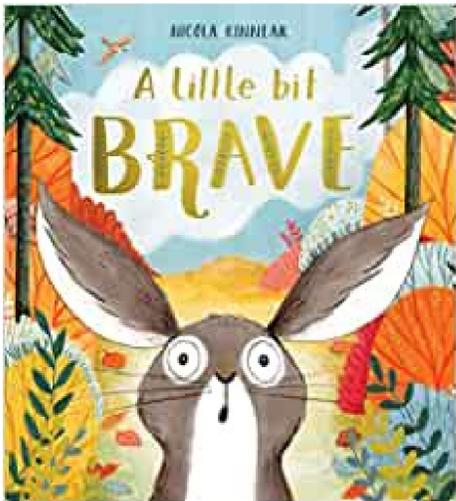
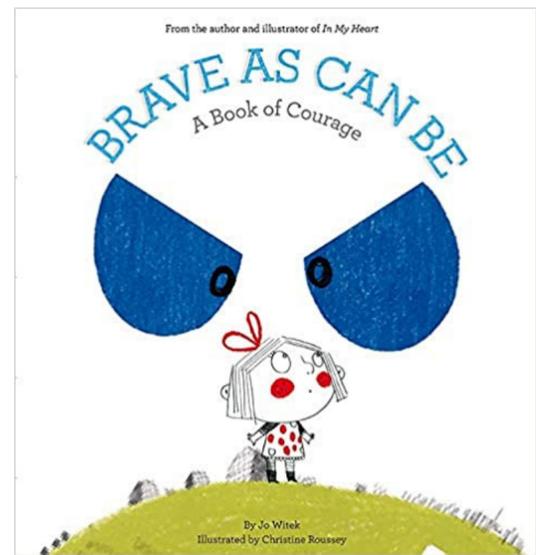


Courage & Confidence



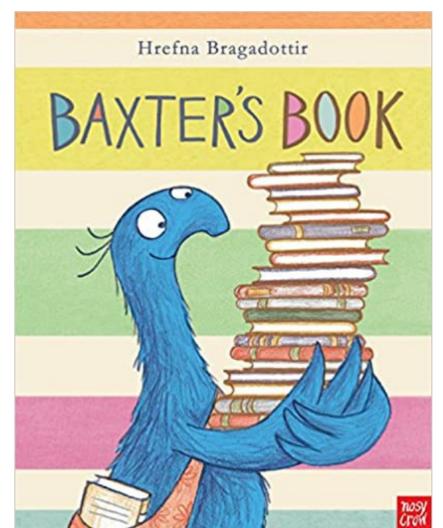
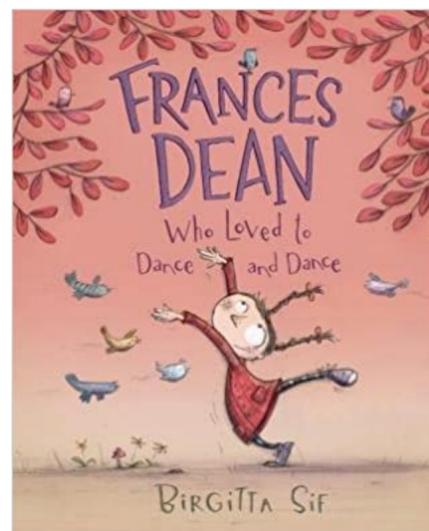
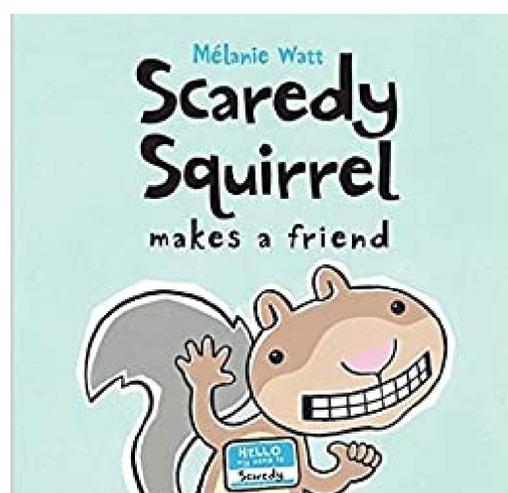
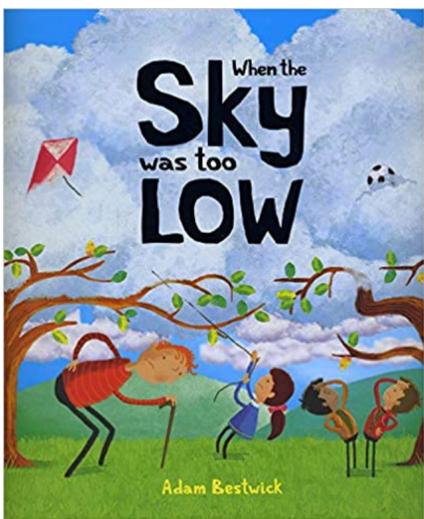
"It was the sort of day for doing almost anything and everyone was busy with this and that. Everyone except George. George didn't think he could do this or that ... So George did nothing." Thankfully Bear helps him find the magic way to be brave and try everything.

"When she was little, she was afraid of everything – creepy-crawlies, the dark, the neighbour's dog, and her strict teacher. But now that she's older, her "mountain of fears doesn't look so huge". And she has a very clever way of being brave and making the fears go away.



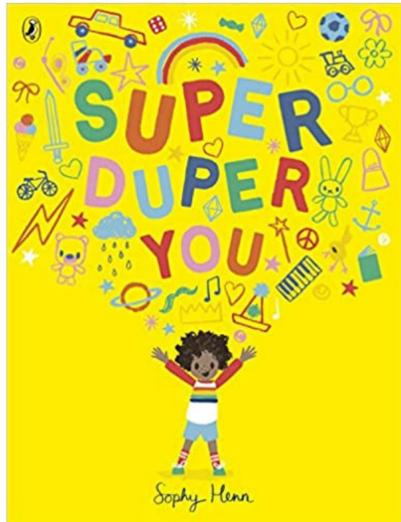
Logan is a stay-at-home bunny - but he's about to discover how brave he really is. It's time for his first adventure, and he doesn't want to go. But there's an amazing world outside, if he can just pluck up the courage to look ... This lovely books shows us that we're all a lot braver than we think.

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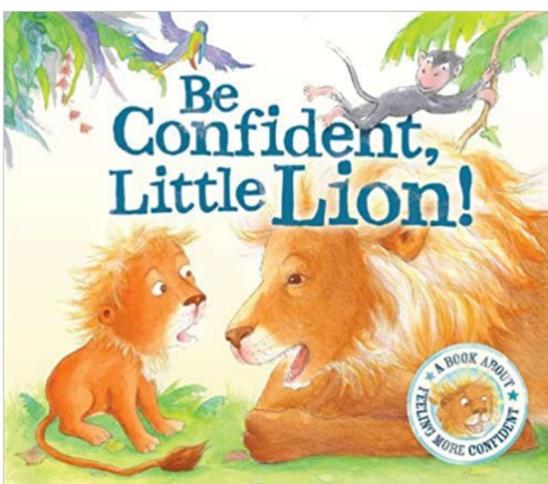
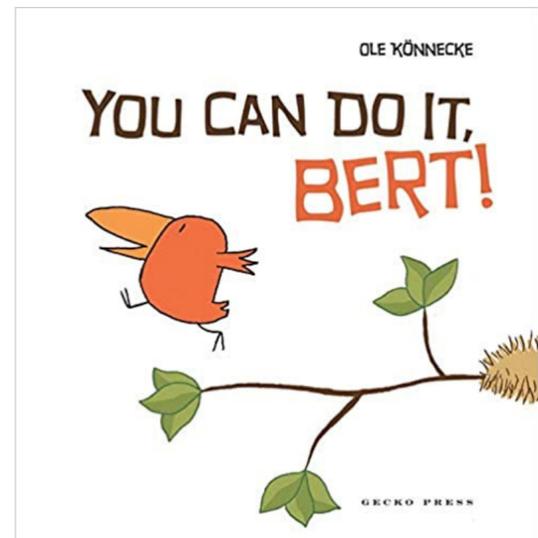


More Courage & Confidence



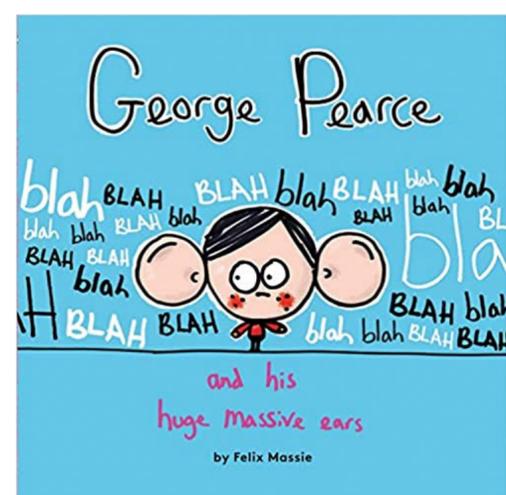
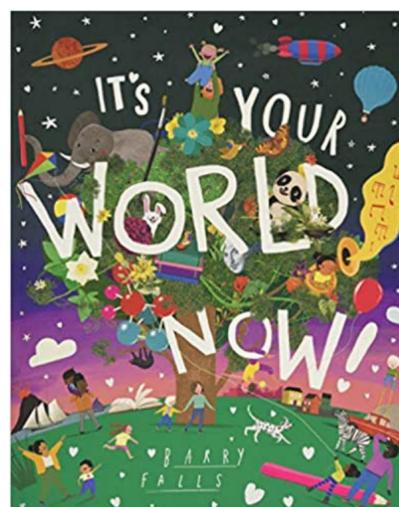
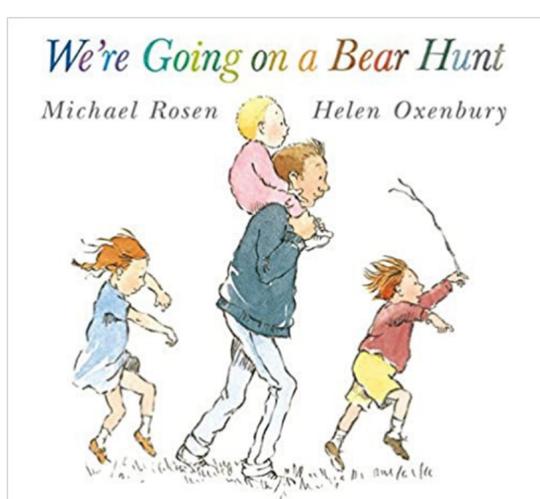
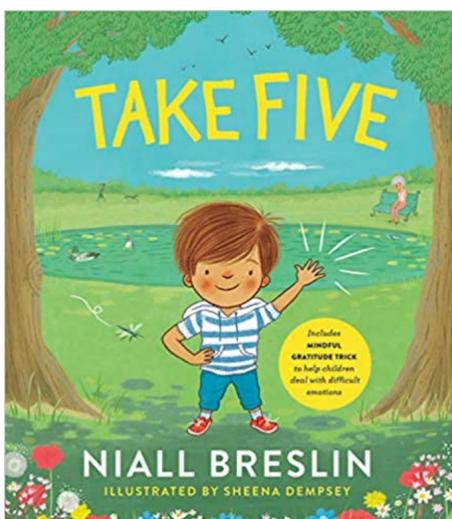
"Those things that make you different are the things that make you, YOU! Without those things you're someone else, and that would never do! The trick is not to worry about what you are not. Instead enjoy the things you are and all the brills you've got!"

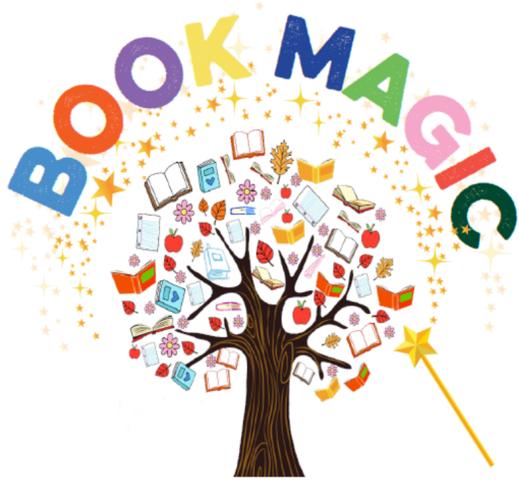
This is Bert's big day. He's been preparing for ages. He knows he is ready. He knows he can do it. But before he takes the plunge, he might need a bit of encouragement from his friends. You can do it, Bert!



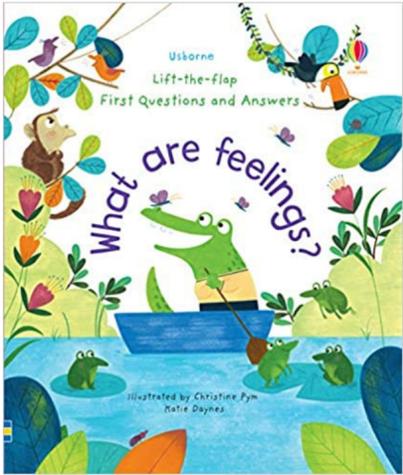
A short, simple story about a young lion who doesn't think he can roar like the rest of his family. Every time he tries, he just makes a squeaking noise. All of his family try to encourage him, and when he finally finds his roar, they tell him to believe in himself.

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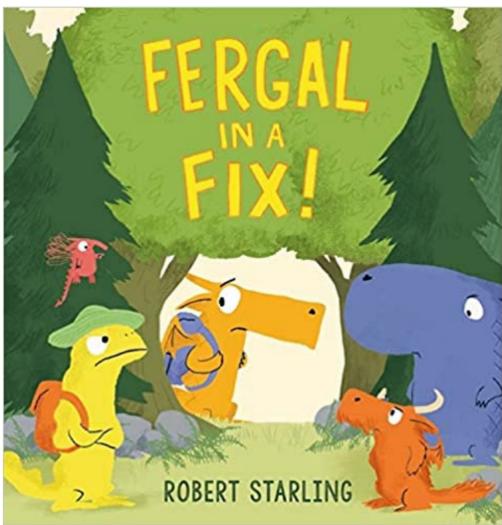


Feelings



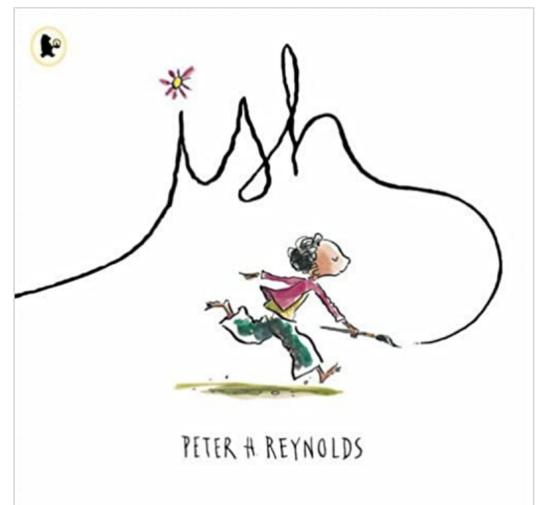
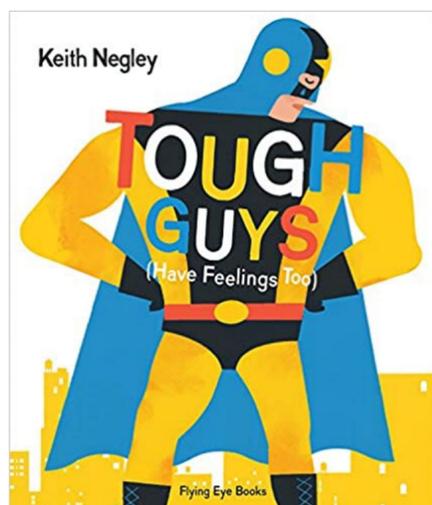
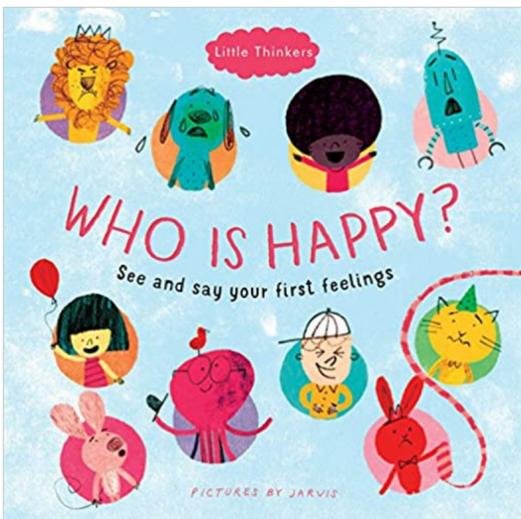
"What makes us happy, sad, angry or scared? Why do we worry? And how can we deal with our feelings? Feelings are what we all feel inside our bodies and brains when good or bad things happen to us. Read more in this lift-the-flap book."

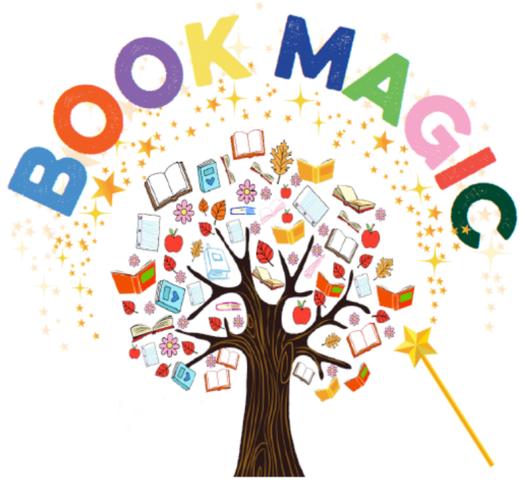
"Today the Colour Monster is feeling very mixed up. He's yellow, blue, red, black and green all at once. Can you help him?" A lovely way to explore colour and feelings in a fun and gentle way.



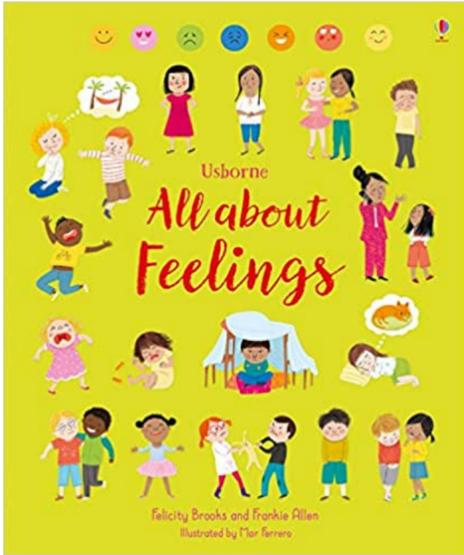
"Fergal will do anything to be the best at dragon camp, but the other dragons aren't impressed. So it's no surprise when he doesn't make any friends. Oh dear, Fergal. What a fix!" Find out how Fergal manages to cope with all of his feelings.

Other books:



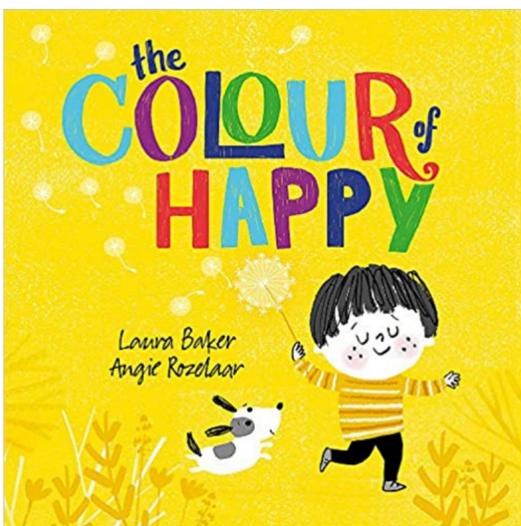
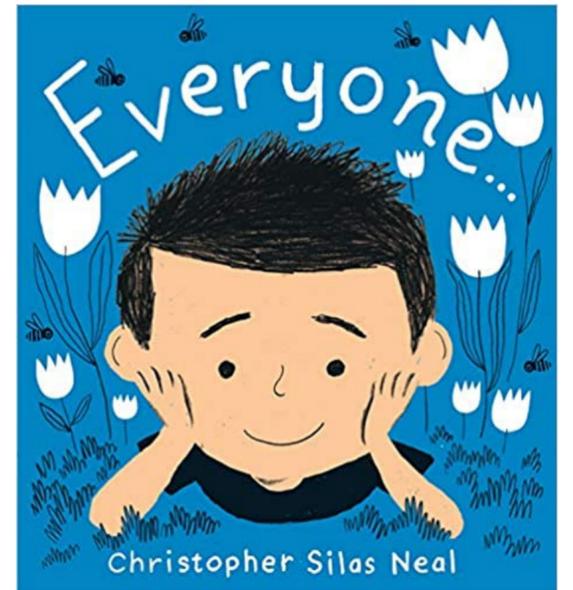


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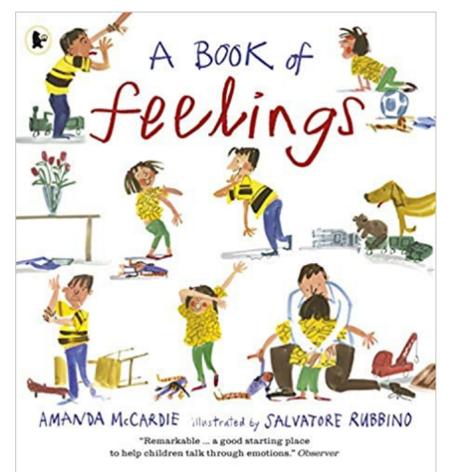
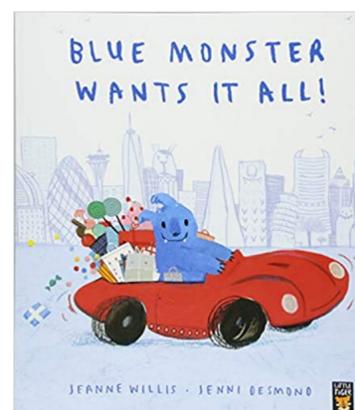
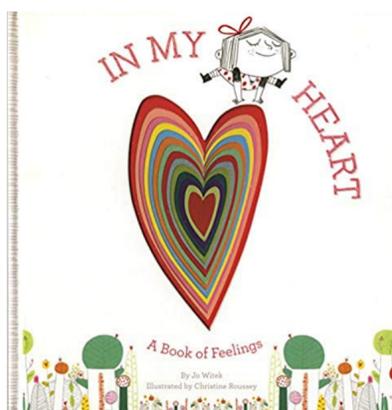
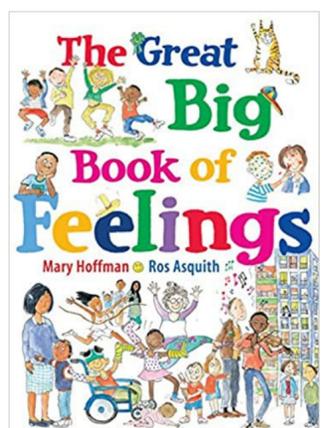
"How are you feeling today? Happy? Hungry? Maybe you're feeling sad? Everyone in the world has feelings all the time, but the way that we show them changes as we grow."

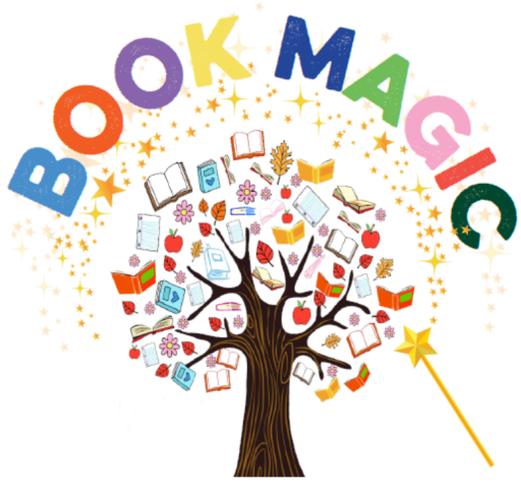
In this first look of mindfulness and feelings, the author invites young readers to explore how we feel what we feel, and how everyone else feels it, too. Everyone cries, everyone laughs, everyone sings – everyone. The perfect book for sharing (and discussing) with younger children.



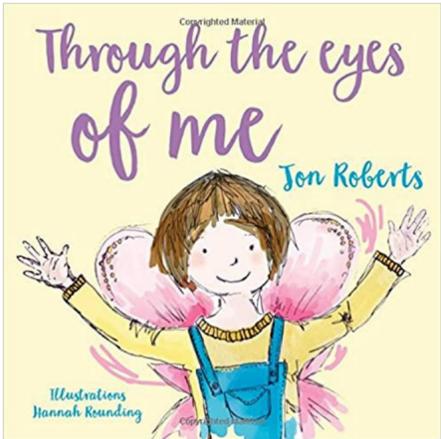
"Blue is for the calm I feel wandering in the spring. Yellow is for happy when I spot a special thing." A lovely look at feelings through the use of colour, as one little boy experiences a range of emotions on his way to give his mum a present.

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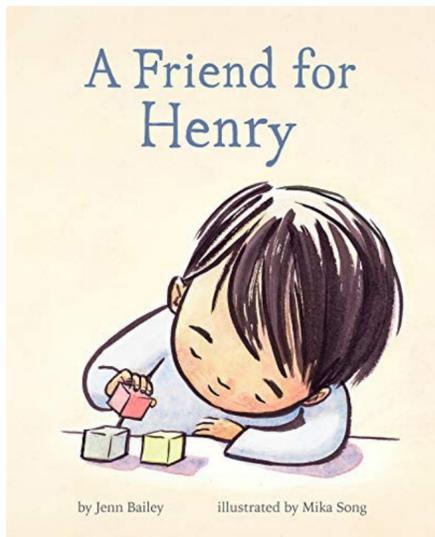
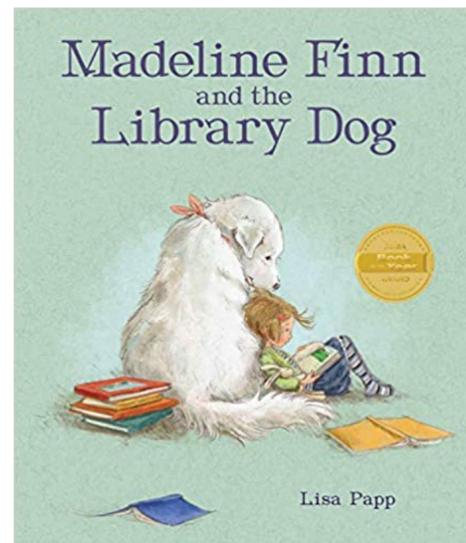


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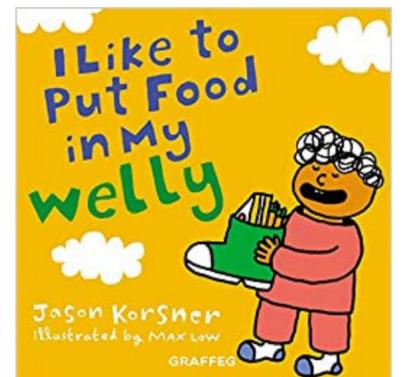
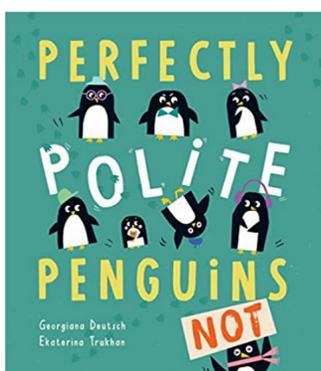
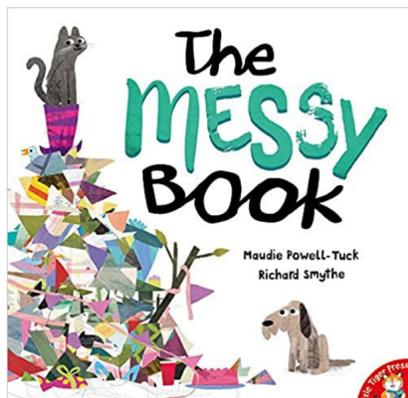
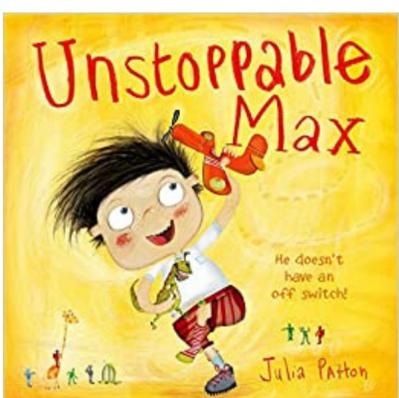
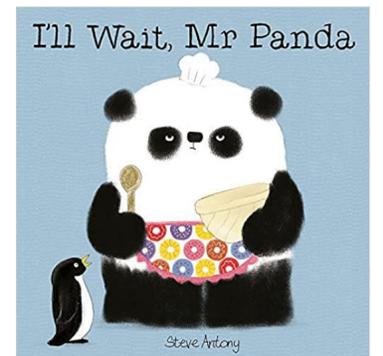
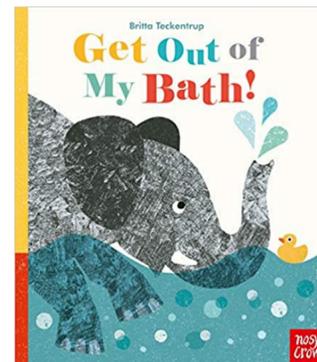
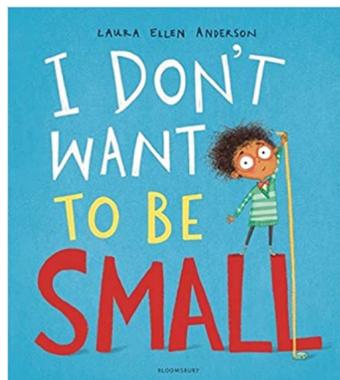
Kya loves running and ballet and reading and ice cream. She also loves day dreaming and pulling funny faces. Stacking her toys into a pile gives her comfort and a sense of control. Kya is autistic and in this lovely book she introduces us to her world.

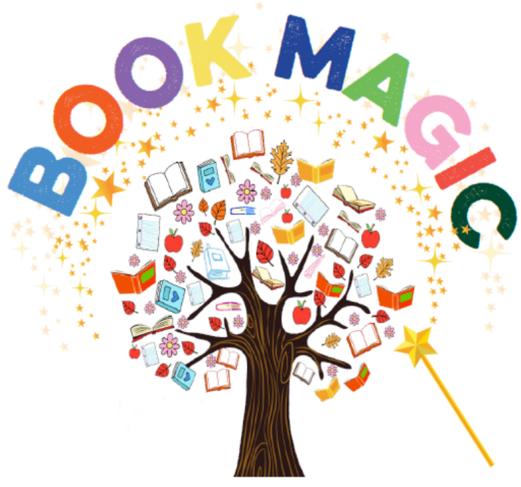
Madeline Finn hates having to read aloud at school, because sometimes the sentences get stuck in her mouth like peanut butter, and she never gets a star. Then Madeline meets Bonnie, the library dog, and they read together every week. "It's fun to read when you're not afraid of making mistakes."



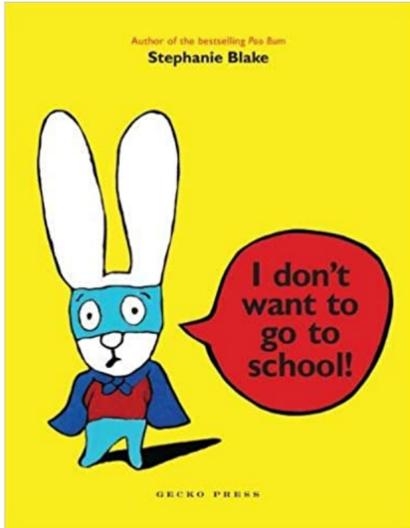
Henry really wants a friend, but he wants a friend who will listen and share and not mess things up. Sometimes things at school are "too close" and "too big" and "booming and crashing" and Henry gets upset. Will he ever find a friend - or will a friend find him?

Other books:



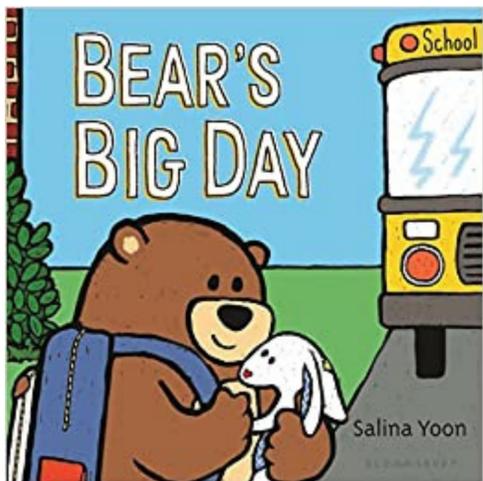
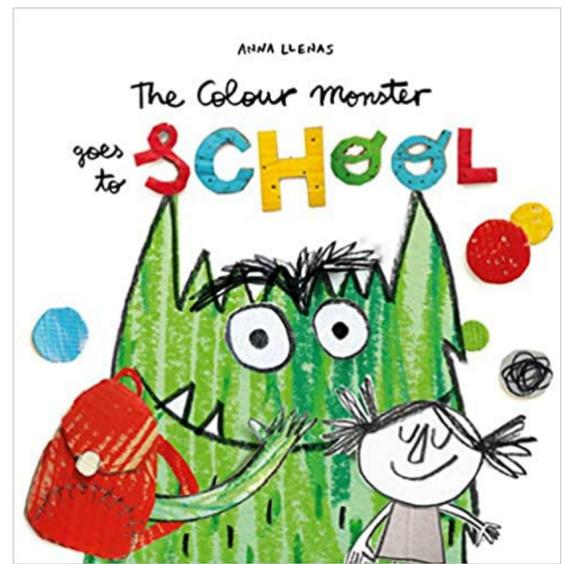


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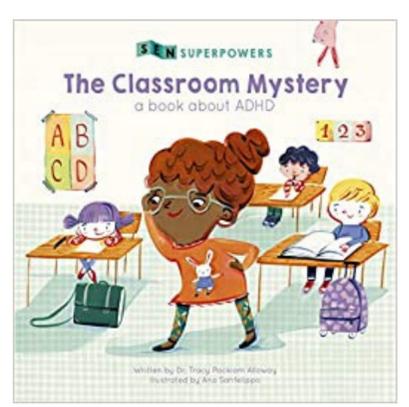
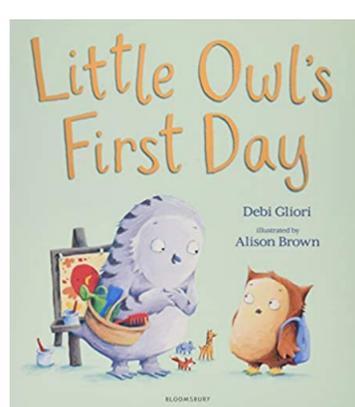
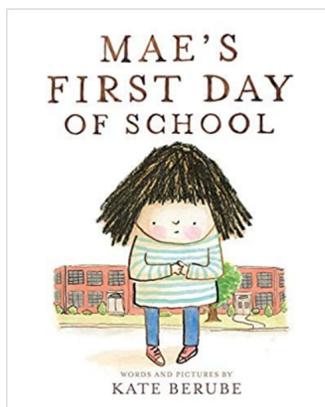
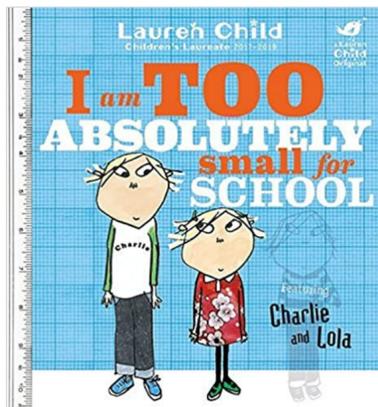
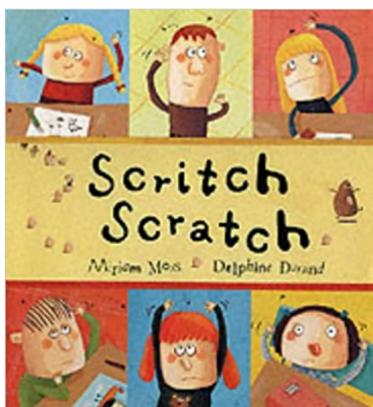
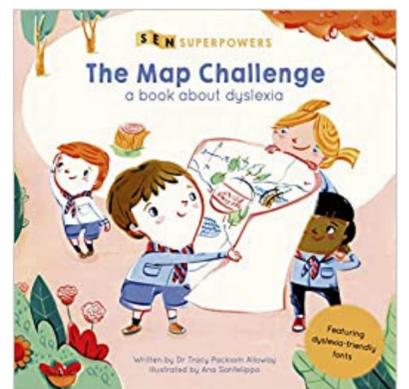
"There was once a cheeky little rabbit ... When his mother told him, 'Simon, tomorrow is your first day at school!' he replied 'I'm not going!' Uh-oh, what can his parents say to convince him?"

Today is the Colour Monster's first day of school but he's feeling very nervous. As he worries about what might happen at school, he changes colours – from green to yellow to grey. But his friend Nuna tells him there's nothing to worry about and he ends up having a great day.



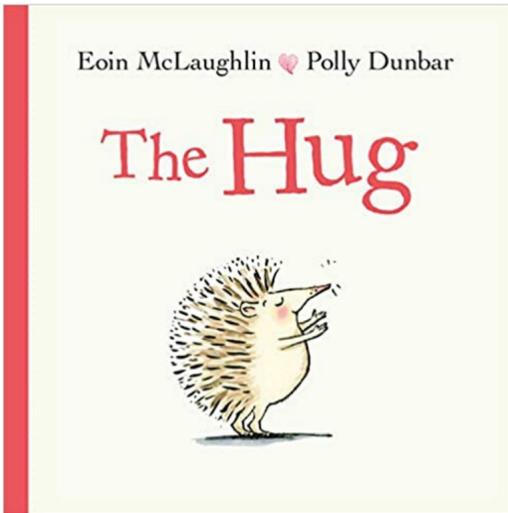
Bear is a big bear now – he can cut his breakfast pancakes all by himself and he has a big-bear backpack for big school. But when he gets to school he misses his bunny Floppy. Teacher explains that "Being big doesn't mean you have to do everything by yourself."

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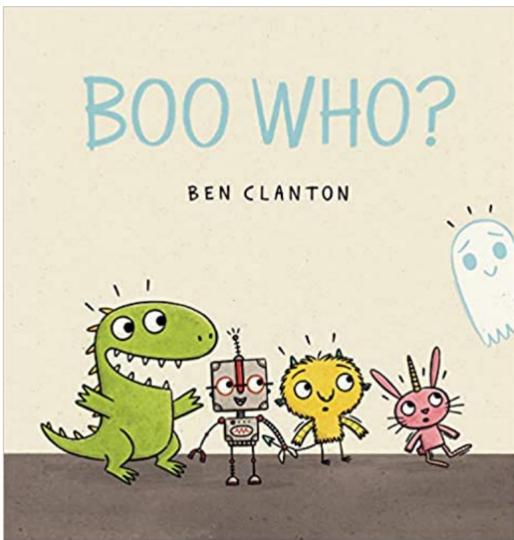
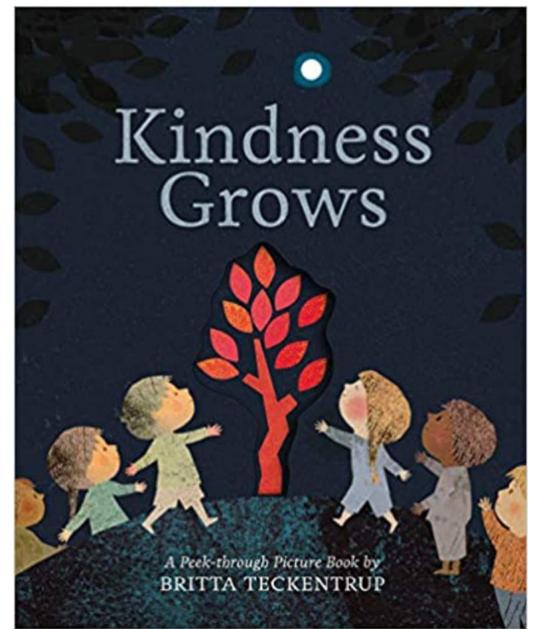


Friends



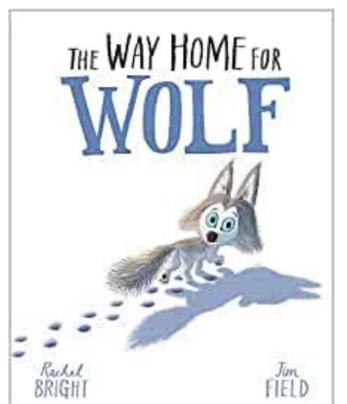
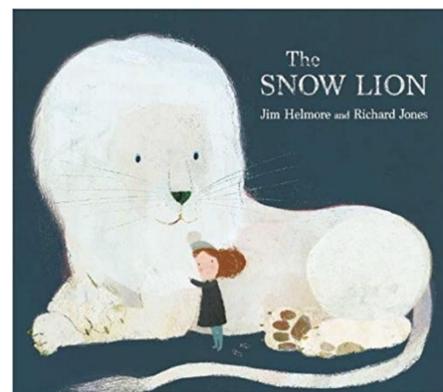
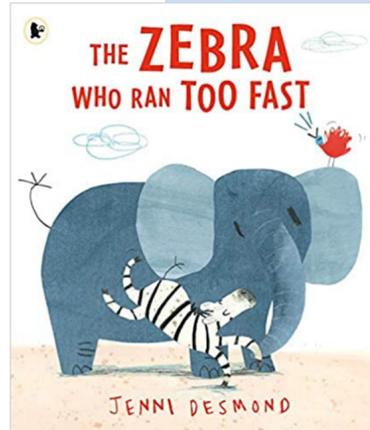
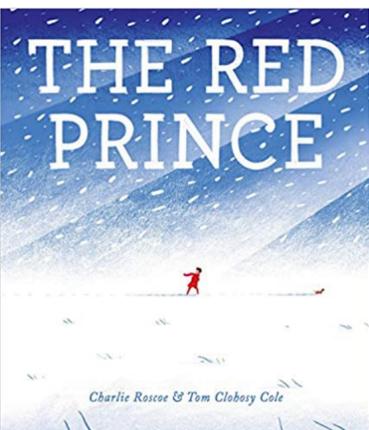
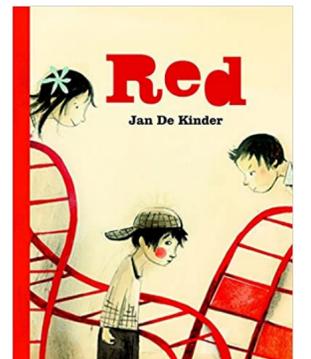
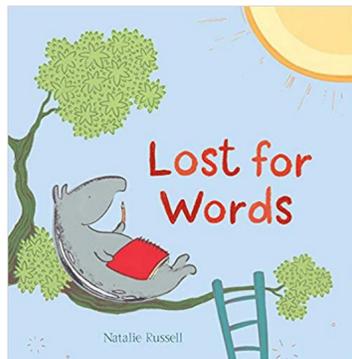
When Hedgehog is sad, the only thing that will help is a hug. But nobody wants to hug a hedgehog. When Tortoise is sad, the only thing that will help is a hug. What happens when Hedgehog and Tortoise meet?

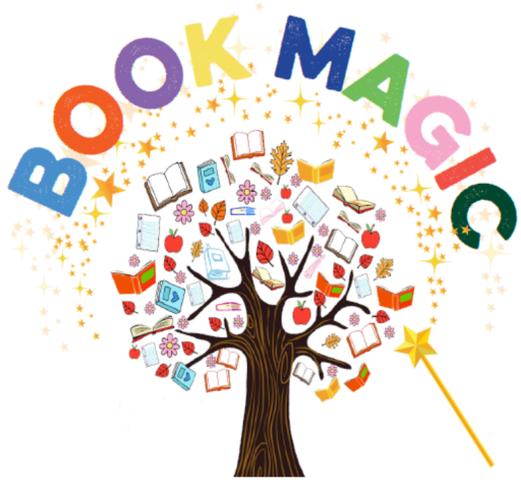
"If we lean on one another, and keep our friends around, We make each other happy, warm and safe and sound ... It only takes a gesture - a smile can be the start, To spread the seed of friendship and touch somebody's heart." A touching message about kindness and being kind.



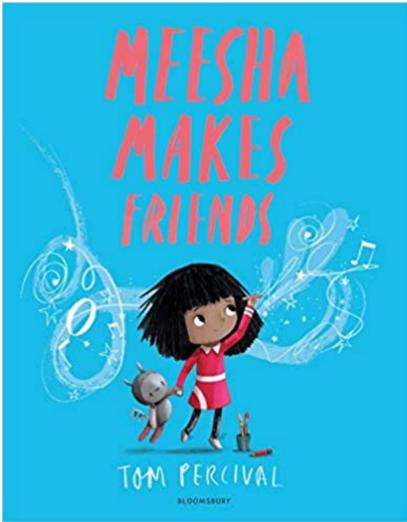
Boo is new, and sometimes he feels like he's invisible. What does he have to do for his friends to be able to see him? It's scary being new, even for a ghost. Can Boo find a way to make friends?

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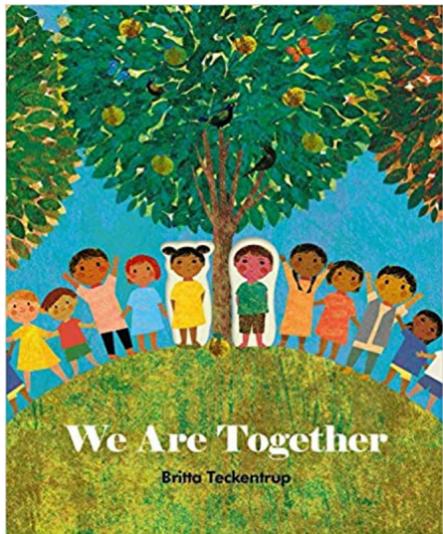
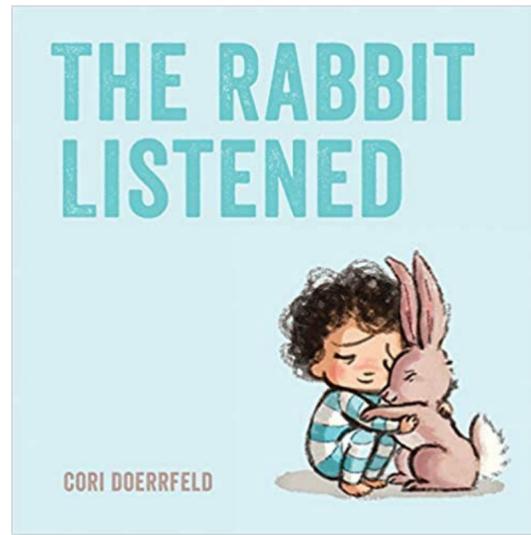


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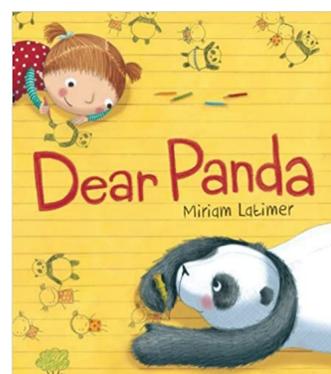
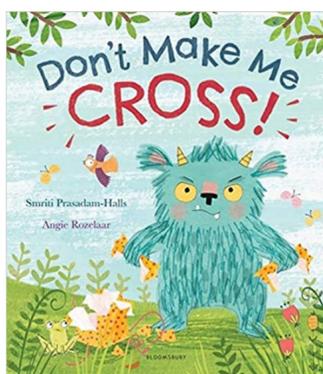
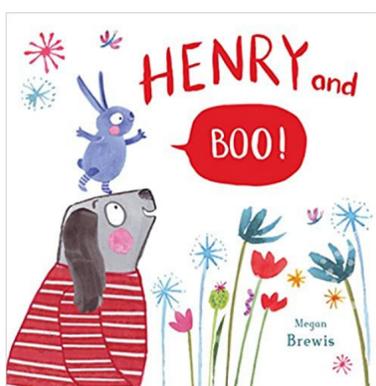
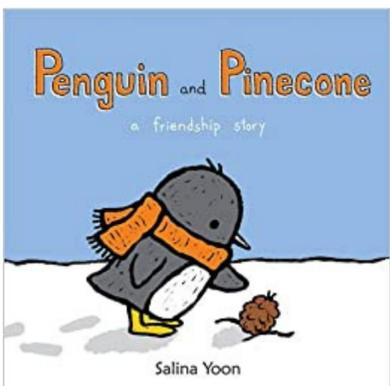
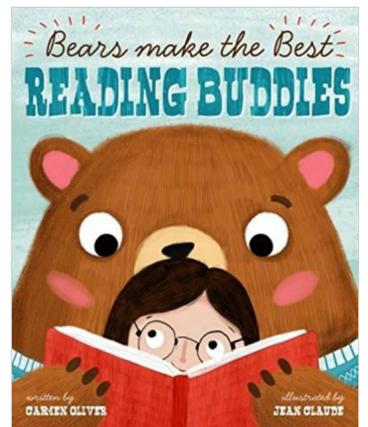
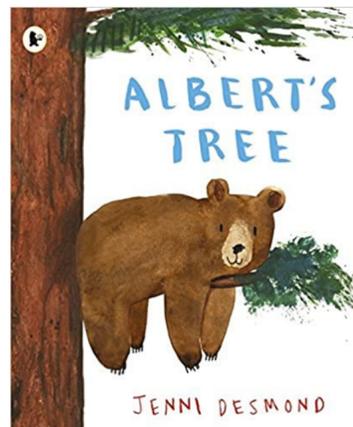
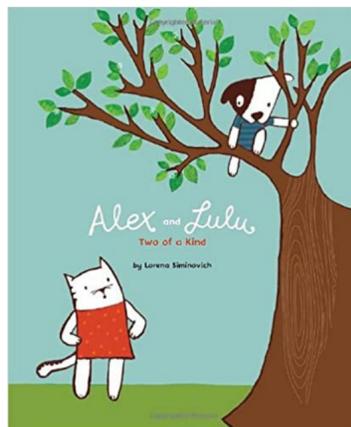
Meesha loves making things. But she finds it hard to make friends. "When she tried, she didn't know what to do, what to say, or when to say it." This book looks at the joys and difficulties of making and keeping friends.

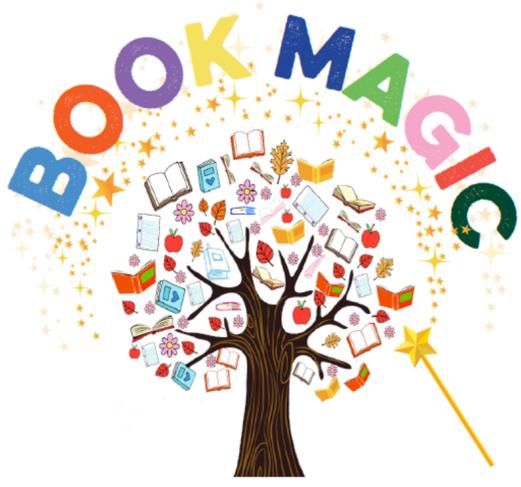
"When things come "crashing down" for Taylor one day, everyone is quick to tell her what to do. But Taylor doesn't feel like talking, or shouting, or remembering, or doing anything with anybody. Finally, the rabbit shows up ... and listens. And that is exactly what Taylor needs - someone to listen. A comforting story about healing heartaches.



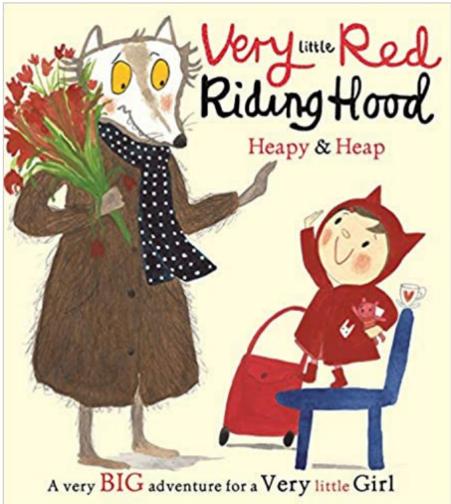
"When the icy wind blow and winter takes hold, Your friends keep you warm, so you won't feel the cold. When life is confusing, and our way seems unclear, The horizon is distant but our friends will stay near."

Other books:



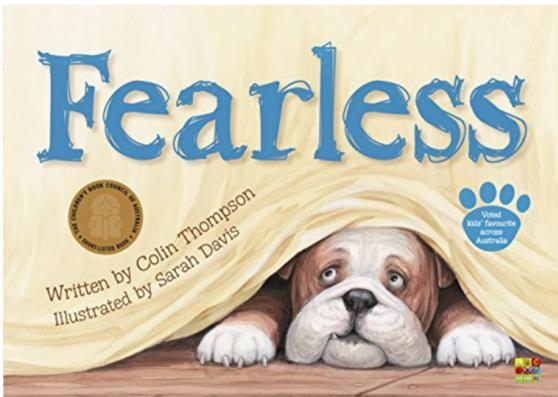
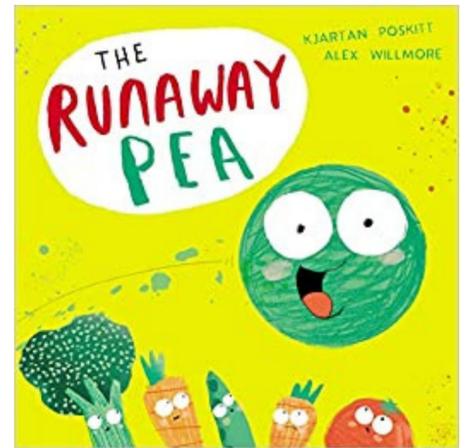


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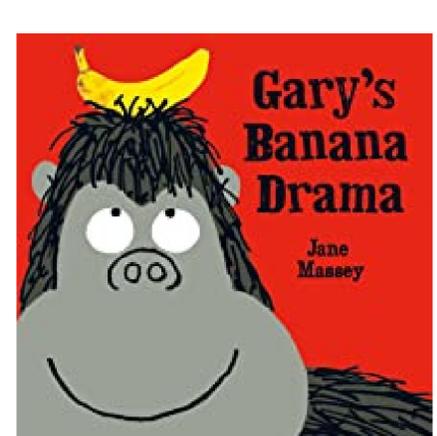
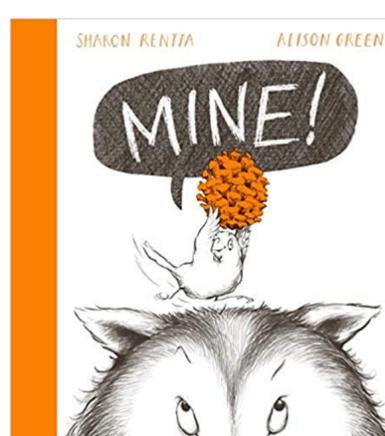
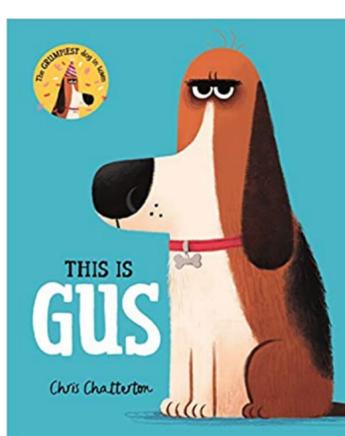
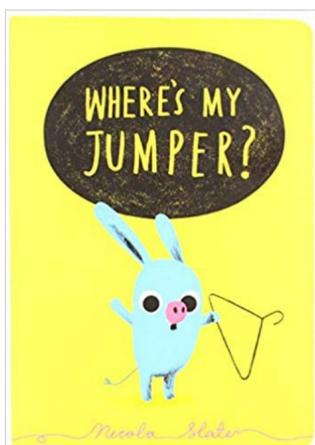
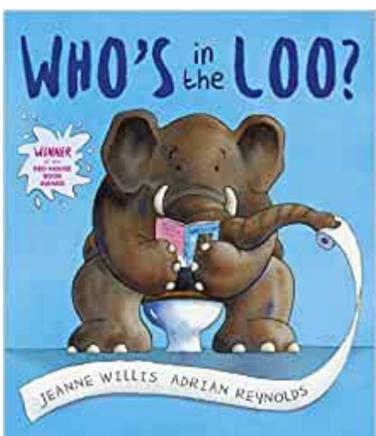
Very Little Red Riding Hood is little. Very little. She's brave and bossy, and very funny. And like all toddlers she likes everything just so. She's on her way to Grandma's for a sleepover And NOTHING is going to get in her way. Not even a Wolf!

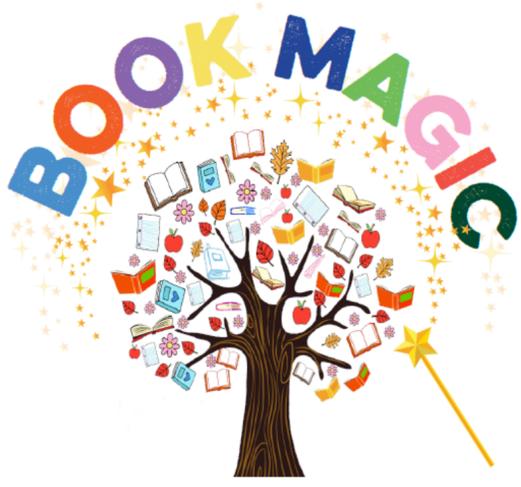
"It's six o'clock and we're ready for tea, but look - what's that? It's a RUNAWAY PEA!" Pea is small, but he wants to have fun, so he decides to escape from the plate. A series of madcap adventures follows. Great fun for all.



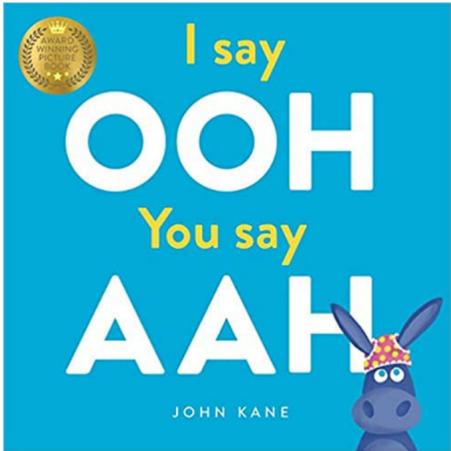
Sometimes babies get the wrong name. And sometimes dogs do, too. His family thought Fearless would be the perfect name for their new pup, but he's afraid of everything! How can he finally live up to his name?

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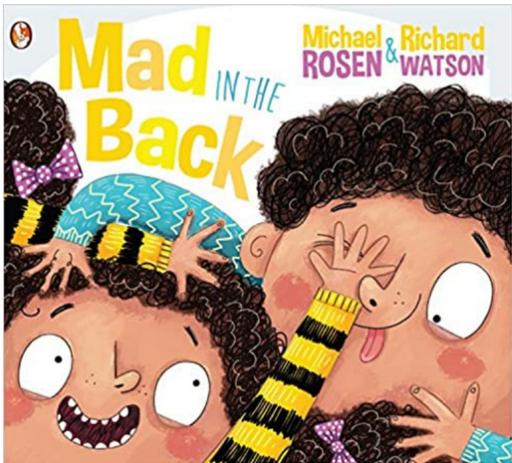
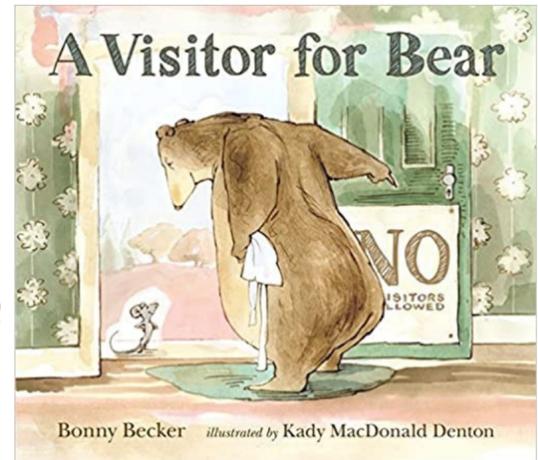


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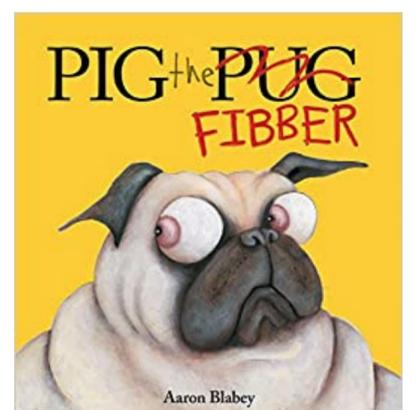
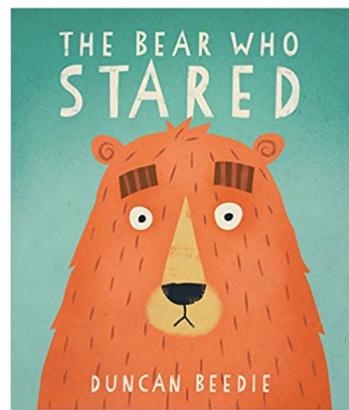
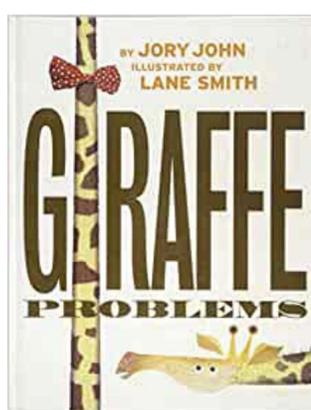
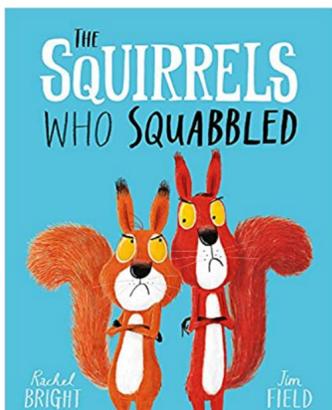
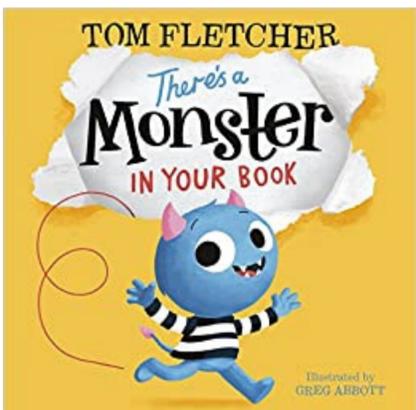
A very funny and interactive book - draws children in with its silliness. "When I say OOH, you say AAH as loudly as you can ... When you see an Ant, you say UNDERPANTS."

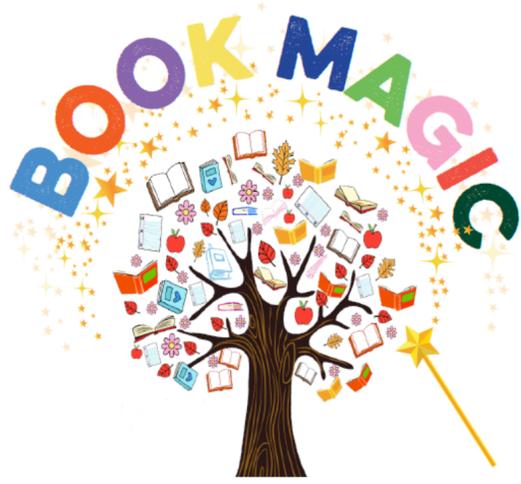
Bear doesn't like visitors, and nobody ever comes to his house. When a little, grey mouse appears one morning - tap, tap, tapping on the front door - Bear orders him to leave. But he keeps coming back and popping out from the least likely spots. How can Bear get rid of him for good?



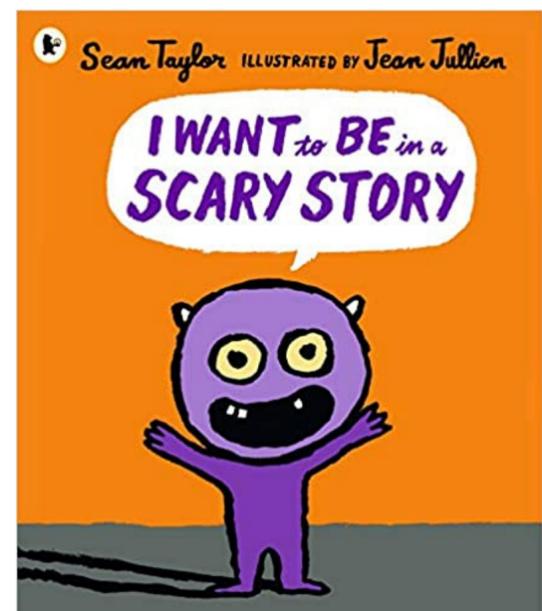
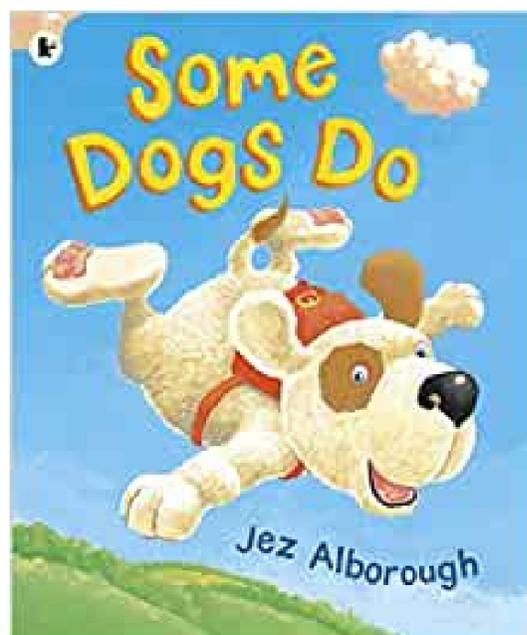
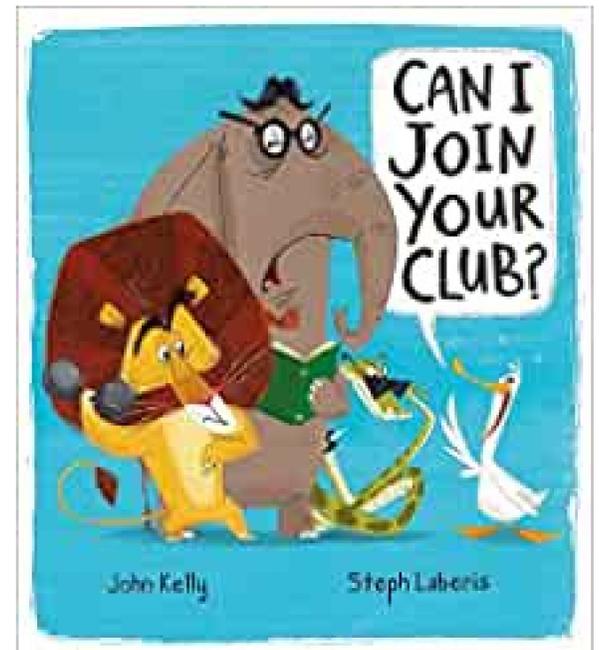
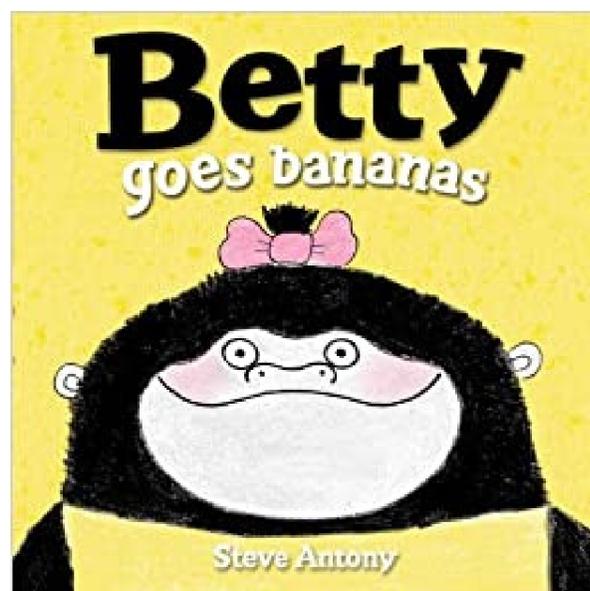
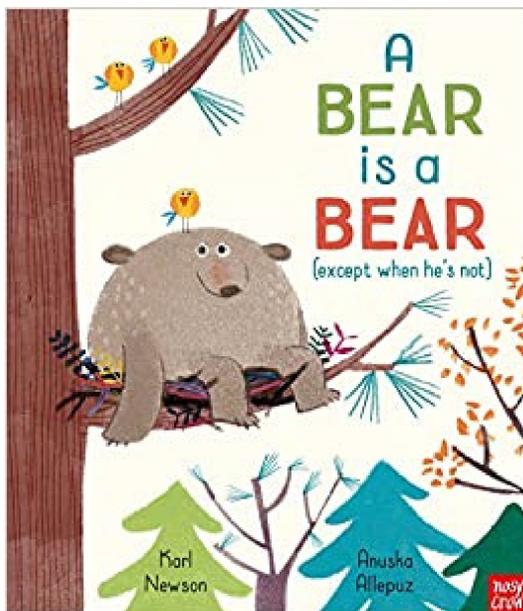
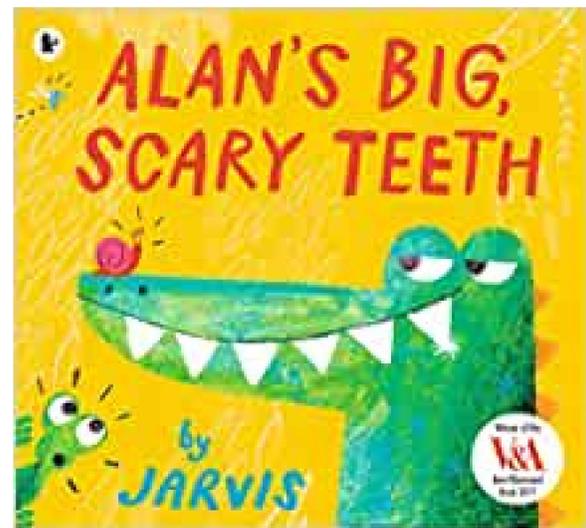
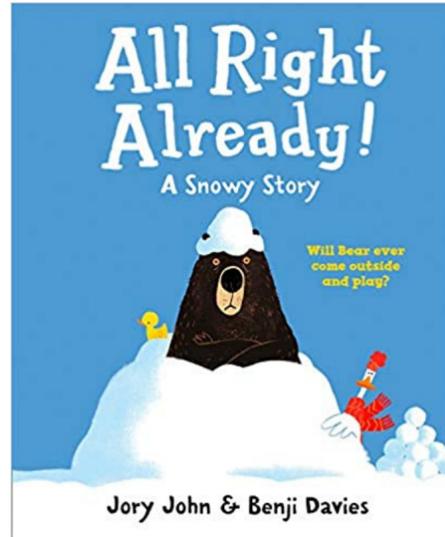
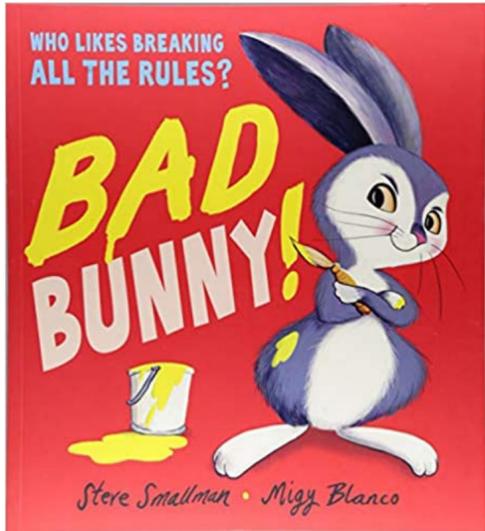
"Can I have a drink? I want some crisps. Can I open my window? Get off me." Just some of the joys of a long car journey with busy siblings. Mum pleads with them not to go mad in the back of the car, but they're not so great at listening.

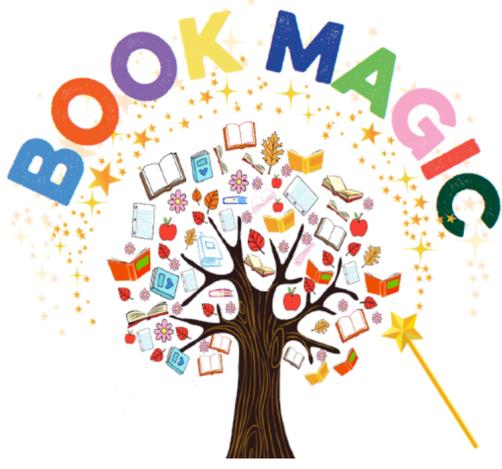
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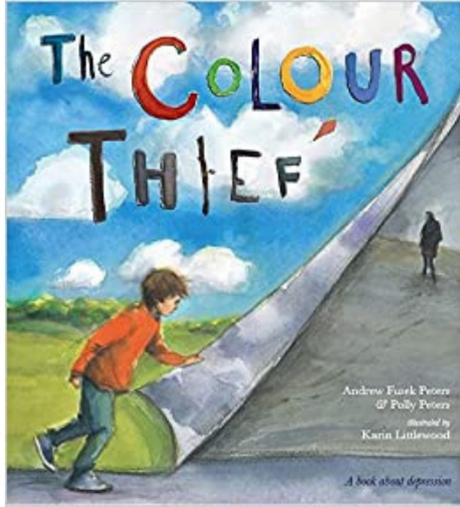


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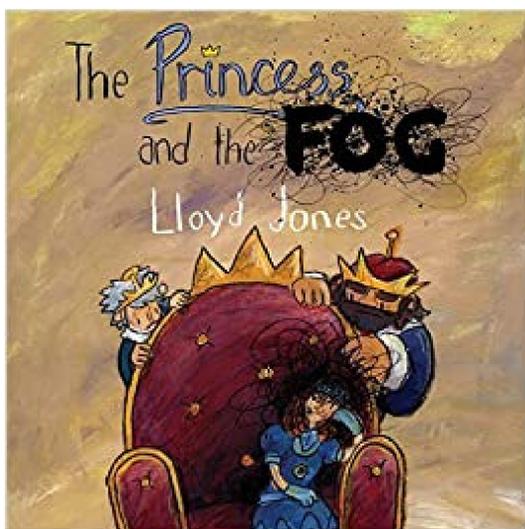
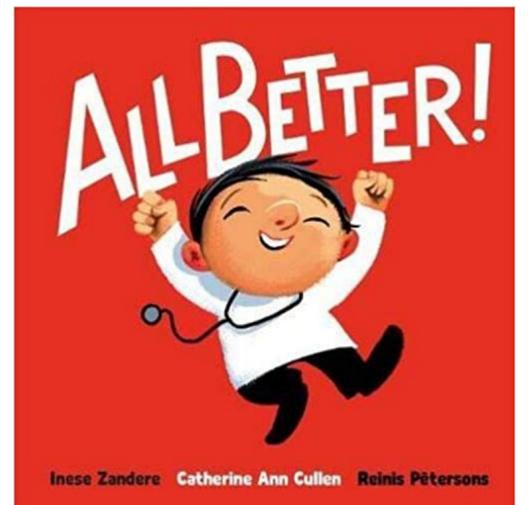


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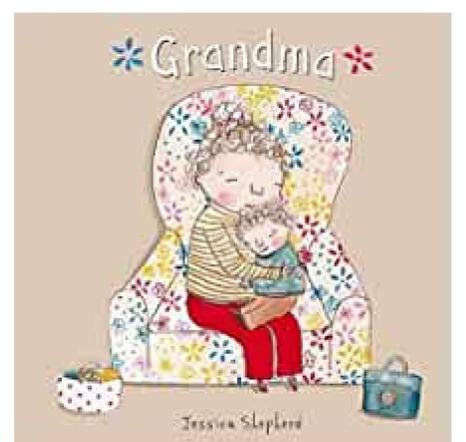
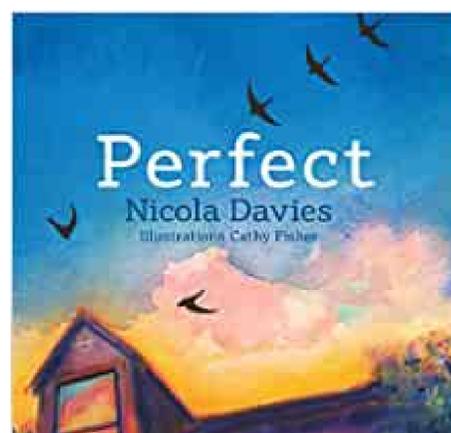
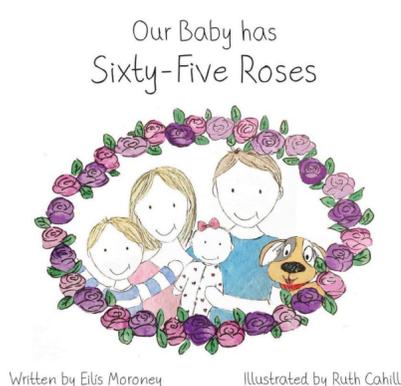
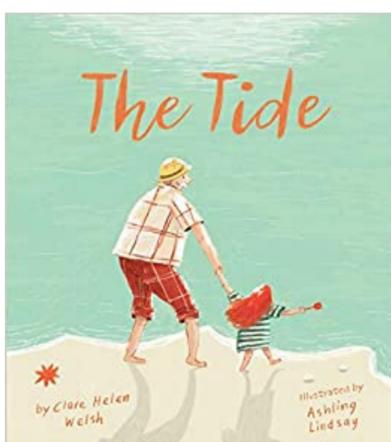
A family's story of depression. "One day, Dad was full up with sadness, all the way to the top. He said his sky had turned grey. I thought I had done something wrong, but he told me I hadn't." Reassurance for children about depression in a family member.

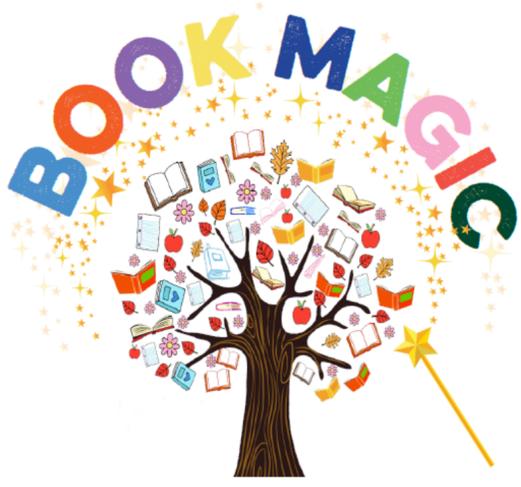
"Teddy, don't be worried, I'll come back in a while. Read my book when I'm away - You know it makes you smile." A little girl tells her teddy not to worry when she has to have an operation. A collection of sweet poems about dealing with illness and hospital.



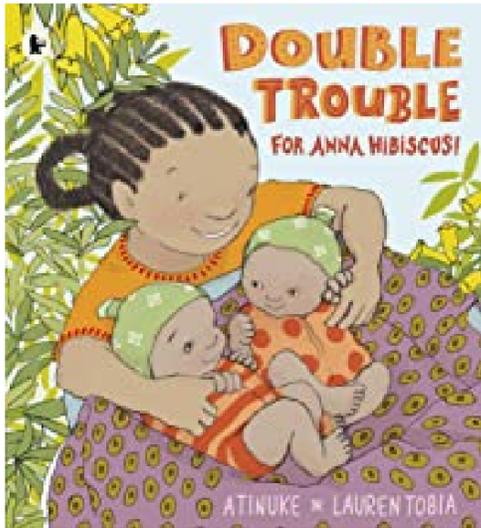
The princess had everything a little girl could ever want, and she was happy. "That is, until the fog came." All the joy disappears from her life and she starts to feel completely alone. The King and Queen tried to get rid of the fog, but it wouldn't go away. A simple explanation for children with depression.

Other books:



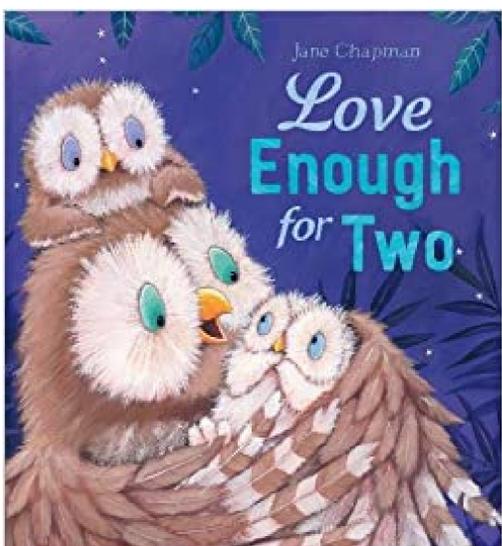
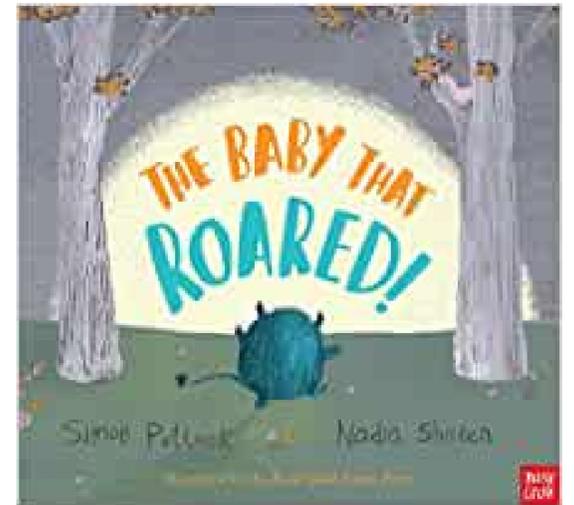


New baby



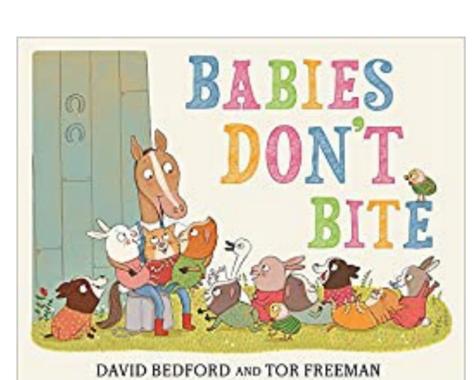
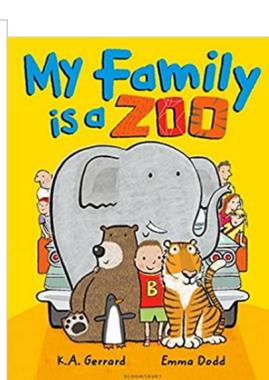
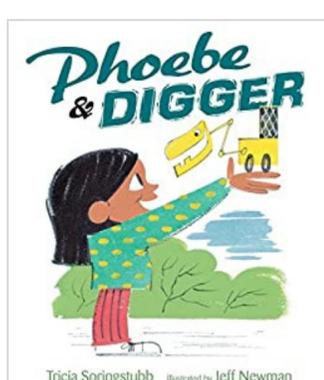
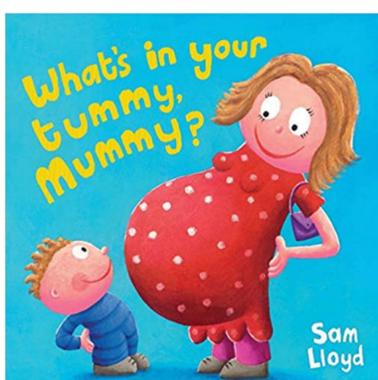
Anna Hibiscus lives in Amazing Africa. One morning her Papa wakes her and she meets her new baby brothers. Two babies! Her cousins tell her this means Big Trouble. And it seems to Anna as though nobody has time for her any more. Are the babies really Double Trouble?

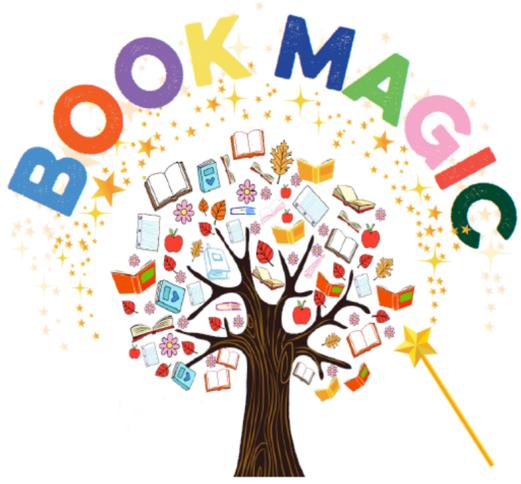
Mr. and Mrs. Deer long for a baby of their own. Imagine their happiness when a dear little baby arrives on their doorstep. But - oh! - the baby won't stop ROARING! They call their friends to help, but strange things start happening.



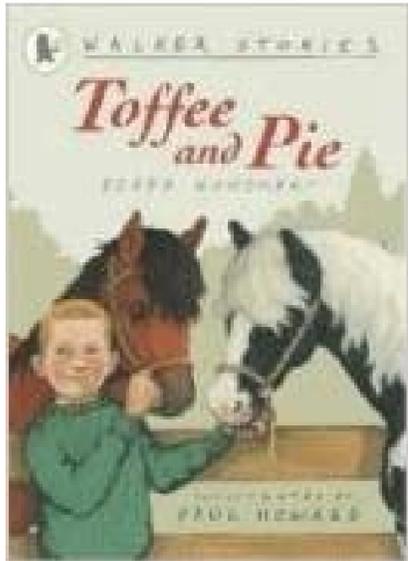
Little owl Mo is in for a surprise when his baby cousin Bibi comes to stay. She seems cute enough. But will there be enough of Grandma's love to go around? The perfect story for big brothers, sisters or cousins who are learning to welcome new additions to the family.

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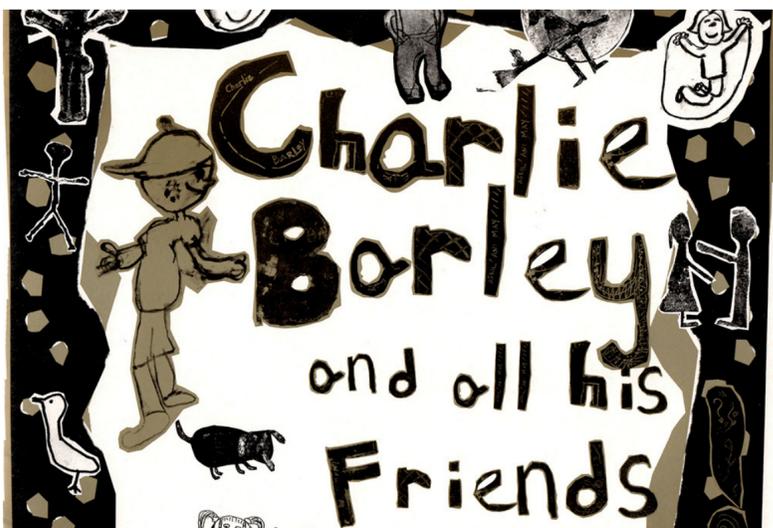


Traveller



John and his traveller family have moved on again and John has to start at another school. He doesn't like being the new boy, but his horse, Pie, shows how easy it can be to make friends.

A children's celebration of culture and identity, inspired by the Traveller's Journey / Minceir Misli'd exhibition at the National Museum of Ireland in Turlough, Co. Mayo.



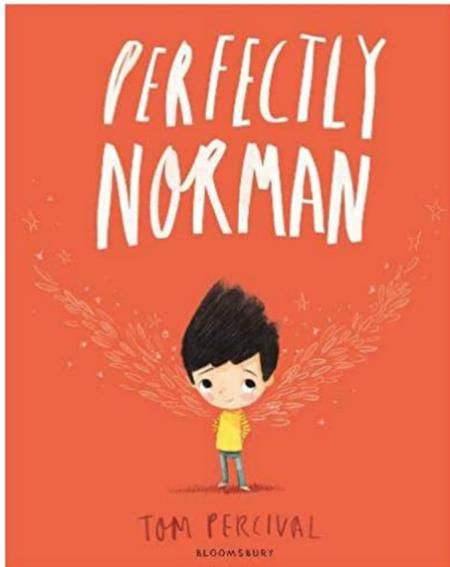
A collection of nursery rhymes, jokes and tall tales - everything from Winnie the not-rich witch to Martin's farting cow - gathered by children in schools in Sligo and Carraroe

Children in national school in Mohill, Co. Leitrim, wrote this book "because the Cant language is dying out and we are trying to bring the language back."



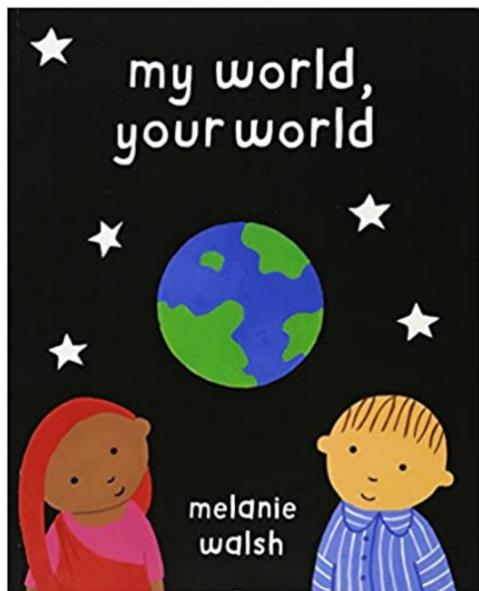
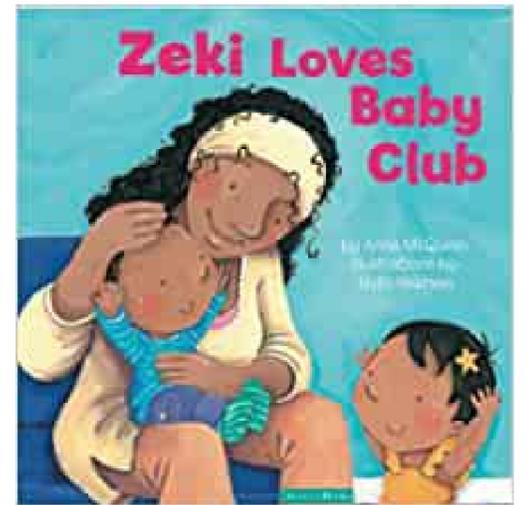


Our Big World (we are all the same AND different)



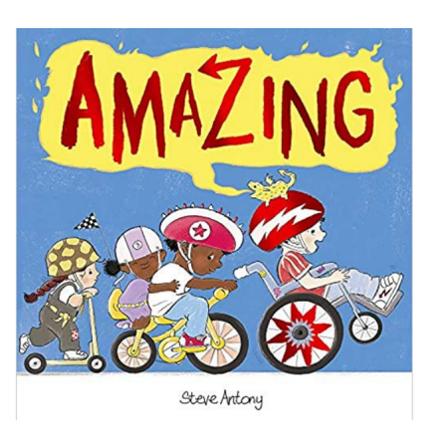
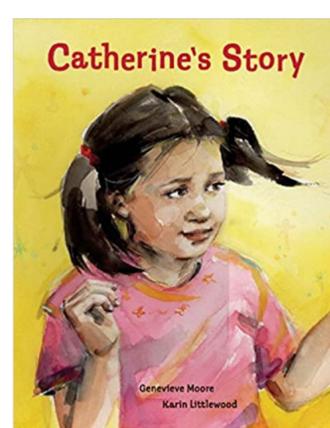
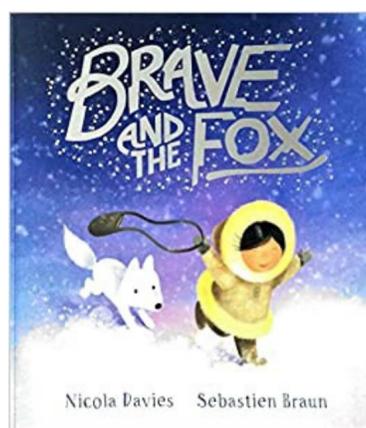
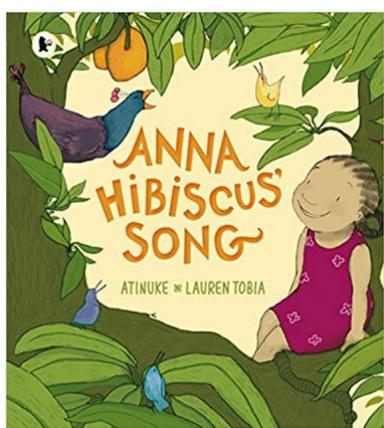
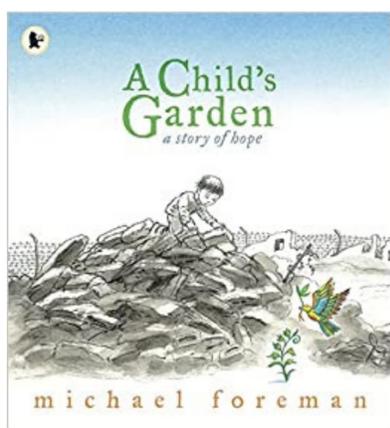
Norman had always been perfectly normal. That was until the day he grew a pair of wings! He really enjoys trying them out high in the sky. But then he has to go in for dinner. What will his parents and his friends think? He thinks the best thing to do is to cover his wings with a big coat.

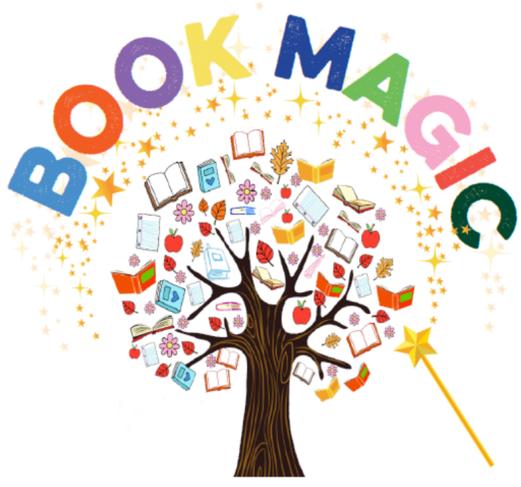
Zeki and his friends sing, read, stretch, clap, wiggle and zoom to the moon at Baby Club and they have such fun. And all the mums and dads at Baby Club greet each other - Hi! Hello! Ni Hao! Namaste! Czesc! Hola! Vanakkam!



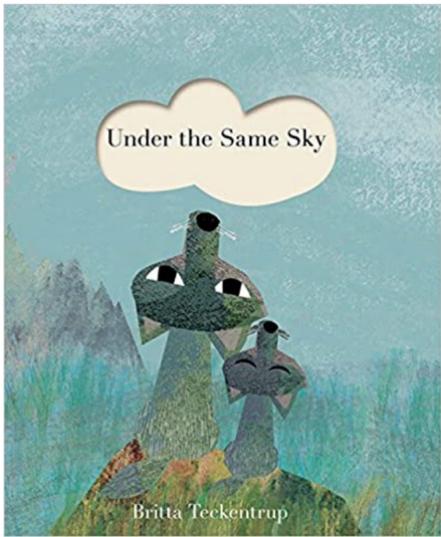
Spot the difference between all of these children - from what they wear to school, what they eat their dinner with, and what language they speak. But they have lots in common too - they like being tickled and looking at the stars. A child's first look at different worlds and people.

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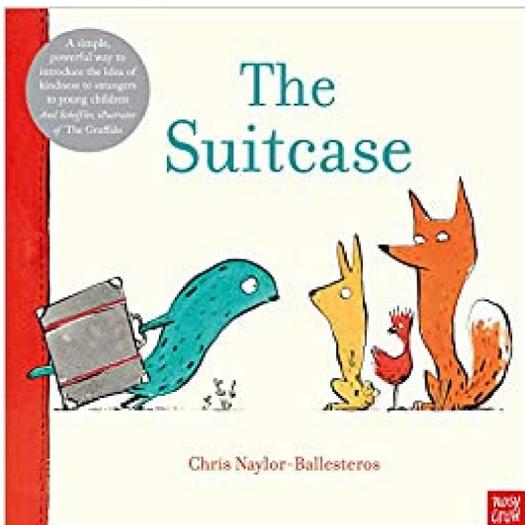
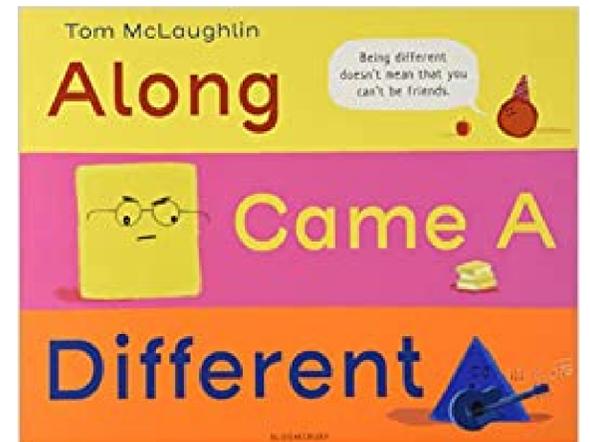


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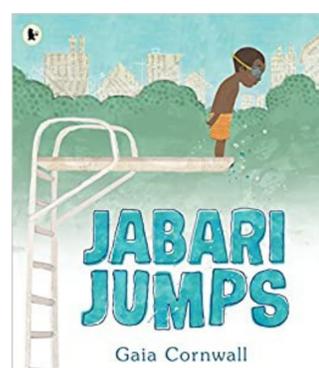
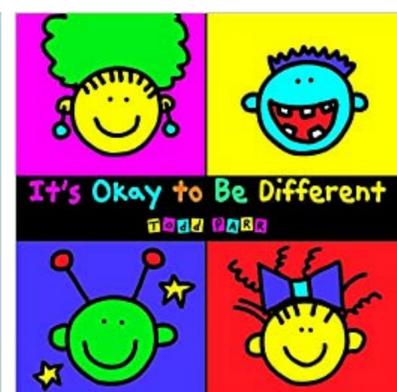
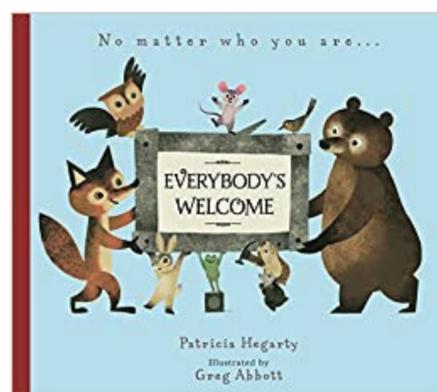
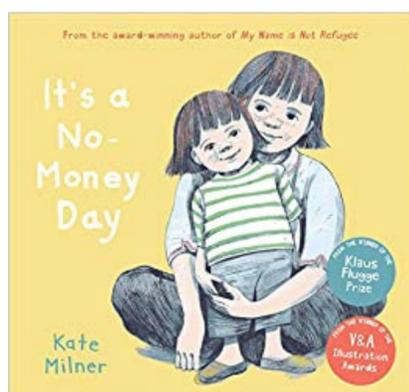
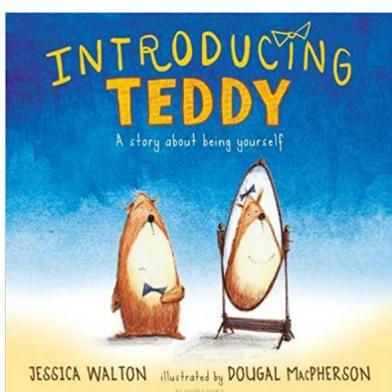
We all live under the same sky and we experience many of the same hopes and dreams. We feel the same love. We face the same storms. A beautiful, gentle book with lovely illustrations.

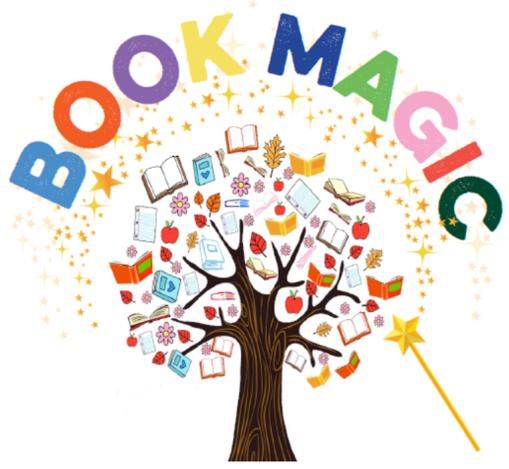
Reds love being red. Yellows love being yellow. And blues love being blue. But they don't like each other. Until, one day, along comes a different - and the different likes everybody. A reminder - being different doesn't mean being better or worse, it just means being different.



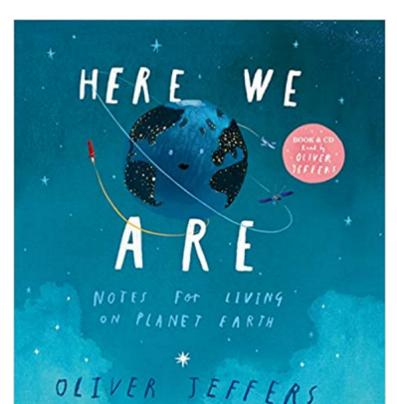
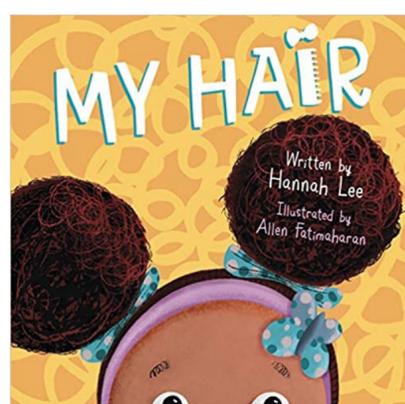
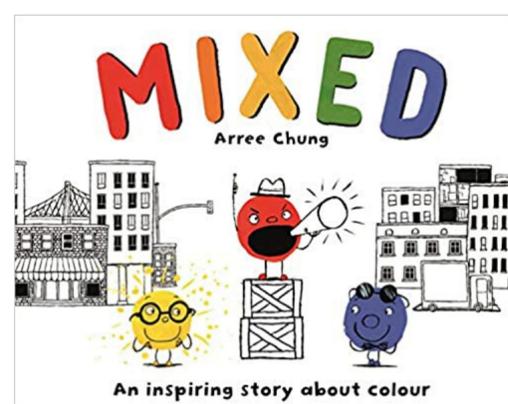
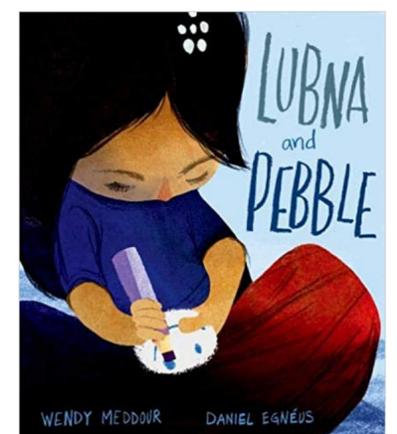
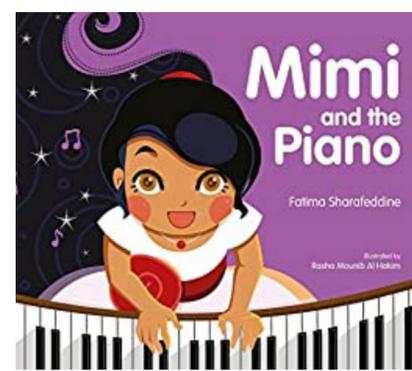
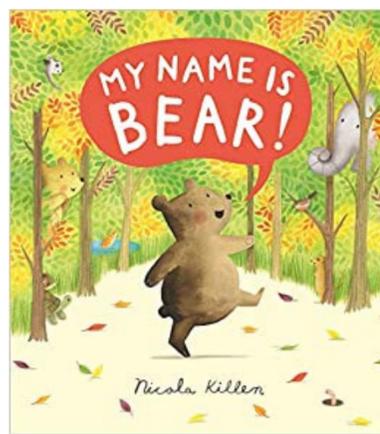
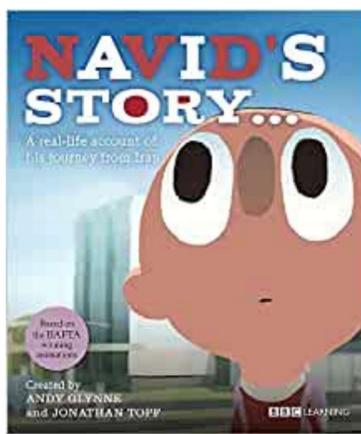
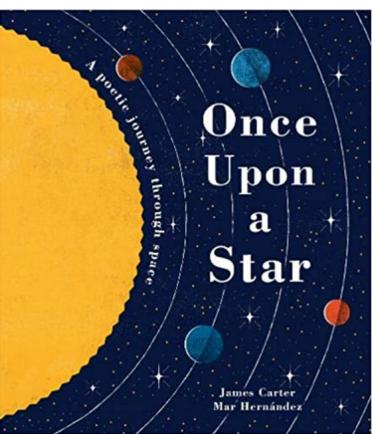
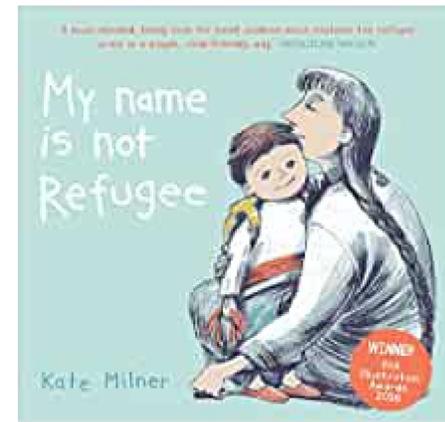
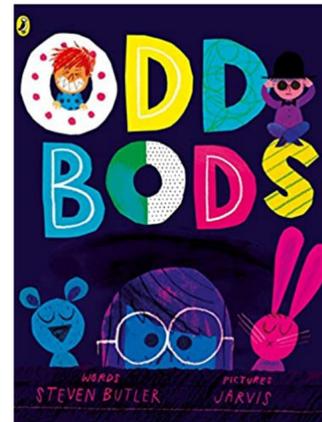
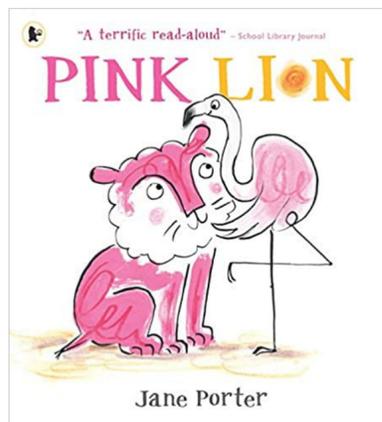
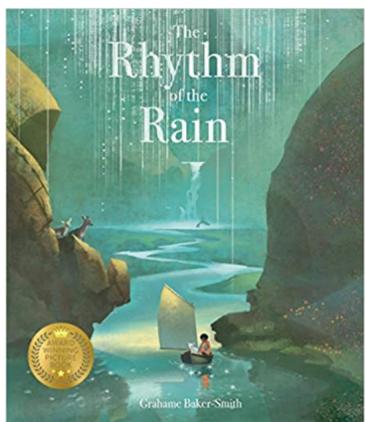
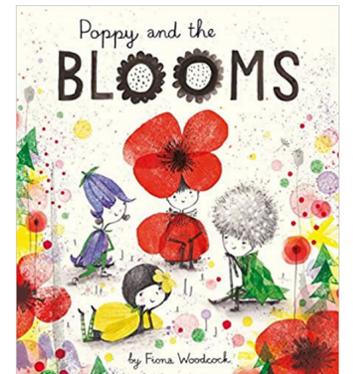
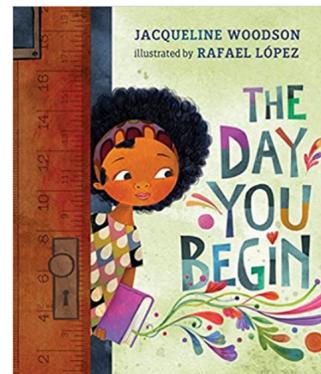
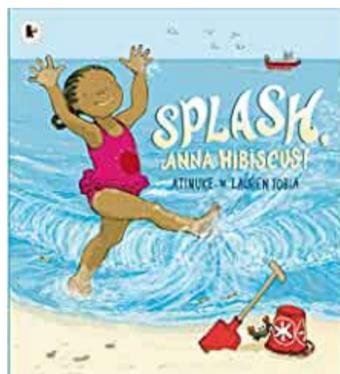
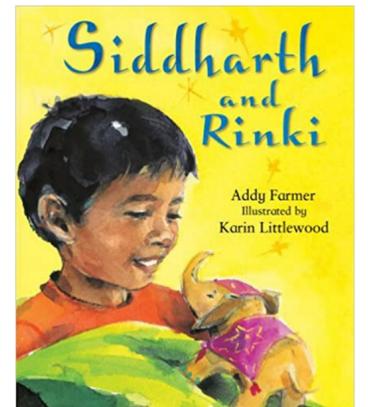
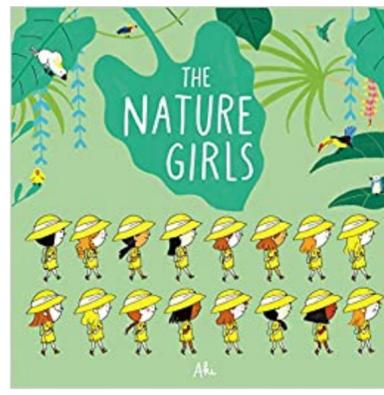
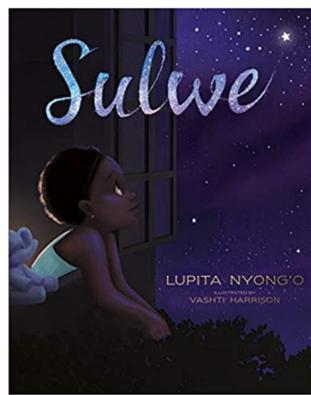
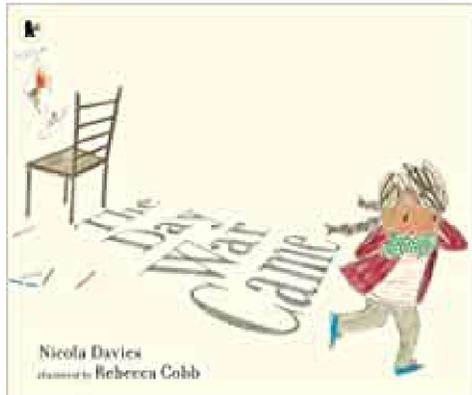
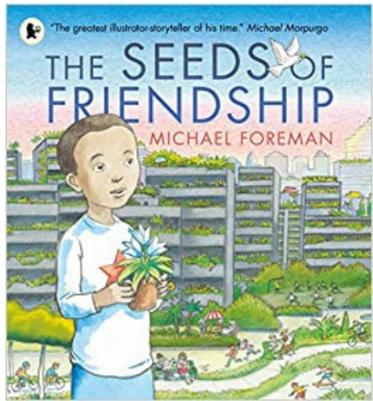
When a tired stranger arrives with a suitcase, everyone has questions. Why is he here? Where has he come from? And what's in the suitcase? A lovely life lesson on treating others with kindness and helping those in need.

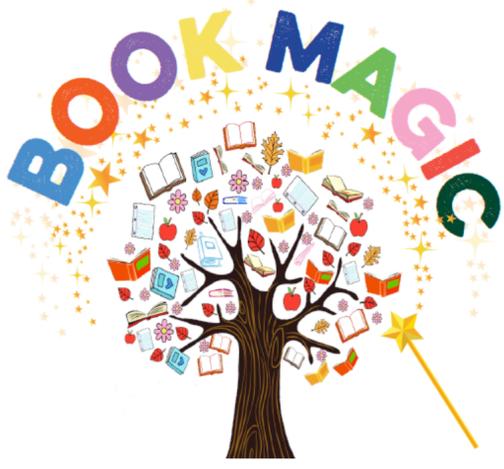
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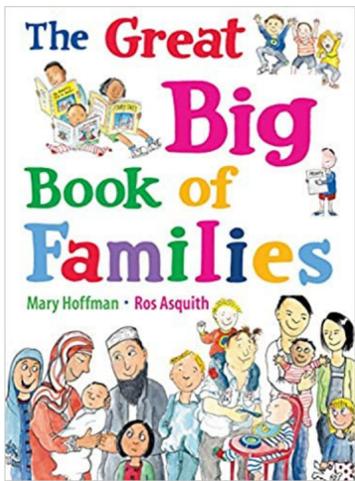
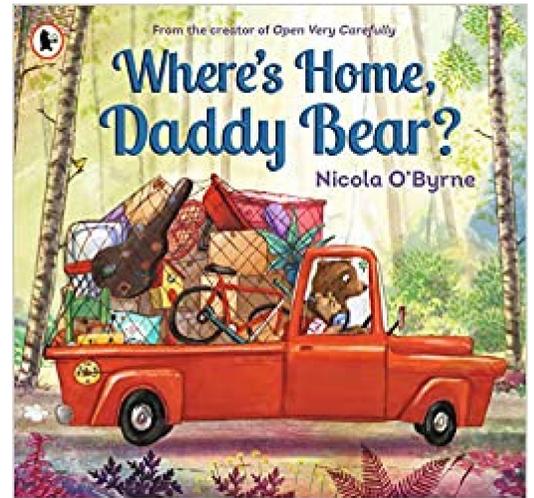




All kinds of families

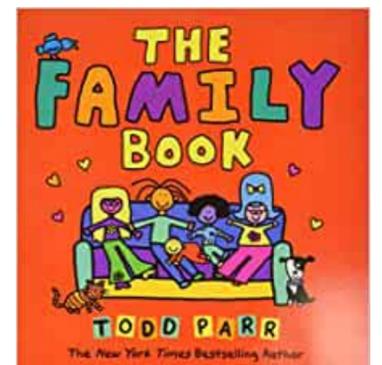
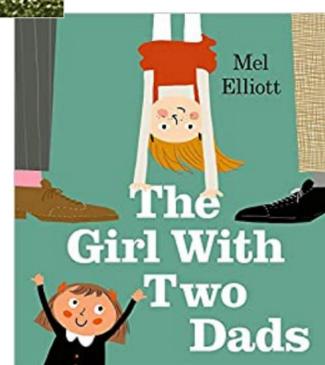
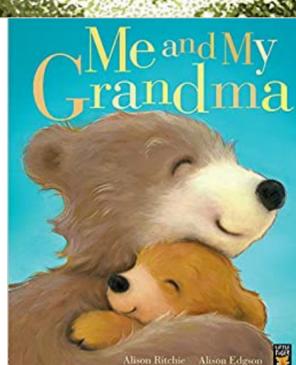
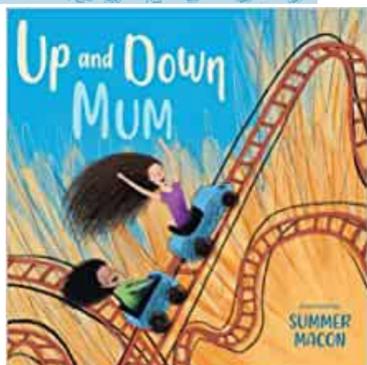
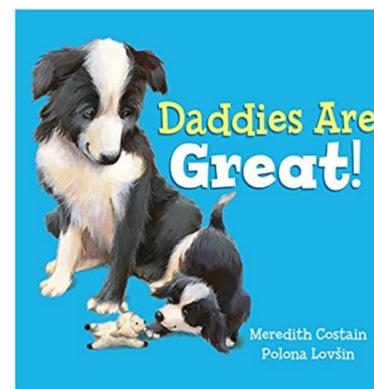
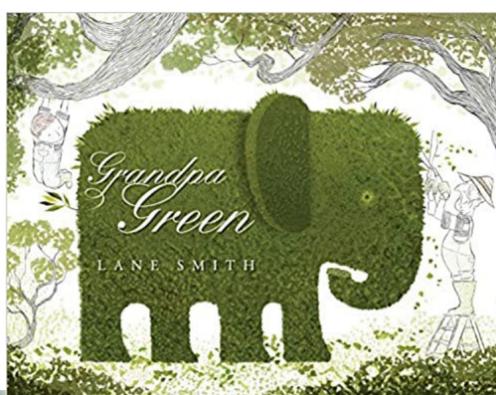
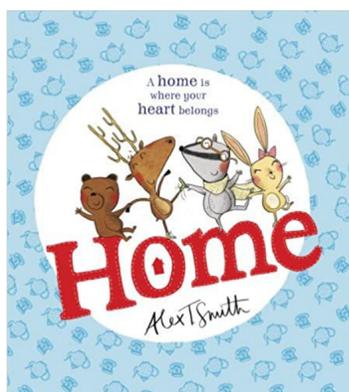
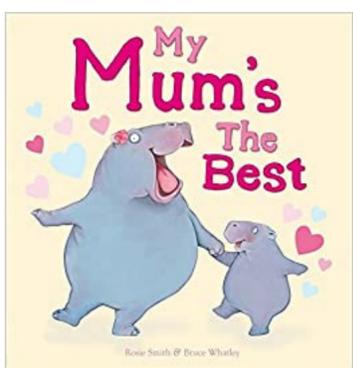
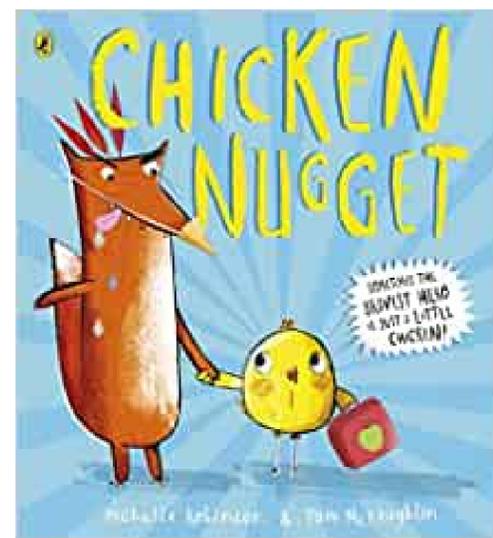


Everything has changed for Evie Bear. She's about to move homes, and now she's not sure where home is any more. "Home is more of a feeling," says Dad. "Sometimes home is a cuddle." Then Evie realises: "Home is people who love you."



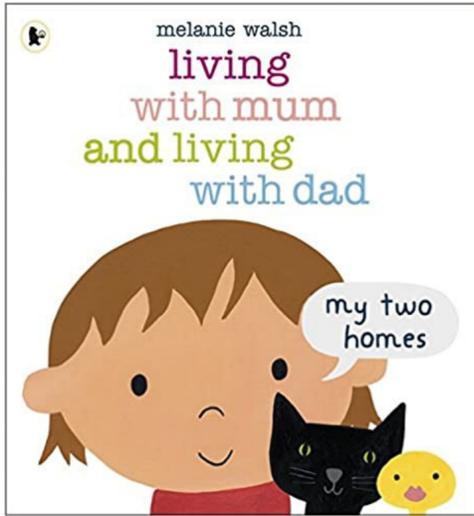
Some families have lots of brothers and sisters, and uncles and aunties and cousins and grandmas and grandpas. But some people have really small families. You can be a family with just two people. What does your family look like?

Chicken Nugget is the smallest in his family, which he says is a major pain in the beak. He may be small, and fed up that nobody listens to him, but he's a brave little nugget and he's determined to stick up for his family, come what may.



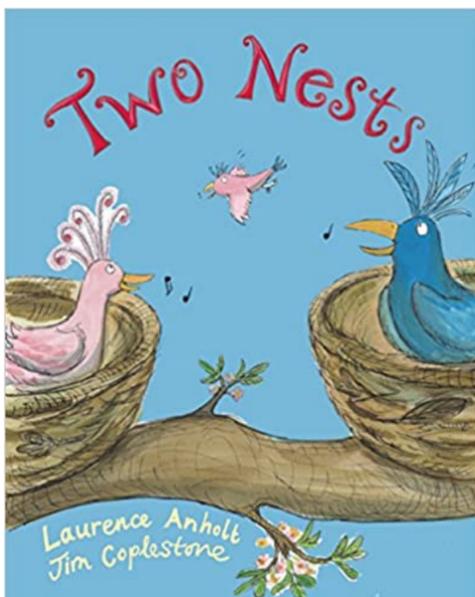
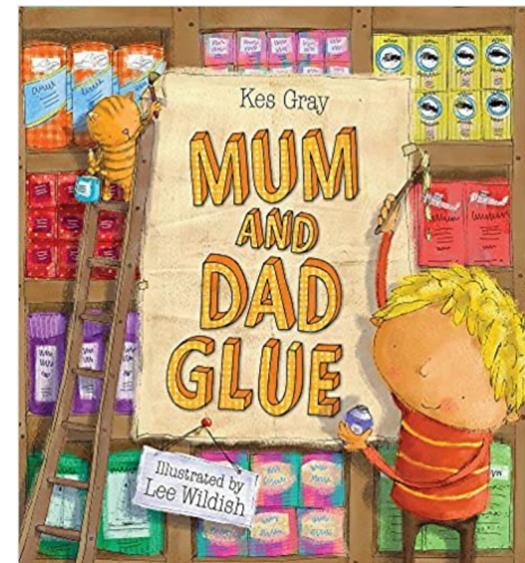


Separation / Divorce



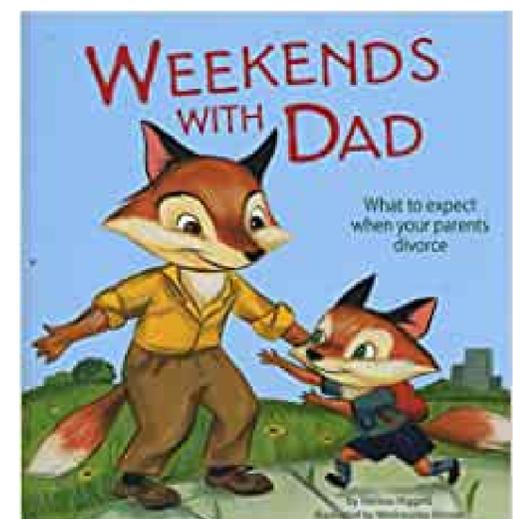
A little girl's mum and dad don't live together any more so sometimes she lives with her mum in a house with a pink door and sometimes she lives with her dad in a flat right at the top! A first look at separation for young children.

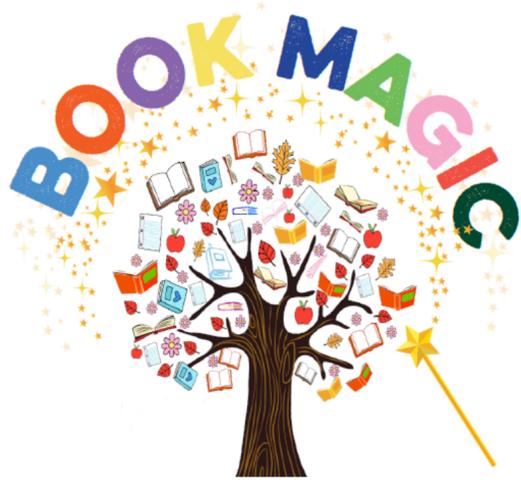
A little boy looks for a pot of parent glue to stick his parents' marriage back together. He worries that he's the reason why they're breaking up. But a kind lady in the glue shop has a quiet word with him and reassures him.



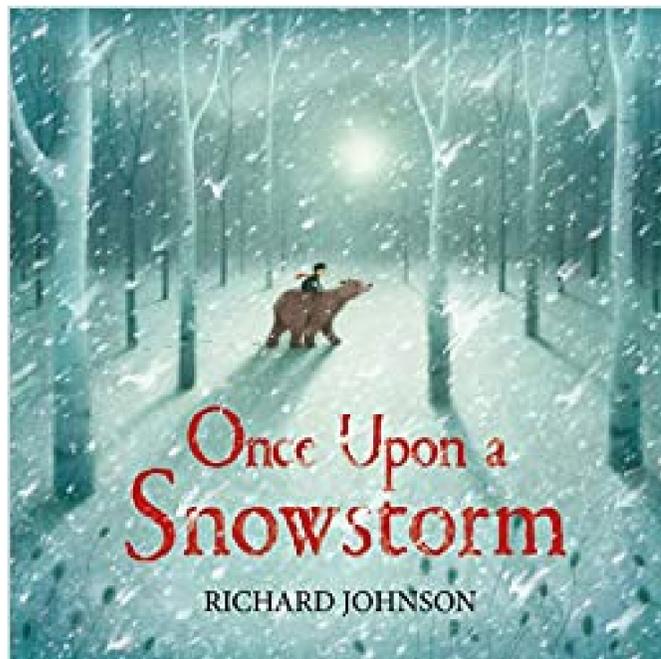
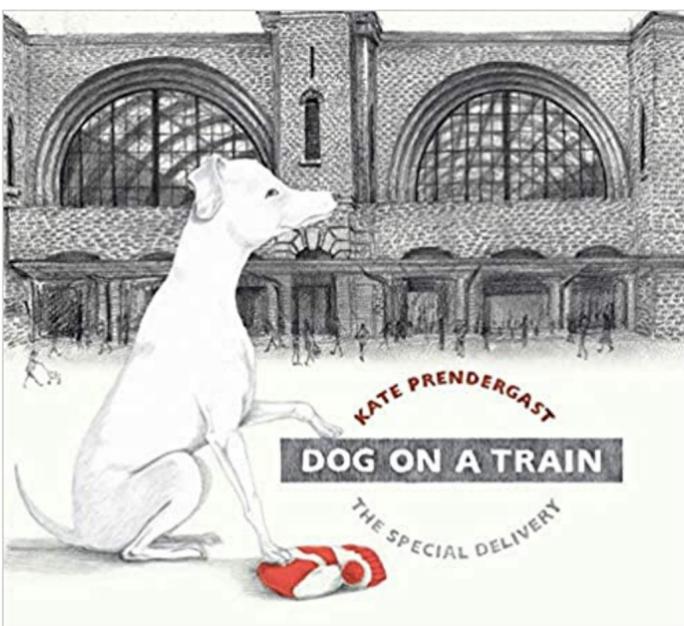
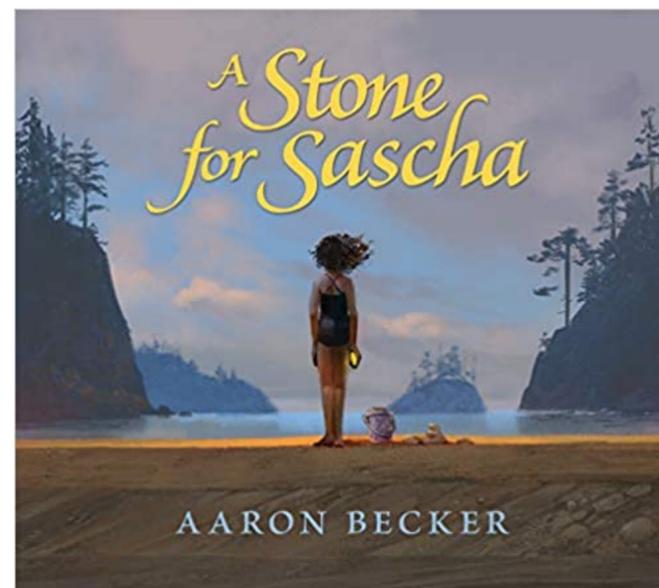
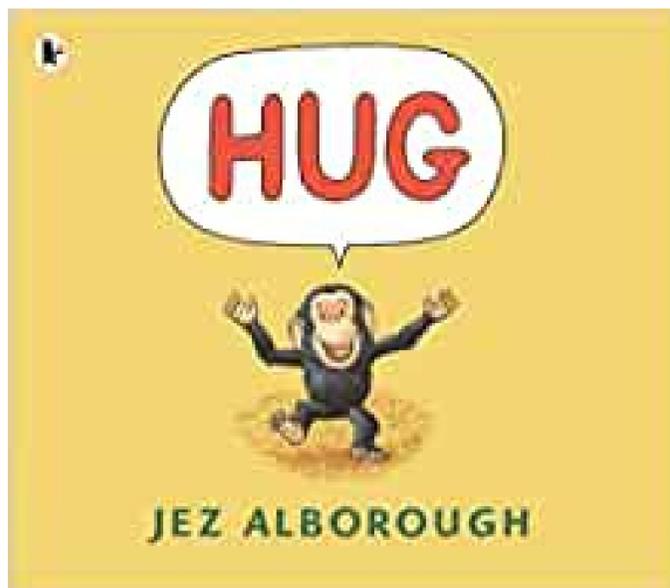
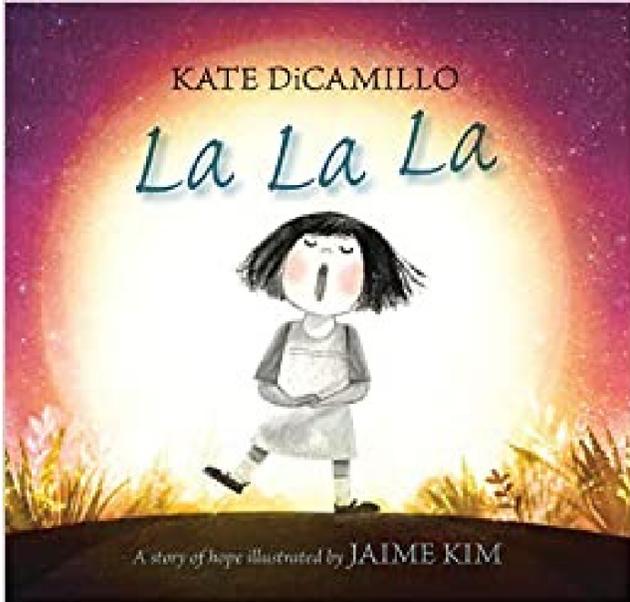
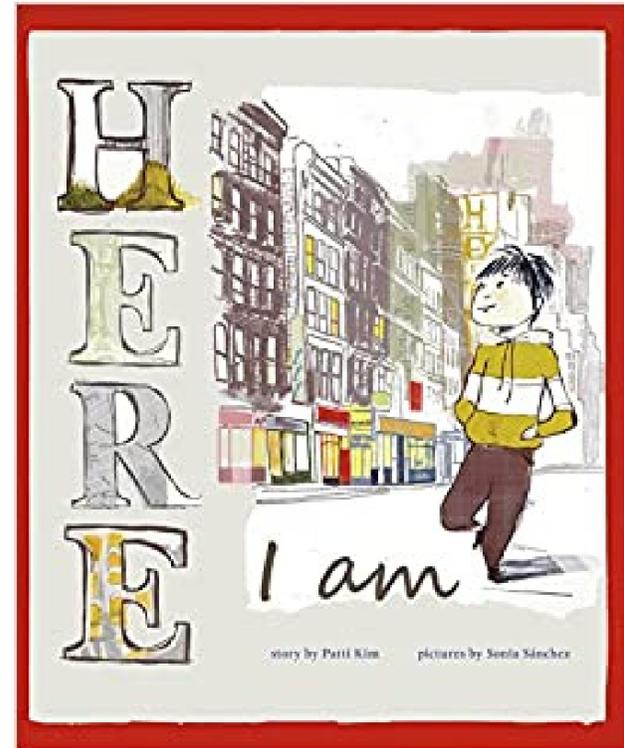
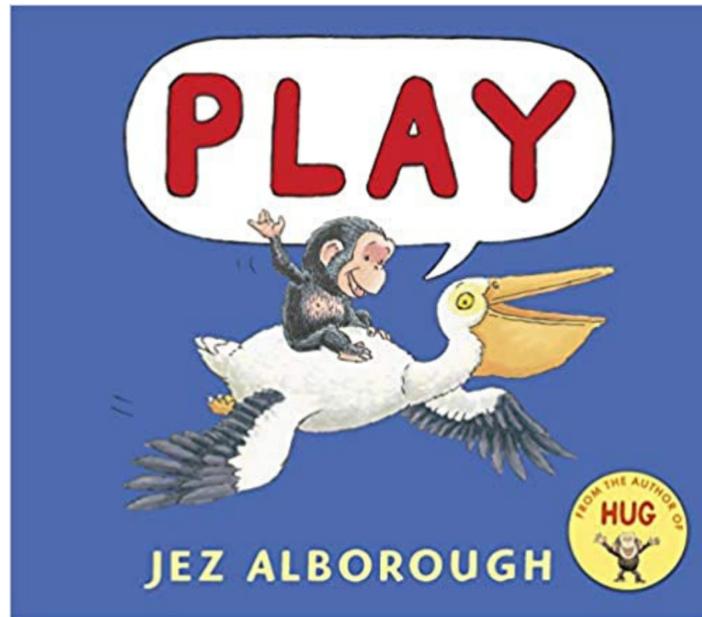
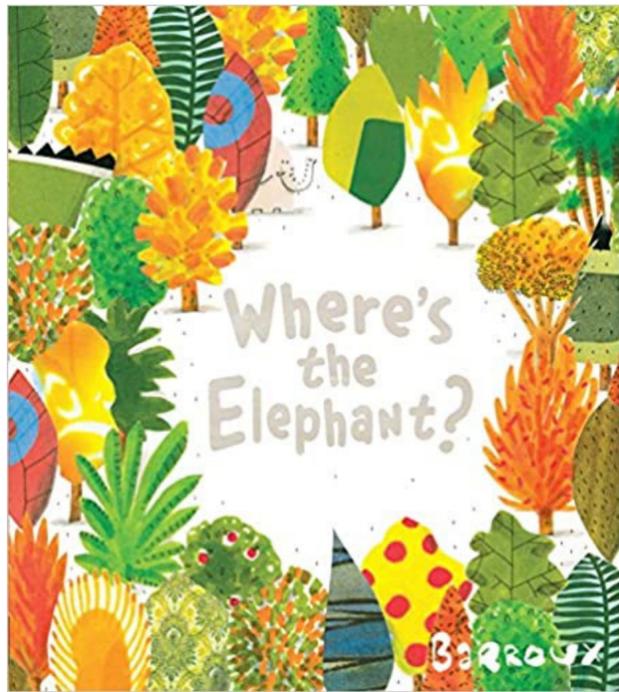
Betty and Paul live in their nest with baby bird, but when they can't stop fighting and squabbling, they decide to build a second nest and Paul moves out. Betty sings a song for baby bird to make him feel better: "You had a home, now you have two, four little words, dear - we both love you."

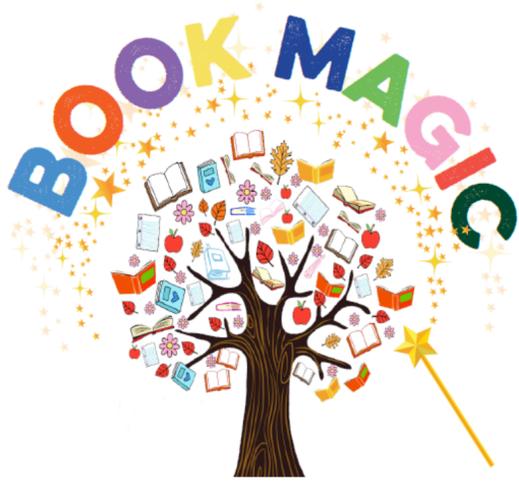
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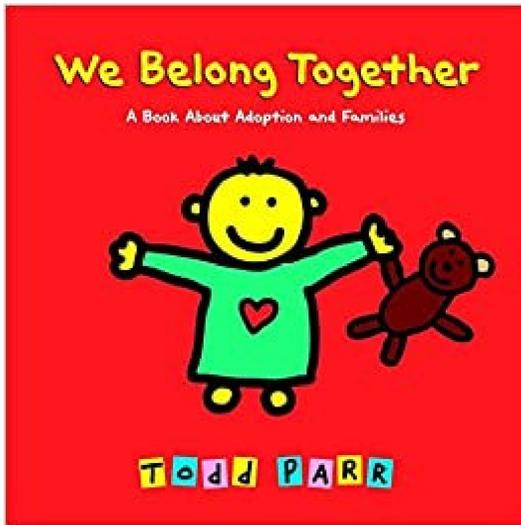


All pictures, No words... (stories to suit any language)





Adoption / Fostering

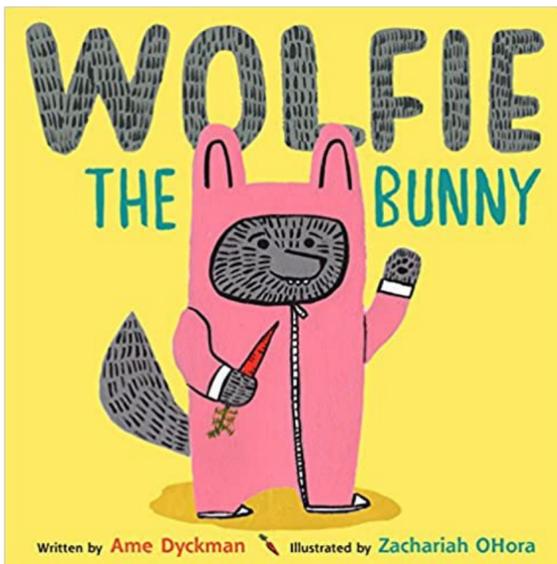


There are lots of different ways to make a family. It just takes love. "We belong together because ... You needed a home. I had one to share. Now, we are a family."

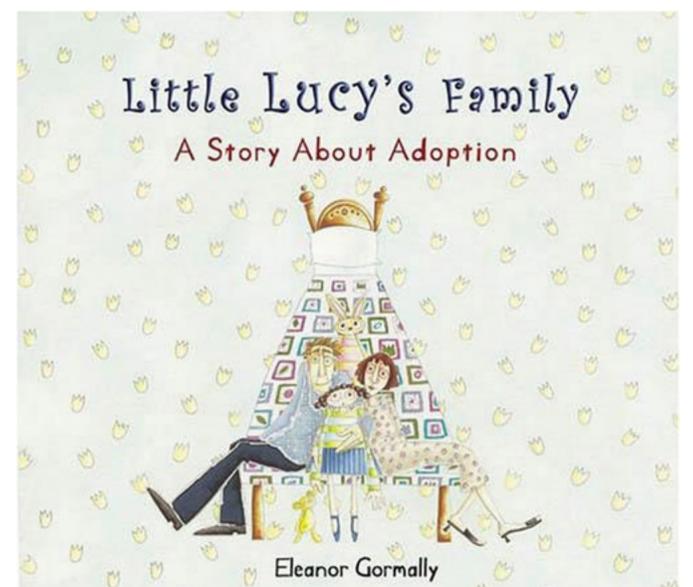
When the puppy comes to live with his new mom, he is nervous. They don't look alike - she has stripes and he doesn't. But his new mom does all the things other parents do. She plays with him, takes care of him, and sometimes even makes him mad!



The Bunny Family has adopted little Wolfie, and big sister Dot is the only one who realises the potential for disaster. But her besotted parents won't listen. When the tables are turned, and Wolfie is in trouble, watch Dot pull out all the stops to help him.

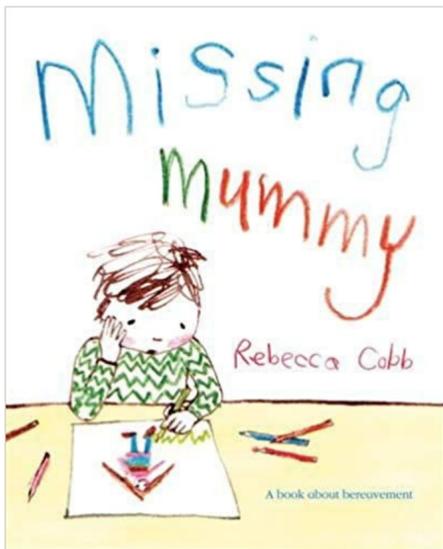


Lucy's mum and dad travelled all the way to Russia to adopt her and carry her home, so that she could be part of their happy family. In the end, Lucy learns that there are many different kinds of families and her family is very special.



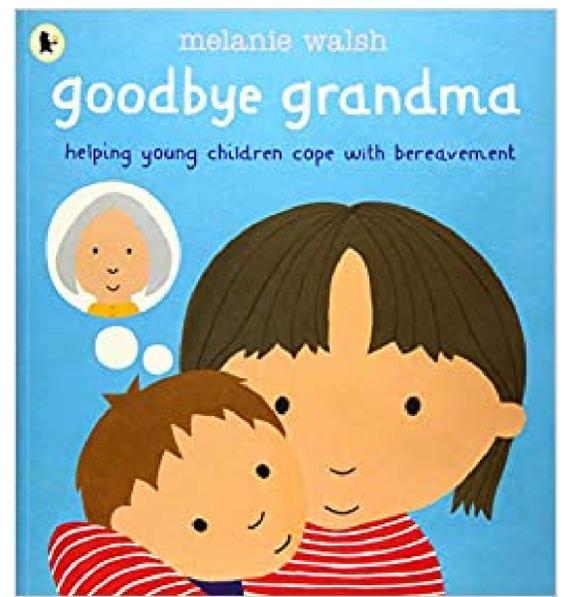


Death



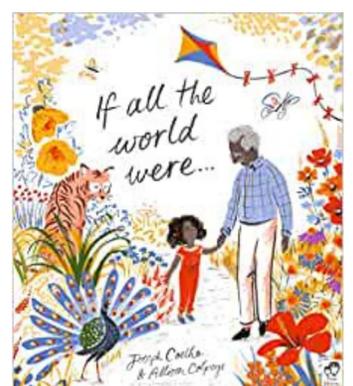
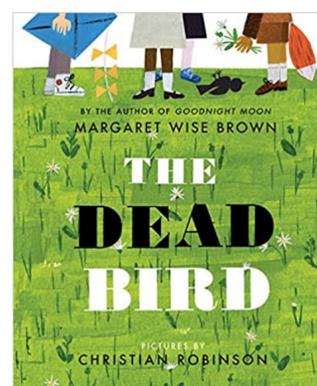
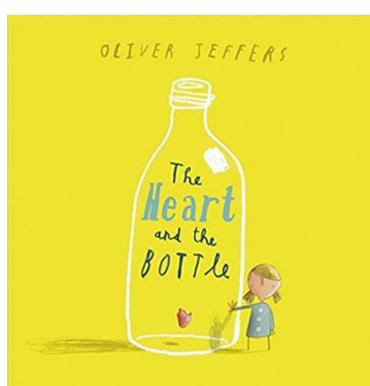
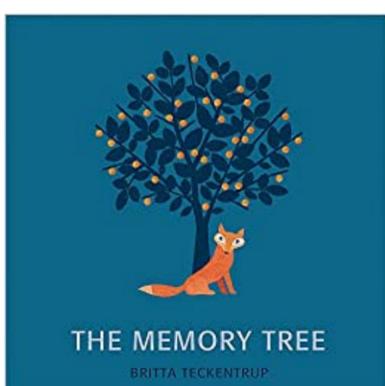
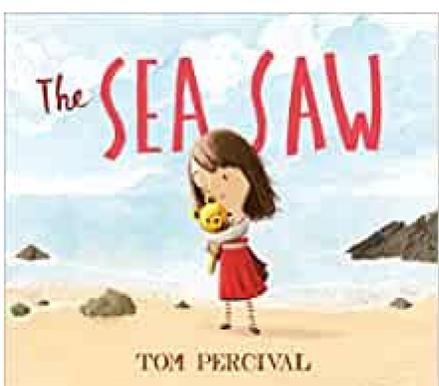
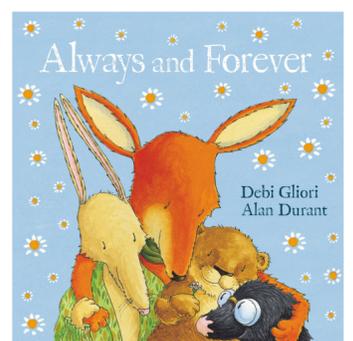
A young boy struggles to come to terms with the death of his beloved Mummy. His Daddy explains it to him in simple, clear language. "I really miss my Mummy. But I will always remember her. I know how special I was to my Mummy and she will always be special to me."

What does dead mean? Why do people have to die? Where do people go when they die? Some of the logical questions young children have about death and dying are answered in this lovely, simple book.



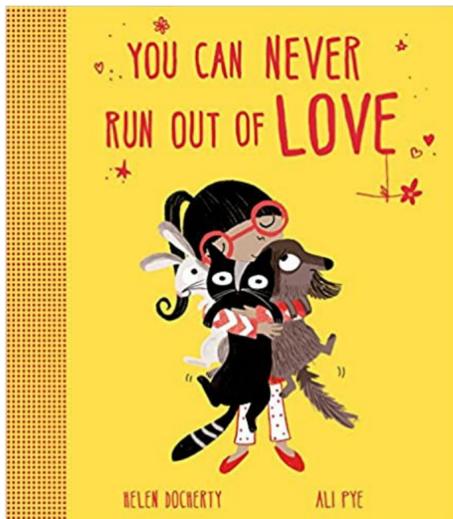
Two books - from a Mum and a Dad's perspective of knowing they are going to die. What would they like to tell their children? How would they like to be remembered? What can other family members do to help?

Other books:



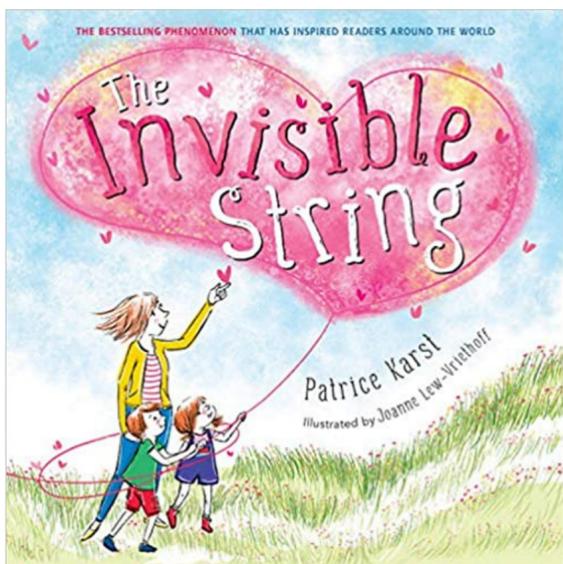
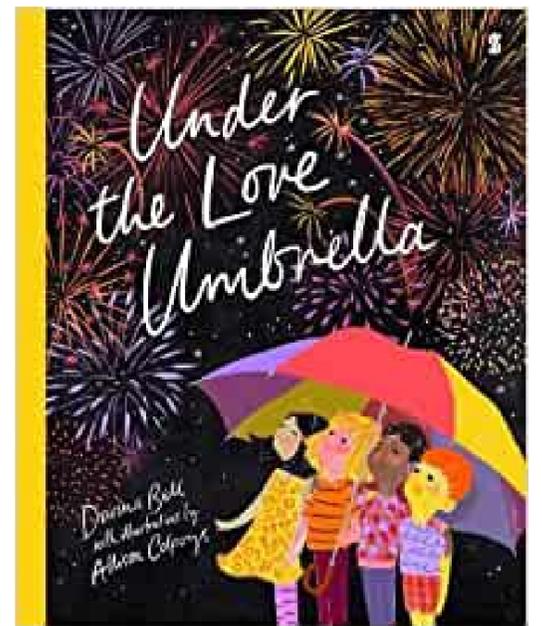


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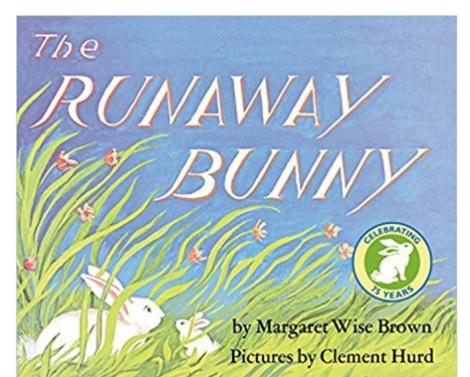
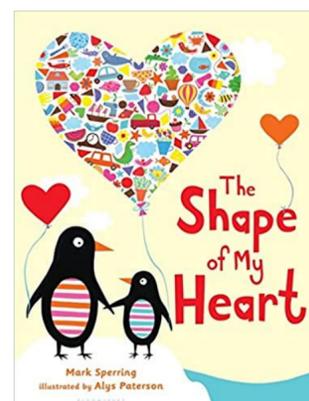
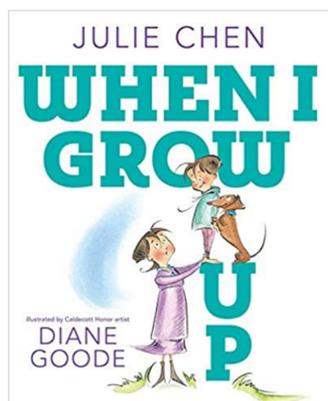
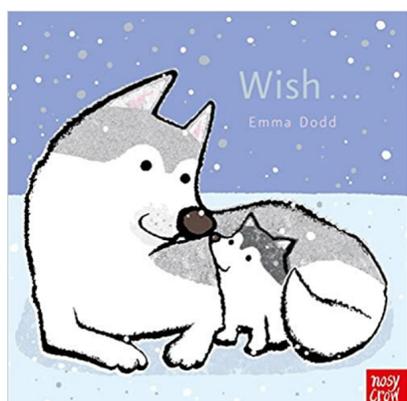
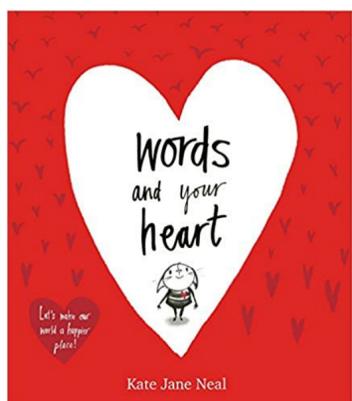
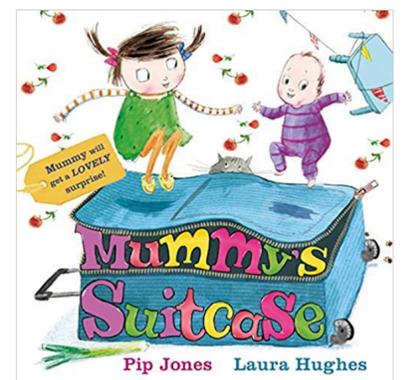
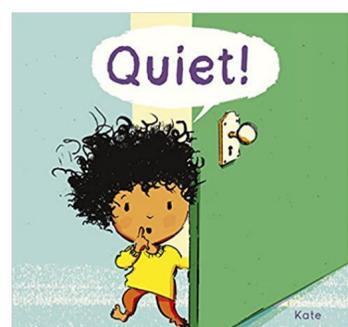
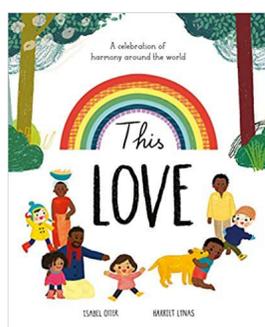
You can run out of biscuits, milk or clean socks. And you can definitely run out of money or ideas. And energy. But you can never, NEVER, run out of love. A sweet and reassuring story - perfect for someone who needs a hug.

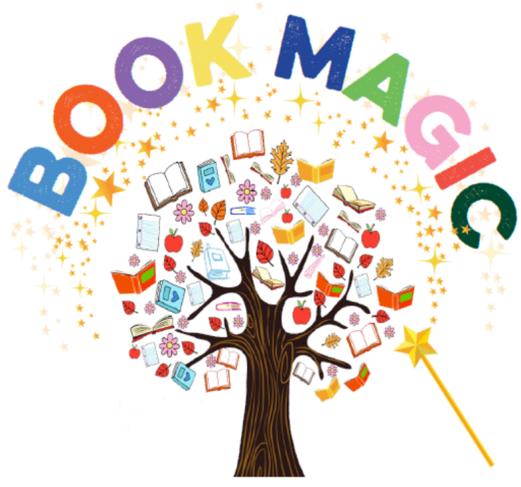
**"Bad dream. Lost tooth. Smashed toy. Big worry. Your pants are wet. You're meant to hurry. It disappears in a big old flurry. Under the love umbrella."
A comforting cuddle of a book - you are loved.**



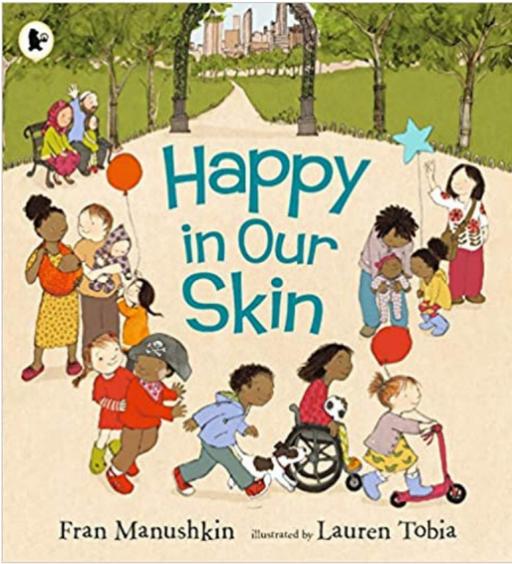
"People who love each other are always connected by a very special string made of love ... Even though you can't see it with your eyes, you can feel it with your heart and know that you are always connected to everyone you love."

Other books:



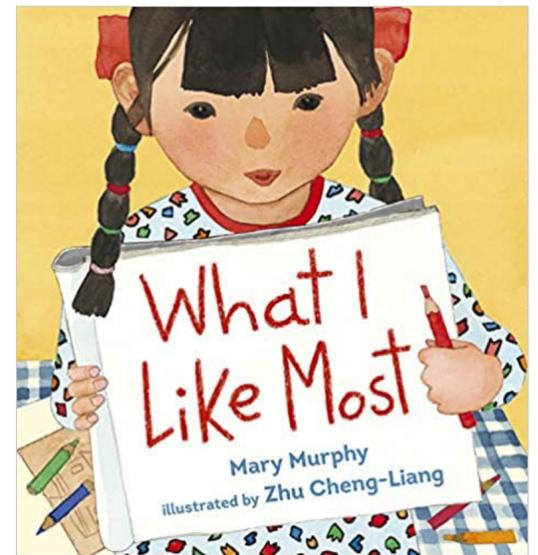


More Love



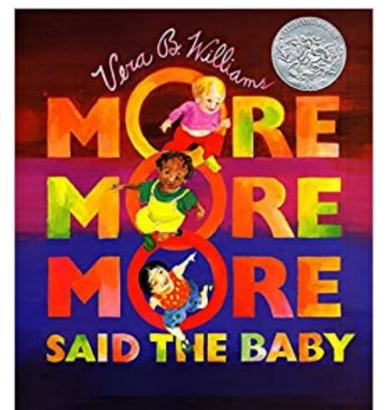
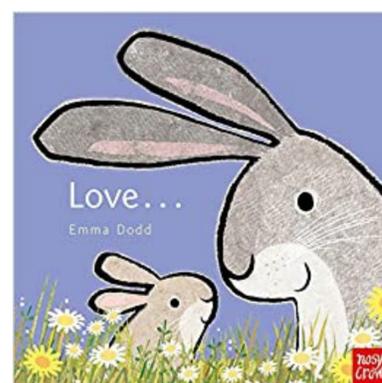
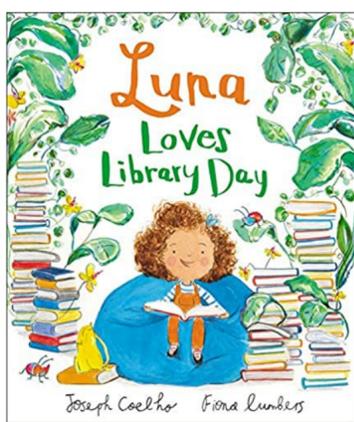
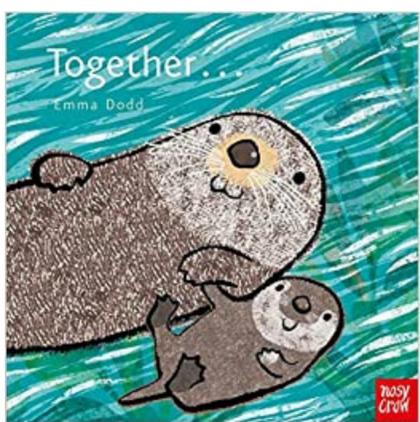
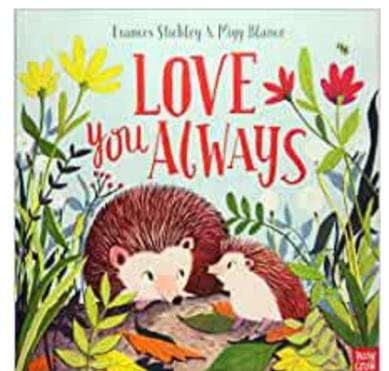
"Look at you! You look so cute in your brand-new birthday suit. This is how we all begin: small and happy in our skin." A book of blowing raspberries on babies' bellies, snuggling and cuddling. A book of love and happiness.

A little girl talks about the things she loves most in the world ... her red pencil, her teddy. But the thing she loves more than anything else is her mum. A lovely book about love.



A funny and true-to-life look at the way children and their Dads see time very, very differently. Full of warmth and humour, and it will resonate with any parent who's ever used the "five more minutes" more in anticipation than expectation!

Other books:



The MAGIC of Books



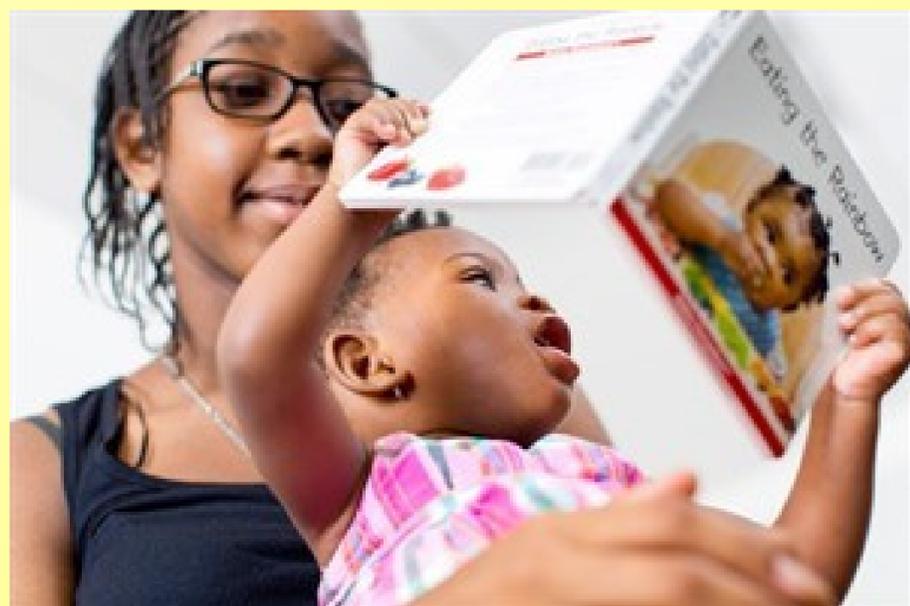
The SCIENCE magic

When you read to your baby or look at pictures in books with them, you are helping your baby's brain to grow.



The LANGUAGE magic

Reading books with your child helps them to learn words. That's how they learn to talk. If you find it hard to read you can make up a story from the pictures.



The COMFORT magic

When your child is tired and cranky after the day, the sound of your voice as you hold them close and enjoy the story may really help to calm and soothe them.

The FUN magic

From the pictures, you or your child can make up your own story. If they love one story, it is ok to read it over and over. Let them choose.

