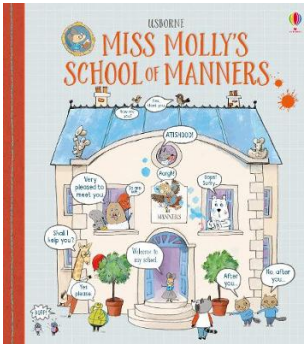


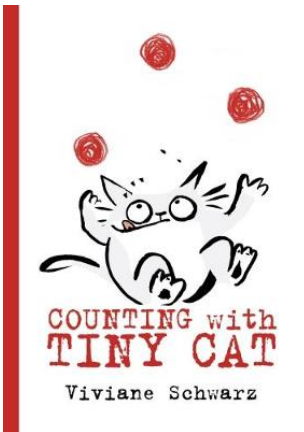
Book List for Reception and Nursery



Miss Molly's School of Manners

Author: James Maclaine **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 05/04/2018 **Year Groups:** Early Years

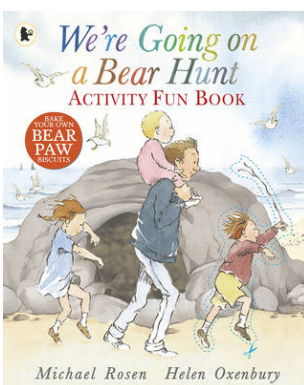
A badly behaved little racoon Algernon learns all about manners and why they're important when he enrolls at Miss Molly's school, and readers will too. Algernon has lesson in listening carefully, in sharing, in being polite and in good sportsmanship, and he realises that having good manners makes life better for him, and for everyone he meets. His day's activities are illustrated in bright, busy pictures which are great fun to look at, and there's lots to entertain children in the story too, while the message that manners matter is gently but firmly brought home.



Counting with Tiny Cat

Author: Viviane Schwarz **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 02/03/2017

Longlisted for the UKLA 2018 Book Award Quirky and inventive as ever, Viviane Schwarz brings her playful genius to the counting book. Tiny Cat goes from having no woolly red balls ('None' says the text opposite Tiny Cat looking wonderfully wide-eyed and surprised in the centre of bright white space), to one, two, three, more, about a dozen, lots, before he throws them all up in the air to pounce and play with them. It's absolutely hilarious and Viviane Schwarz's vibrant brush and ink illustrations give Tiny Cat a huge personality. A book to make you laugh each time you read it. ~ Andrea Reece

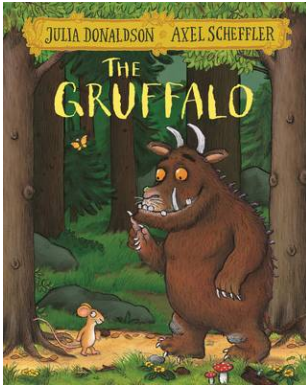


We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Author: Michael Rosen **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/06/2016 **Year Groups:** Early Years

Join in the bear hunt with this fabulous activity book, based on the classic picture book by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. Little ones will be absorbed for hours with this fun book filled with engaging activities. *** This Christmas Channel 4 will show an animated TV adaptation of We're Going on a Bear Hunt, to be broadcast on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Michael Rosen says: "I am absolutely delighted that Channel 4 has commissioned this animation. Lupus have a great record in this field and I am very excited to be part of the project. Helen Oxenbury's wonderful art work provides a powerful family saga, full of imagined or real trials and these pictures will give a basis for a moving Christmas drama." Helen Oxenbury says: "I'm so looking forward to

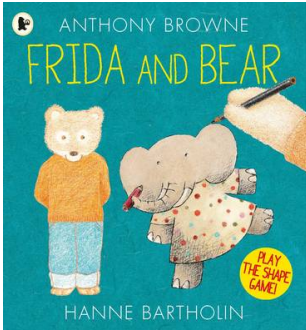
seeing the book brought to life in this way. It's a wonderful opportunity to bring We're Going on a Bear Hunt to even more children and I'm thrilled to be part of it." Jay Hunt, Channel 4 Chief Creative Officer, says: "Going on a Bear Hunt is a magical book that will be brought alive for a whole new audience by Lupus Films. I can't wait."



The Gruffalo

Author: Julia Donaldson **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 21/04/2016 **Year Groups:** Early Years

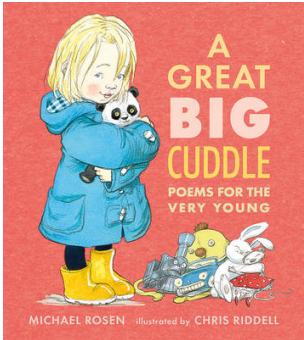
"A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood. A fox saw the mouse and the mouse looked good." So begins the story of how a clever little mouse outwits his big scary enemy. The tasty little mouse needs to make his way through the deep dark woods. How will he do it? By inventing the gruffalo, a fearsome creature with terrible claws, terrible tusks and terrible teeth in his terrible jaws. It's a brilliant trick. The little mouse's self-preservation is a witty scam that delights children time after time. ~ Julia Eccleshare Winner of the 2007 Prima Baby and Pregnancy Reader Awards Best Buy for Toddlers Award. For lots more information on the Gruffalo books, games and activities visit www.gruffalo.com



Frida and Bear

Author: Anthony Browne, Hanne Bartholin **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/03/2016 **Year Groups:** Early Years

In his time as Children's Laureate, Anthony Browne introduced the Shape Game. Invented when he was child and played it with his brother, the Shape Game is a feast of imagination as one person draws a shape and another turns it into a picture. Here, friends Frida and Bear draw shapes for each other and turn them into some unexpected and entertaining pictures. ~ Julia Eccleshare

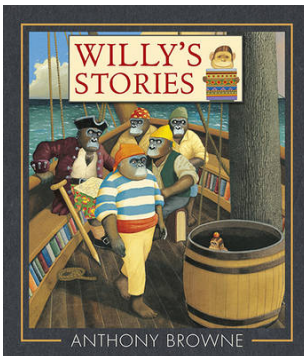


A Great Big Cuddle

Author: Michael Rosen **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 03/09/2015
Year Groups: Early Years

Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2017 | Joint Winner of the CLIPPA 2016 (CLPE Children's Poetry Award).

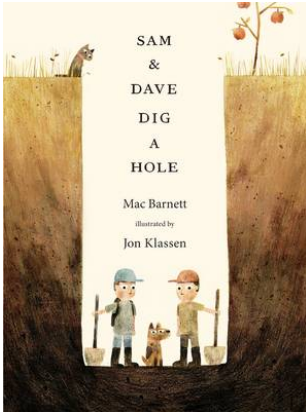
Children's Laureates Chris Riddell and Michael Rosen combine here to create a beautiful collection of ebullient poems for the very young. Michael Rosen's close and affectionate observation of small children and the way they think is brilliantly captured in poems such as You Can't See Me and Let Me Do It. There are also plenty of opportunities for the very young to join in with poems such as Tippy-Tappy and The Button Bop which they are guaranteed to want to hear again and again! Chris Riddell's illustrations created an equally warm-hearted view of the early years and capture the spirit of the poems perfectly. One of our Books of the Year 2015 - A Reader Review Panel Pick of the Year 2015 - chosen by Robyn Chorely, aged 5- Julia Eccleshare's Book of the Month, September 2015



Willy's Stories

Author: Anthony Browne **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/09/2015
Year Groups: Key Stage 1

Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2016. A Staff Pick of the Year 2015 - chosen by Louise Weir A stunning picture book with a story to each spread to inspire a child's own imagination into what happens next and all linked to 10 classic stories. Join Willy the gorilla as he becomes a character in each of these classic stories including to a mysterious desert island with a footprint in the sand; down a deep, dark rabbit hole full of curious objects; or perhaps on board a pirate ship, face to face with Captain Hook. Each adventure leaves a question for you the reader to continue your own adventure and perhaps guess into which classic story Willy's adventure has taken him? Willy's Stories is created by multiple-award-winning Anthony Browne and is a magical celebration of stories and the imagination. Originally published in 2014 to coincide with the publication of the 30th anniversary edition of Willy the Wimp, Willy's Stories shows Anthony Browne at the height of his powers as both an illustrator and author.



Sam and Dave Dig a Hole

Author: Mac Barnett **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 03/09/2015
Year Groups: Early Years

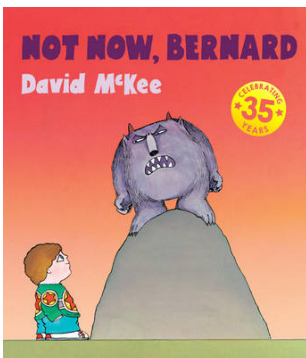
Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2016. Award-winning illustrator Jon Klassen has created a second delightful and surprising picture book with Mac Barnett, author of *The Dark*. Here two boys dig a hole. It doesn't seem to take them far so they try digging a bit on their own. They still make little progress. So they take a rest...What happens while they are asleep turns out to be most surprising of all! In simple illustrations, *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole* gives a host of opportunities for imagining and dreaming.



Shh! We Have a Plan

Author: Chris Haughton **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/04/2015
Year Groups: Early Years

Longlisted for the 2015 CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal - Shortlisted for the Little Rebels Book Award 2015 Awarding-winning Chris Haughton tells a big story in stunning illustrations in his near-wordless picture book. The huntsmen are determined to capture the bird. Armed with nets they creep up on their prey...but they haven't got every angle covered! How the littlest repeatedly sabotages the huntsmen's plans is a wittily told story with a strong message about communication.



Not Now, Bernard

Author: David McKee **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/04/2015

Two of our Guest Editors chose *Not Now, Bernard* - celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2015 - as one of their favourite books. Sophie McKenzie 'This dark, rather depressing picture book opened my eyes to what was possible with children's writing. Adults often assume kids should be protected from what scares or threatens them in literature, but *Not now, Bernard*, helped me to realise that nothing needs to be taboo - its all in how you treat the material.' and chosen by Michael Rosen. 'An Andersen classic, this well-loved picture book story is about parents too preoccupied to notice their own child! They are so busy doing their own thing, that a monster can eat Bernard's dinner, break his toys, and even eat Bernard, without being noticed! An hilarious cautionary tale.'

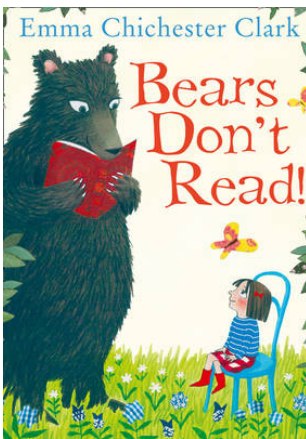


The Something

Author: Rebecca Cobb **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 26/03/2015 **Year Groups:** Early Years

Shortlisted for the UKLA 2016 Book Award in the 3 - 6 year old category - Longlisted for the 2015 CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal

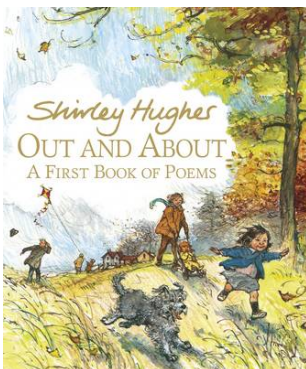
Award-winning illustrator Rebecca Cobb creates a number of different imaginary worlds in this delightfully fanciful story about a hole in the ground. The little girl finds the hole just beside the cherry tree. Who could live in it? Could it be frogs, mice, a badger or a troll or a dragon? Everyone has a different idea and the little girl and her dog sit and watch patiently so can be the very first to see! Full of charm, the imaginative scope of the story is quietly inspirational.



Bears Don't Read!

Author: Emma Chichester Clark **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 26/02/2015 **Year Groups:** Early Years

One of our Books of the Year 2014 George is sure there is more to life than fishing and chatting which is what the other bears do. When he finds a book he soon realises that it contains something very special. But how can he find out what? All George wants is someone to teach him how to read but who will ever help a bear to do that? Luckily, just as he is about to be arrested by the local police force, Clementine steps in and takes charge. Soon clever George is a reader after all.



Out and About A First Book of Poems

Author: Shirley Hughes **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/10/2014 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 1

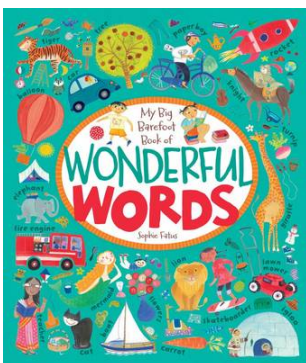
From the joys of the seaside to the miseries of the sickbed, this exuberant volume captures to perfection the world of childhood. It is a beautiful gift edition of the classic picture book, with a new introduction by Shirley Hughes.



Once Upon an Alphabet

Author: Oliver Jeffers **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 25/09/2014
Year Groups: Early Years

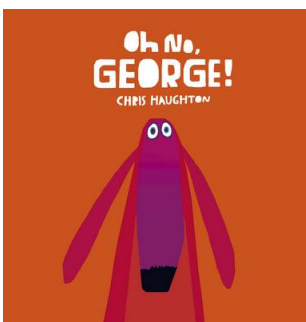
Shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal 2016. One of our Books of the Year 2014 - December 2014 Book of the Month Award-winning illustrator Oliver Jeffers has created an outstanding alphabet book which goes far beyond the traditional expectations of such a book. In addition to each letter having its own, beautiful Oliver Jeffers illustration, every letter has its own mini-short story in which the particular letter features extensively. ~ Julia Eccleshare



My Big Barefoot Book of Wonderful Words

Author: Sophie Fatus **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 01/09/2014
Year Groups: Key Stage 1

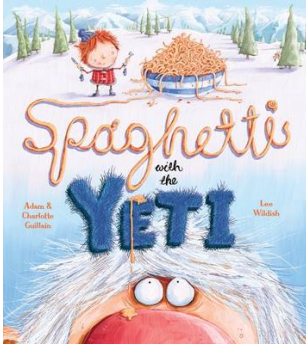
One of our Books of the Year 2014 A feast of words for every kind of situation is spread across the beautiful pages of this book. The words that are included come from the story of a family's everyday life. From the opening spread which is a cross-section of the family home, it is all delightfully busy! There are bedrooms and bathrooms and a living room and a kitchen and something interesting is happening in each. As the day progresses, the family hurry about their business at home and out and about. Lots to look at and lots to learn. SHARE WITH US YOUR WONDERFUL WORLD - Why not share your world with a photo of an object, a person or place that best represents your world together with the word that goes with it at the hashtags #ShareYourWorld, #barefootbooks, #wonderfulwords and #lovereadingskids.



Oh No, George!

Author: Chris Haughton **Format:** Board book **Release Date:** 22/07/2014
Year Groups: Early Years

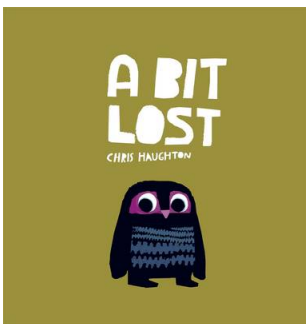
Award-winning Chris Haughton's George is a dog with a terrible habit of getting into trouble! He wants to be good and he tries to be good but, somehow, he keeps on getting into trouble! When he sees a delicious cake in the kitchen, how can he stop himself eating it? Oh No, George! When there's lovely soil in the garden, he must just dig it up. Oh No, George! All readers will love George and his great instincts and terrible behaviour.[click here](#) and [here](#) to download some George related activity sheets.



Spaghetti with the Yeti

Author: Adam Guillain, Charlotte Guillain **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 29/08/2013 **Year Groups:** Early Years

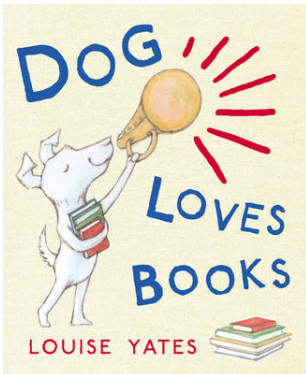
Shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2013 - September 2013 Book of the Month George is off on an adventure - to find the yeti and to feed it spaghetti! George travels along a little mountain path and meets all kinds of creatures on his way - there's Betty, Hetty and Netty - before he even gets to see the yeti! George's story is told in a jaunty text matched by vigorous illustrations.



A Bit Lost

Author: Chris Haughton **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 07/02/2013

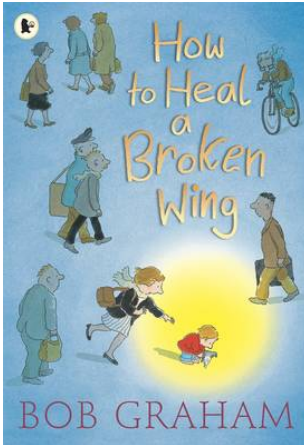
When Little Owl falls out of the nest he needs help to find his way home again. Luckily squirrel is keen to help but how does he know what Little Owl's mummy will look like? Young readers will enjoy the entertaining confusion of mummies as squirrel misinterprets Little Owl's description of his mummy. A touching story.



Dog Loves Books

Author: Louise Yates **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/03/2010 **Year Groups:** Early Years

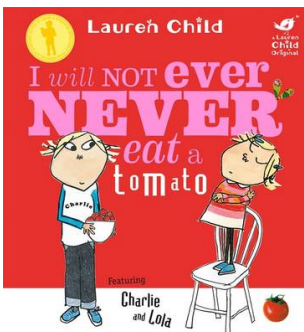
Winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2010 (Funniest Book for Children aged Six and Under). Shortlisted for the Independent Booksellers' Book Prize 2010. The magic of books and reading is perfectly illustrated in this joyful picture book. Dog loves books and reading so he decides to open a bookshop. Everything about it is perfect - except that no one comes in to buy books! Dog hates being alone but he soon finds that if he is reading he never is alone as all the characters from the stories come and join him.



How to Heal a Broken Wing

Author: Bob Graham **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 01/03/2010
Year Groups: Early Years

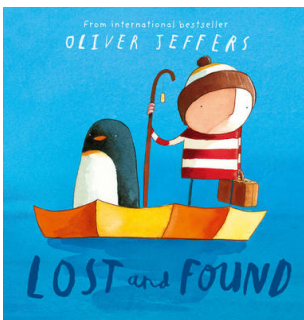
Shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Award 2009. A story of hope and compassion in a big city - from Australian picture book master, Bob Graham. What the Kate Greenaway Award judges said: 'A beautifully understated book which makes fantastic use of perspective and of a simple but highly expressive line to convey the emotions of the story. Ideal for sharing with the non-reading child, it has a filmic quality as Graham pans in and out of this delightful tale.'



I Will Not Ever Never Eat A Tomato

Author: Lauren Child **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 27/04/2001
Year Groups: Early Years

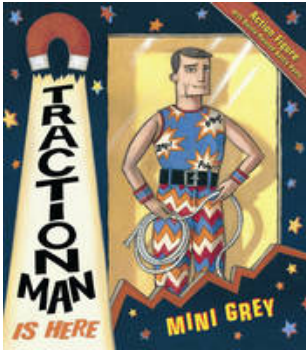
Greenaway winner in 2000. Witty, colourful and unpredictable this is a delightful picture book that has a very original presentation. With a fussy eater at its core we discover that various vegetables come from all manner of planets in space so that by the end of it even Lola is happy to empty her plate. It's a must in every home and will genuinely help to make your child less fussy. (0-5) To find out more about this book [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Carnegie Greenaway site



Lost and Found

Author: Oliver Jeffers **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 02/05/2006
Year Groups: Early Years

Oliver Jeffers has been selected as one of The Big Picture campaign's Best New Illustrators in 2008. Winner of the Blue Peter Book Awards - Best Illustrated book to read aloud. Celebrating the value of friendship, this is an exquisitely illustrated picture book with a simple story line. Opening his door and finding a penguin on it, the little boy takes pity on the sad looking creature who he immediately assumes is lost. Together they set out on an adventure across icy-blue wastes to find the penguin's real home. The cool of the landscape makes a perfect backdrop to the warmth of the friendship between the pair.



Traction Man is Here

Author: Mini Grey **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/04/2006
Year Groups: Key Stage 1

Mini Grey has been selected as one of The Big Picture campaign's Best New Illustrators in 2008. Short listed for the Blue Peter Book Awards - Best Illustrated book to read aloud 2006. A very original tale told from a real child's eye perspective, through illustrations which give vivid personification to inanimate objects like a scrubbing brush and a piece of toast. The whole thing is very well controlled, and has a subtle sophistication which means you see more things each time you look at it.

The Tiger Who Came to Tea



The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Author: Judith Kerr **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/02/2006
Year Groups: Early Years

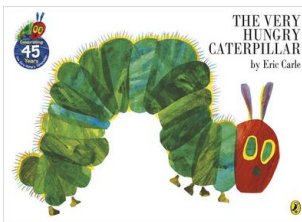
A wonderful story about believing in the unexpected and magical. When a tiger turns up on the doorstep one day, the little girl and her mother just welcome him right in and offer him tea. He sits neatly at the table and eats his way quietly through every scrap of food in the house and every drop of drink, too. Then, just as politely, he takes his leave. When Dad comes home, there's nothing left for him so he takes the whole family out for supper. August 2013 Guest Editor, Lauren St John "I fell in love with the smiley, chubby tiger in Judith Kerr's classic picturebook during one hot Zimbabwe summer when I had to read it four or five times a day to my niece. If it had been up to her I'd have read it even more frequently. Each time I got to the end, she pleaded for us to begin again. This is another wish fulfillment story, only for toddlers. A tiger turns up at the door and is invited in for tea by Sophie's mum. It proceeds to eat its way through everything in the kitchen and pantry before departing with the same enigmatic smile. Sophie's father turns up, graciously accepts that a fully-grown tiger has eaten his dinner and takes Sophie and her mum out for a meal. Pure genius."

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

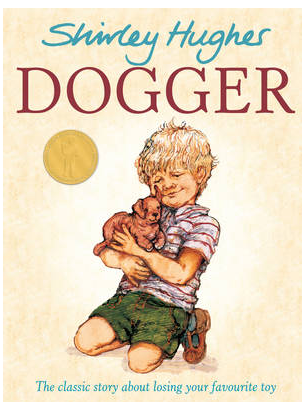
STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

Where the Wild Things are**Author:** Maurice Sendak **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 04/05/2000 **Year Groups:** Early Years

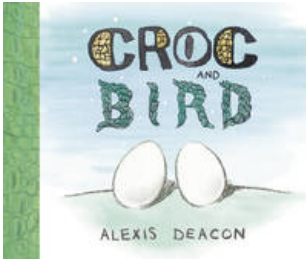
Jacqueline Wilson, February 2012 Guest Editor: "The text is very minimal but perfect - and the illustrations are glorious. This isn't a scary book in the slightest, though the monsters are grotesque, equipped with very sharp teeth and pointy claws. Little Max in his wolf suit tames them instantly and they declare him king of all wild things. But Max is still a little boy and although he has uproarious fun in the land of the wild things he's clearly glad to be back home where his supper is waiting for him. I've read this story to countless children and they've all loved it, especially when they join in, roaring their terrible roars, gnashing their terrible teeth, rolling their terrible eyes and showing their terrible claws." Julia Eccleshare: A classic story of the power of a childhood tantrum.

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Board Book)****Author:** Eric Carle **Format:** Hardback **Release Date:** 29/09/1994 **Year Groups:** Early Years

A Lovereading4kids 'Great Read' you may have missed 2011 selection. This is a much-loved classic, but as relevant today as it was when first published in 1969! Now available in this board-book format, its vivid and colourful illustrations and cut back and die-cut pages together with some very simple text provide a wonderful story that is immensely satisfying for parents and child alike. Each year on 20 March, the first day of Spring, Very Hungry Caterpillar Day is celebrated! Why not celebrate too?! Click here to download a Very Hungry Caterpillar Activity Pack to help you get the most out of the Day.

**Dogger****Author:** Shirley Hughes **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 18/11/1993 **Year Groups:** Early Years

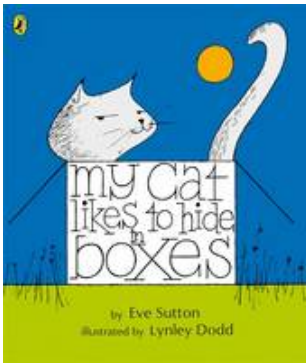
Winner of the Greenaway of Greenaways in 2007 and Greenaway winner in 1977. Filled with humour and Shirley Hughes' deft touch, this is a book for young readers to tackle by themselves, as well as a delight to read aloud. It's moving and inspirational on how to cope with a problem situation. A classic for every bookshelf and it will strike a chord with adults and children everywhere. (4-7)



Croc and Bird

Author: Alexis Deacon **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 02/05/2013

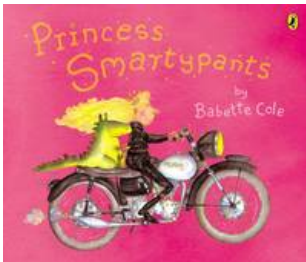
Side by side on the sand sat two eggs. With a crack and a rip, the brothers hatch, and out comes a bird and a...crocodile! But they can't be brothers - can they?



My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes

Author: Eve Sutton **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 27/04/1978

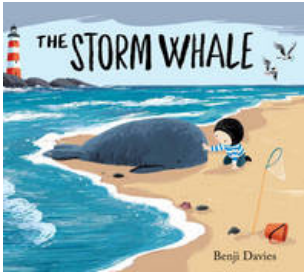
Lots of cats all around the world do exciting things like fly aeroplanes or play the violin - but my cat, an ordinary round-the-house cat, likes to hide in boxes. Children will love joining in with this fun rhyming story that is just right for beginner readers.



Princess Smartypants

Author: Babette Cole **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 30/05/1996

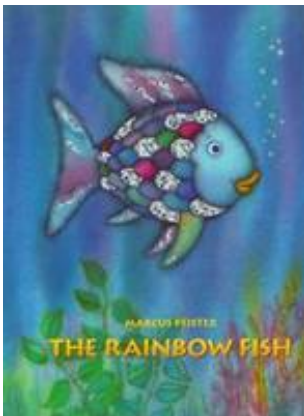
Babette Cole's riotously funny picture book, Princess Smartypants. Princess Smartypants does not want to get married. She enjoys being a Ms. But being a rich and pretty princess means that all the princes want her to be their Mrs. Find out how Princess Smartypants fights to preserve her independence in this hilarious fairy-tale-with-a-difference. 'Babette Cole is ... funny, unrestricted and totally unforgettable' Independent on Sunday. Babette Cole graduated from Canterbury College of Art in 1973 and has been a writer and illustrator ever since. She has produced animated storyboards for the BBC, illustrated numerous greetings cards and books by other authors as well as her own. Babette won The Kurt Maschler Prize for DROP DEAD!. She lives in Lincolnshire with a menagerie of animals. Other books by Babette Cole: Princess Smartypants; Long Live Princess Smartypants; Prince Cinders; Bad Habits!; Princess Smartypants Breaks the Rules!; Doctor Dog; The Smelly Book; The Hairy Book; The Slimy Book; The Silly Book; Drop Dead; Nungu and the Hoppopotamus



The Storm Whale

Author: Benji Davies **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 15/08/2013

The stunning bestseller by Benji Davies. Noi and his father live in a house by the sea, his father works hard as a fisherman and Noi often has only their six cats for company. So when, one day, he finds a baby whale washed up on the beach after a storm, Noi is excited and takes it home to care for it. He tries to keep his new friend a secret, but but there's only so long you can keep a whale in the bath without your dad finding out. Noi is eventually persuaded that the whale has to go back to the sea where it belongs. For Noi, even though he can't keep it, the arrival of the whale changes his life for the better - the perfect gift from one friend to another. Winner of the 2014 inaugural Oscar's First Book Prize in association with the Evening Standard 'A future classic and a must have for the discerning picture book fan' The Booksniffer 'The Storm Whale is an evocative portrayal of a child's need for friendship, told through the sparest of text and imagery in this beautiful picture book' The ReadingZone 'The Storm Whale is one of those rare picture books that evokes loneliness with such fragility, and that conveys such feeling and beauty that it cannot fail to move its readers... an absolute gem, do not miss out' Library Mice 'I have to admit that I was fighting back tears by the end. It's just so incredibly sweet and really pulls the heart strings!' Being Mrs C 'Charming and engaging this book gives lots of scope for child to adult discussion about feeling lonely and saying goodbye to something loved' Love All Blogs 'Poignant, sensitive and understated [...] this is a not to be missed tale where the narrative thrust and emotional span transcends the simplicity of its words' Droplets of Ink



Rainbow Fish

Author: Marcus Pfister **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 13/02/2007