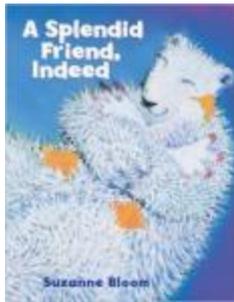


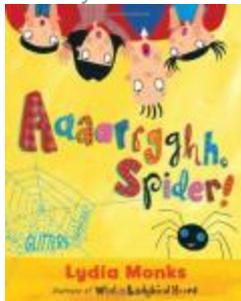
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A Splendid Friend, Indeed

By Suzanne Bloom

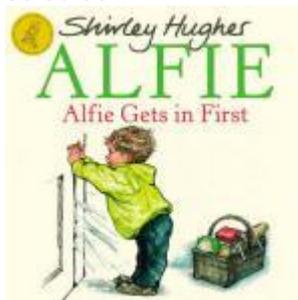
An ebullient goose makes energetic efforts to get the attention of a stolid polar bear who prefers reading, writing and thinking in a solitary fashion.



Aaaarrgghh, Spider!

By Lydia Monks

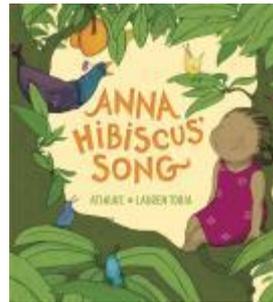
A friendly spider is keen to ingratiate herself as a potential pet for a family she has selected.



Alfie Gets in First

By Shirley Hughes

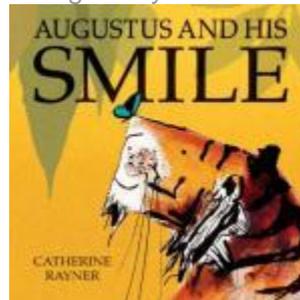
When Alfie's mum opens the front door, puts her basket with the key in it in the hall, and goes back to the street to collect the baby from the buggy, Alfie 'gets in first' - and slams the door.



Anna Hibiscus' Song

By Atinuke

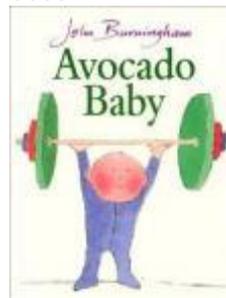
Anna Hibiscus is a small girl of dual heritage with a happy heart living with a large and loving family in Africa.



Augustus and his Smile

By Catherine Rayner

Augustus the tiger believes he has lost his smile so he sets off to find it. His search takes him to 'the tops of the tallest trees', over mountains and to the bottom of the ocean.

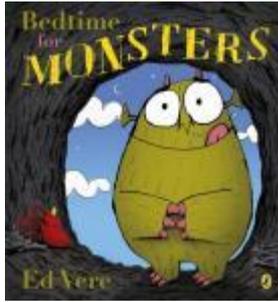


Avocado Baby

By John Burningham

Baby power is something that exerts itself in all families - but in this picture book Burningham has used exaggeration to make his point with humorous effect.

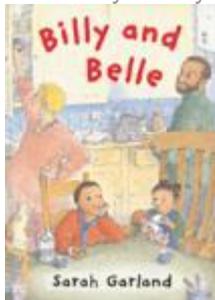
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Bedtime for Monsters

By Ed Vere

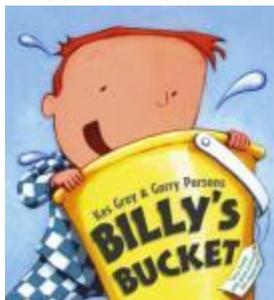
Do you ever wonder if somewhere, not too far away, there might be monsters? What if this monster wanted to eat you and was making his way from his home in the hills towards you in your cosy home?



Billy and Belle

By Sarah Garland

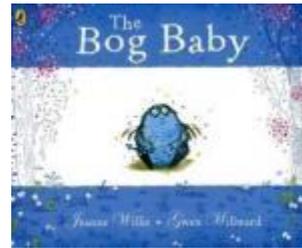
Billy and Belle's mum is about to give birth to a new baby and their dad needs to go to the hospital with her, so their neighbour takes them to school.



Billy's Bucket

By Kes Gray

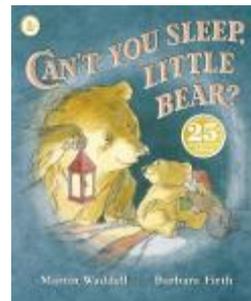
Billy wants a bucket for his birthday. At first, his parents try and persuade him to have a more conventional present but eventually they take him to Buckets "R" Us to select his gift from a huge array.



Bog Baby

By Jeanne Willis

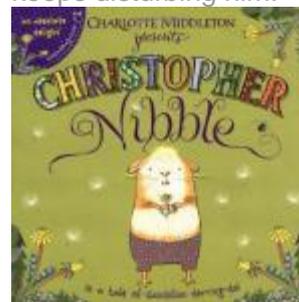
A magical tale of loving and learning to let go. One Spring, two girls find a creature in a pond.



Can't You Sleep, Little Bear?

By Martin Waddell

A perfectly modulated story and picture exploration of Little Bear's fear of the dark and Big Bear's frustration when Little Bear keeps disturbing him.

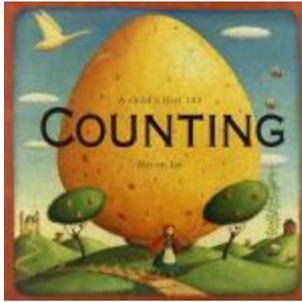


Christopher Nibble

By Charlotte Middleton

The whole guinea pig fraternity in Dandeville so love to eat dandelions, causing a severe shortage, so Christopher sets out to find a sustainable solution.

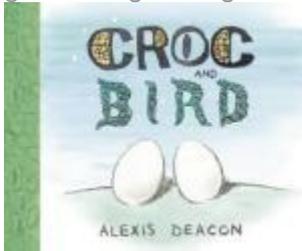
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Counting

By Alison Jay

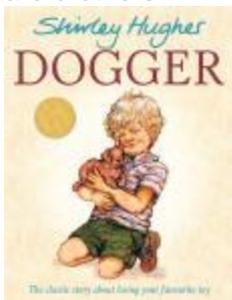
Count to ten and back again, following a trail through a fairy tale world with a dreaming girl and a golden goose.



Croc and Bird

By Alexis Deacon

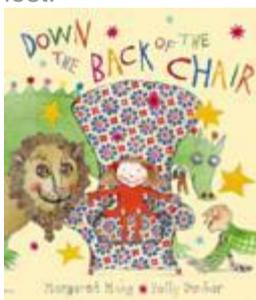
Croc and Bird hatch out from eggs lying side by side on the sand and assume that they are brothers.



Dogger

By Shirley Hughes

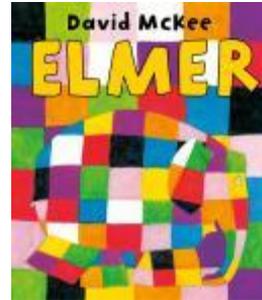
Young Dave is in despair when he discovers that his favourite soft toy, Dogger has got lost.



Down the Back of the Chair

By Margaret Mahy

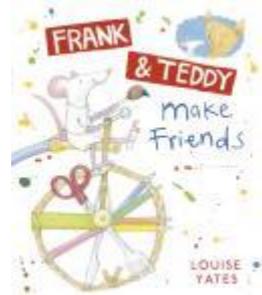
A hilarious rambling rhyming read, full of surprises. When Dad loses the car keys, his two year old daughter Mary suggests that he looks down the back of the chair.



Elmer

By David McKee

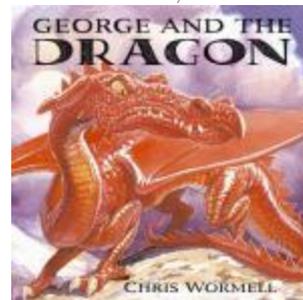
Elmer the patchwork elephant rolls in berry juice to make himself grey like all the other elephants. However, it doesn't take long for his sense of fun and his 'true colours' to emerge



Frank & Teddy Make Friends

By Louise Yates

Professor Frank Mouse observes how other creatures co-operate and, like a friendly Frankenstein, fashions his own companion.

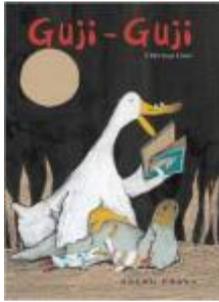


George and the Dragon

By Chris Wormell

'Far, far away in the high, high mountains in a deep, deep valley in a dark, dark cave... there lived a mighty dragon.'

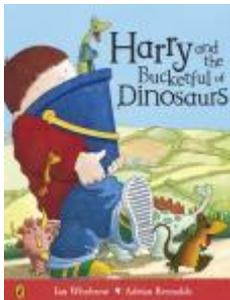
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Guji-Guji

By Chih-Yuan Chen

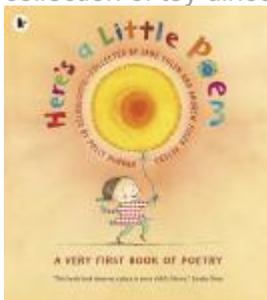
Confusion about identity and finding your true place in the world are recurring themes in children's literature. Here they are combined with learning where your loyalty lies.



Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs

By Ian Whybrow

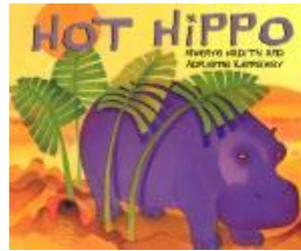
The magic starts when Harry discovers a collection of toy dinosaurs in his Nan's attic.



Here's a Little Poem

By Jane Yolen, Andrew Fusek Peters

Apart from nursery rhyme collections, it is rare to find an anthology of poetry for very young children and this one is a real treasure chest that will be returned to many times.



Hot Hippo

By Mwenye Hadithi

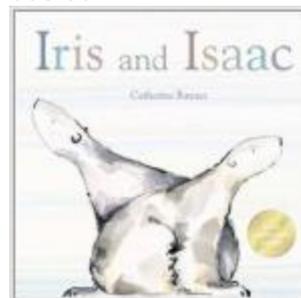
Pictures and prose are both rich and resonant in this deceptively simple African story.



I Love You, Blue Kangaroo!

By Emma Chichester Clark

Lily's favourite toy is Blue Kangaroo and she takes him to bed every night. Friends and relatives keep adding to her collection of cuddly toys until gradually Blue Kangaroo is ousted.

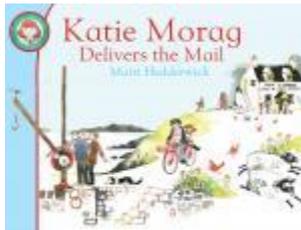


Iris and Isaac

By Catherine Rayner

The protagonists are two polar bears who fall out over a squashed snow nest and stride away from each other across the snowy landscape.

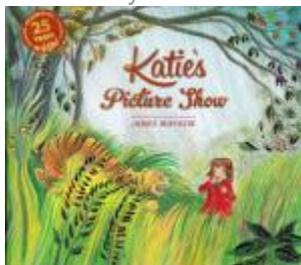
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Katie Morag Delivers the Mail

By Mairi Hedderwick

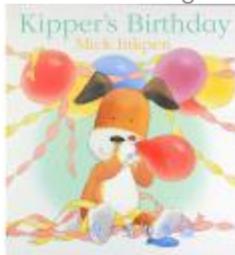
Katie Morag lives on the fictional Isle of Struay, off the Scottish coast and there are a number of stories about her family and community.



Katie's Picture Show

By James Mayhew

The picture books about Katie, who visits art galleries with her grandma and steps into the paintings, are great for sharing either before or after a gallery visit.



Kipper's Birthday

By Mick Inkpen

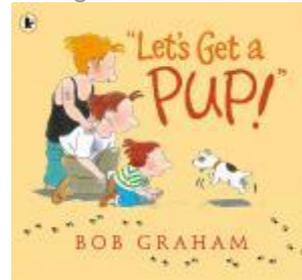
Kipper is no better at understanding exactly how long it will be until his birthday than are most puppies or young children - which leads to a confusion about the right day for his birthday party.



Knuffle Bunny

By Mo Willems

Trixie goes with her dad to the Laundromat but on the way home – crisis strikes! What is wrong with Trixie?



Let's Get a Pup!

By Bob Graham

Kate and her mum and dad go to the rescue centre to choose a puppy. They come home with small and excitable Dave.



Little Red Riding Hood

By Lari Don

Célia Chauffrey uses a predominantly red, pink and grey-green palette to illustrate this fresh retelling of the famous fairy tale.

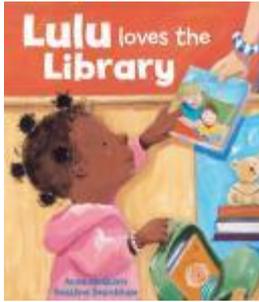


Lost and Found

By Oliver Jeffers

This endearing picture book begins with the simple statement 'Once there was a boy and one day he found a penguin at his door.'

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Lulu Loves the Library

By Anna McQuinn

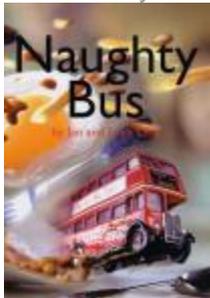
A simple story featuring a small black girl which celebrates adults and children sharing books together.



Mr Rabbit and the Lovely Present

By Charlotte Zolotow

This simple and yet perfectly satisfying picture book tells how a little girl seeks help from a rabbit (is he real or a figment of her imagination?) on what to give her mother for her birthday.



Naughty Bus

By Jan and Jerry Oke

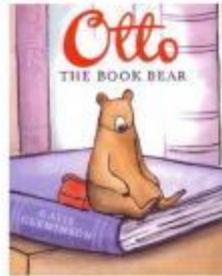
An eye-catching picture book using photographs to depict a child's imaginative game as he plays with the present of a toy London bus.



On Sudden Hill

By Linda Sarah

A box is a wonderful thing. Of course, it's useful for transporting things, but its most charming uses are when it's a robot, house or a spaceship, really anything your imagination wants.



Otto the Book Bear

By Katie Cleminson

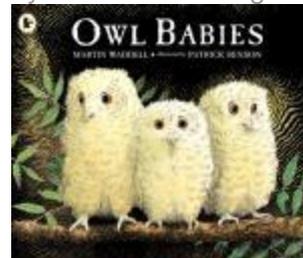
Otto's secret is shared with his readers. He can step out of the story book in which he lives and explore the house around him.



Over the Hills and Far Away

By Elizabeth Hammill

This exquisite collection of nursery rhymes from around the world has been illustrated by an international group of 77 artists.

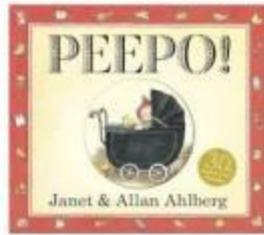


Owl Babies

By Martin Waddell

Separation is one of the big traumas of childhood. In this utterly simple yet deeply moving picture book all that happens is that three owlets are left alone whilst their mother goes off into the night to hunt for food.

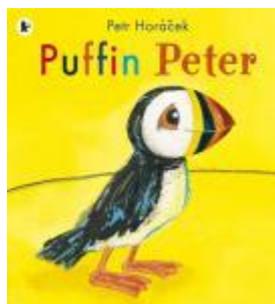
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Peepo!

By Allan Ahlberg

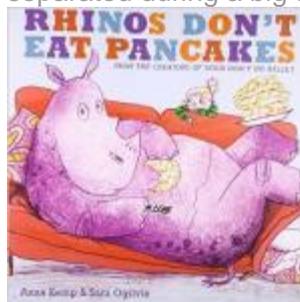
A wonderfully entertaining picture book which uses the peephole in the page to take the reader both on to the next opening and back to the one before.



Puffin Peter

By Petr Horáček

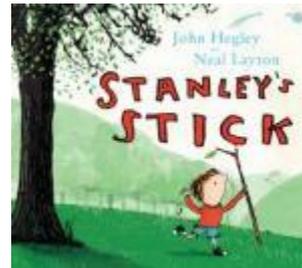
'Two little dicky birds' Peter and Paul are separated during a big storm.



Rhinos Don't Eat Pancakes

By Anna Kemp

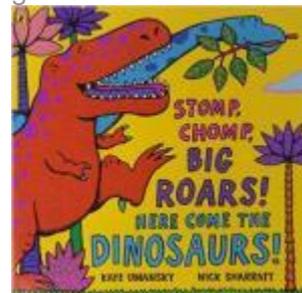
Daisy's parents just don't listen to her so when she tells them that a purple rhino has taken up residence and is eating up the pancakes, they just humour her and take her to the zoo to see a 'real' rhino.



Stanley's Stick

By John Hegley

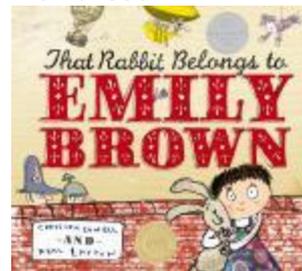
Stanley's stick is his constant companion, a toy with which he creates 'game after sticky game.'



Stomp, Chomp, Big Roars! Here Come the Dinosaurs

By Kaye Umansky

Huge dinosaurs in luminous colours stomp, chomp and romp across the pages of this picture book of poems which can quickly be memorised.

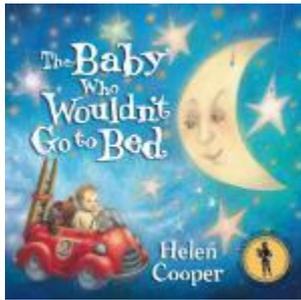


That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown

By Cressida Cowell

The Queen is determined to have Emily Brown's toy rabbit at any price and when Emily refuses to give in, she has him kidnapped.

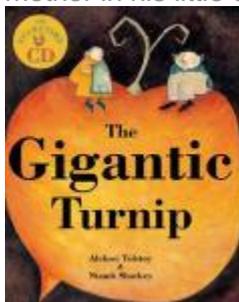
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The Baby Who Wouldn't Go to Bed

By Helen Cooper

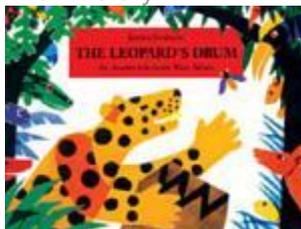
A baby does not want to go to bed on a light summer night and drives away from his mother in his little car.



The Gigantic Turnip

By Aleksei Tolstoy

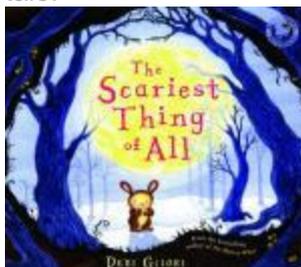
Niamh Sharkey's highly original illustrations, with their use of angles and circles, make this an exciting new interpretation of a well-known story.



The Leopard's Drum

By Jessica Souhami

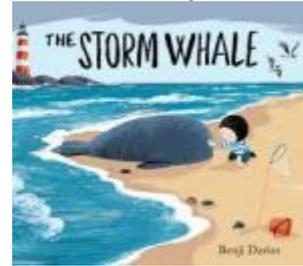
Bright paper-cut pictures of forest animals illustrate this traditional West African folk tale.



The Scariest Thing of All

By Debi Gliori

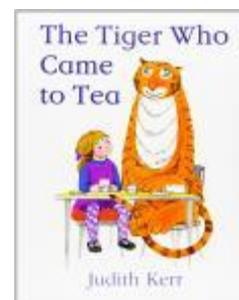
Pip is a very little rabbit who has very many fears. So many, in fact, that he keeps a list.



The Storm Whale

By Benji Davies

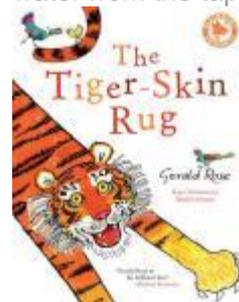
Noi lives a self-sufficient life with his dad by the sea in an isolated home reminiscent of the fishing huts at Hastings.



The Tiger Who Came to Tea

By Judith Kerr

If you let a Tiger into the house and invite him to stay for tea – as Sophie did – what is more natural than that he will eat you out of house and home and in addition drink all the water from the tap?

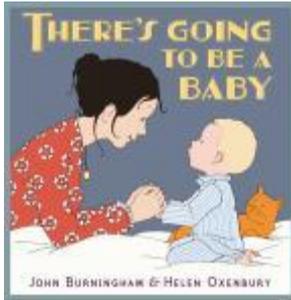


The Tiger-Skin Rug

By Gerald Rose

A thin old tiger longs for the company and food that living in the Rajah's palace would provide and worms his way in by posing as a tiger-skin rug.

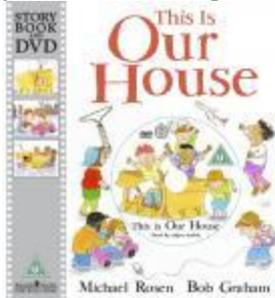
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There's Going To Be a Baby

By John Burningham

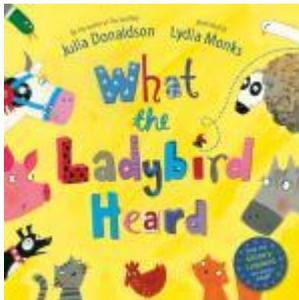
In this first collaboration between two well-loved author/illustrators, a child and his mother speculate about the future life of his yet unborn sibling.



This Is Our House

By Michael Rosen

George has a house made out of a cardboard box which all the other children want to share.



What the Ladybird Heard

By Julia Donaldson

In this clever plotted rhyming tale, a ladybird overhears a secret plan to steal the prize cow.