

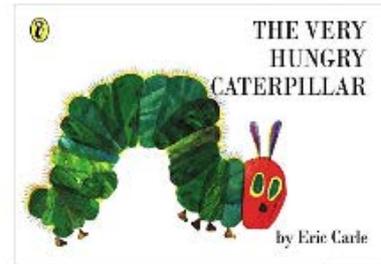


LONG CLOSE SCHOOL

# Early Years' Reading List

## The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

A beautifully illustrated story of a caterpillar eating his way through the book.



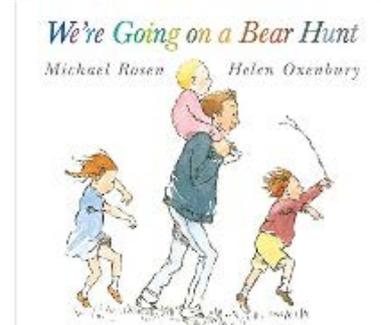
## Goodnight Everyone by Chris Haughton

The perfect bedtime story about going to sleep. Each page makes the reader ever so slightly more ... sleepy. Stunning visuals and engaging and comforting characters.



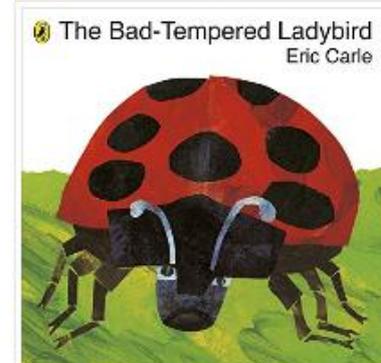
## We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

A family walks through the countryside on an unlikely search for a bear. But there's a surprise on the other side of the forest. A wonderful story, with many fun and repetitive lines which will help children remember the more difficult words.



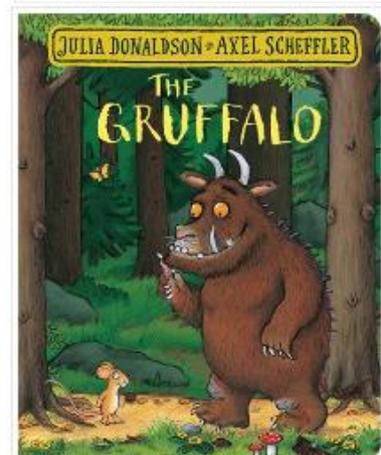
## The Bad-tempered Ladybird by Eric Carle

A short story about a ladybird who argues with every other living creature he meets. This book also uses a clock face cleverly to illustrate the passing hours, making it ideal for introducing children to an analogue clock face and telling the time.



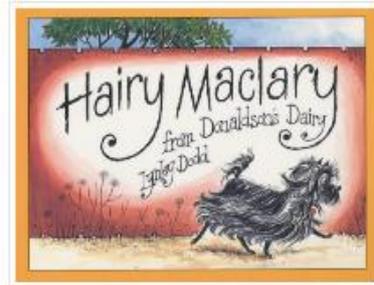
## The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

A modern classic about a mouse who escapes the clutches of various other animals who want to eat him by creating a monster who is more scary than all of them put together.



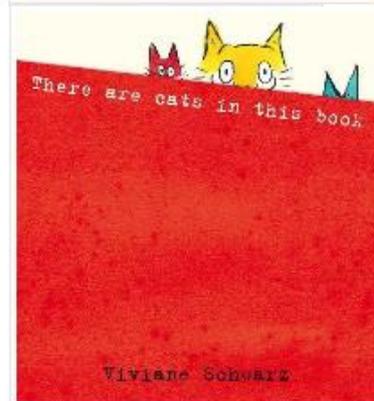
## Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd

Hairy Maclary likes to wander off for a walk with his friends. But the scary Scarface Claw is just around the corner. A great book for introducing children to rhyme.



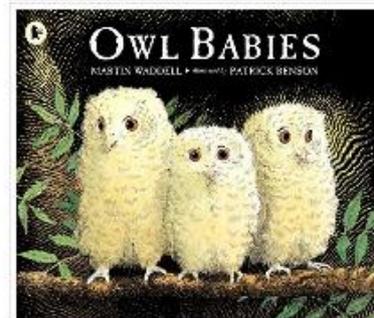
## There Are Cats in This Book by Viviane Schwarz

An innovative book with flaps and clever pictures which puts the reader in charge of saving the cats from an impending flood.



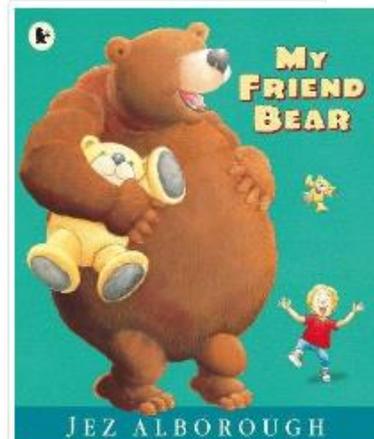
## Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

Three baby owls wait for their mother to come, and wonder where she is. They wait and wait, and it becomes darker and darker, and in a happy ending, the mother returns. A great book for reassuring children.



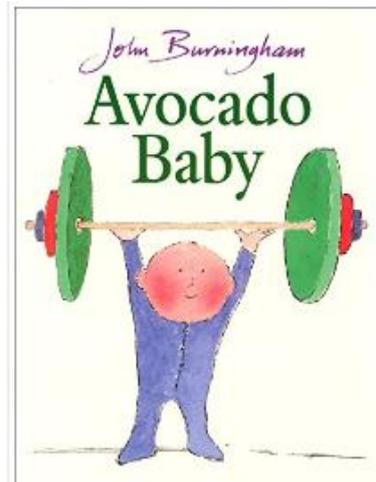
## My Friend Bear by Jez Alborough

A young bear wishes he had real friends, and not just his teddies. But then his teddies start to talk.



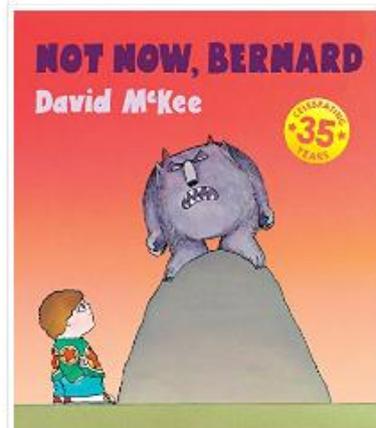
## Avocado Baby by John Burningham

When the Hargreaves family let their child eat an avocado, very strange and inexplicable things start to happen.



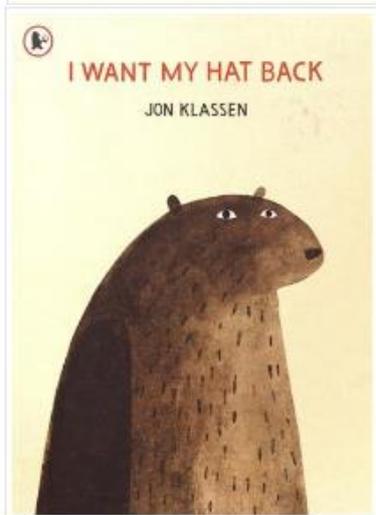
## Not Now, Bernard by David McKee

Bernard is a boy with an issue. He's found a monster in the garden, and however hard he tries to get help, no one seems to listen. So he tries to deal with the monster himself, with some very funny results.



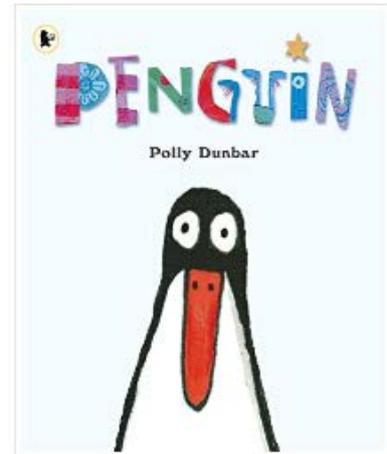
## I Want My Hat Back by Jon Klassen

A bear has lost his hat. And he wants it back. Everyone he asks says they haven't seen it, except a deer who provides a hint of hope. Great illustrations and ideal for reading aloud.



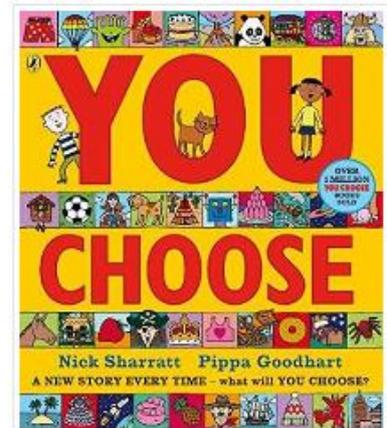
## Penguin by Polly Dunbar

A very accessible picture book ideal for reading aloud and acting out. A boy receives a penguin for a present. Only when a lion passes does it speak, and when it does, something surprising happens.



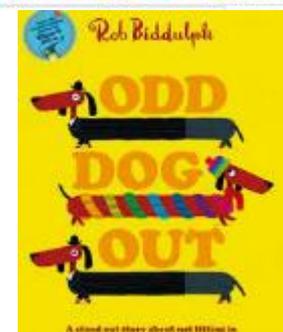
## You Choose! by Pippa Goodhart

An unusual and imaginative book which makes the reader think. Each brightly illustrated double page spread has a question, such as 'Imagine you could go anywhere – where would you live?' and invites the child to come up with answers.



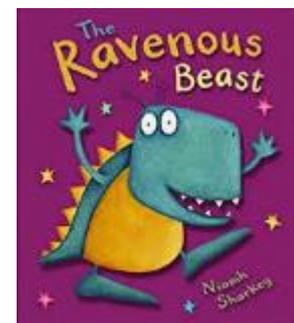
## Odd Dog Out by Rob Biddulph

An unusual and imaginative book



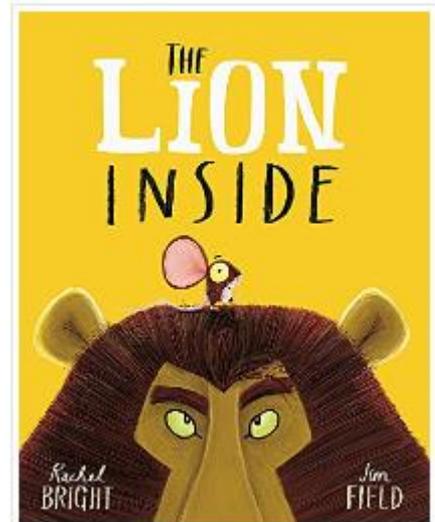
## The Ravenous Beast by Niamh Sharkey

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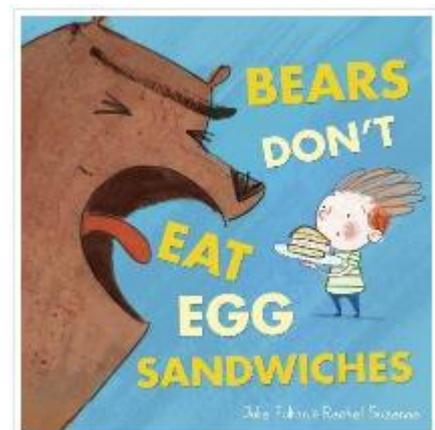
## The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright & Jim Field

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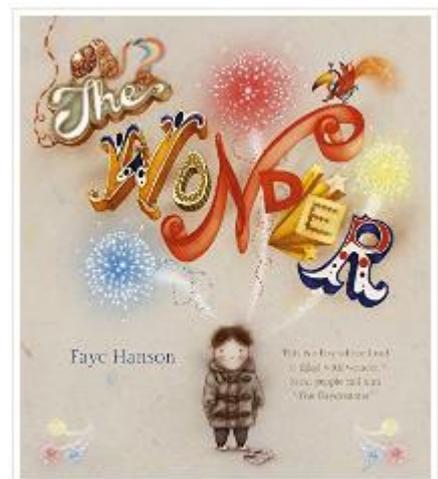
## Bears Don't Eat Egg Sandwiches by Julie Fulton & Rachel Suzanne

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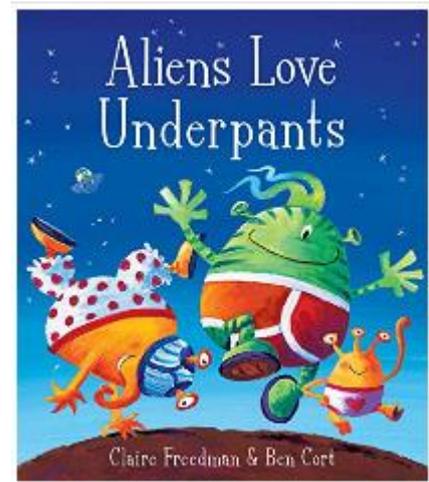
## The Wonder by Faye Hanson

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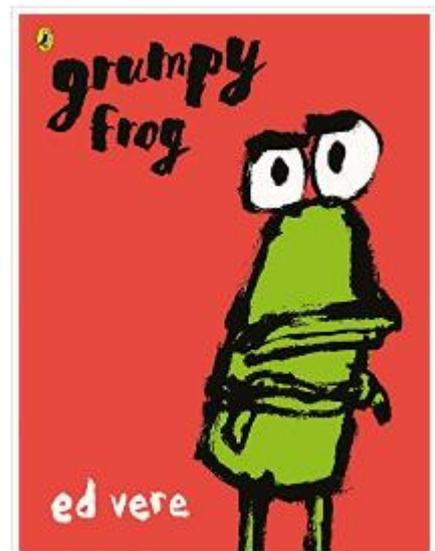
## Aliens Love Underpants by Claire Freedman & Ben Cort

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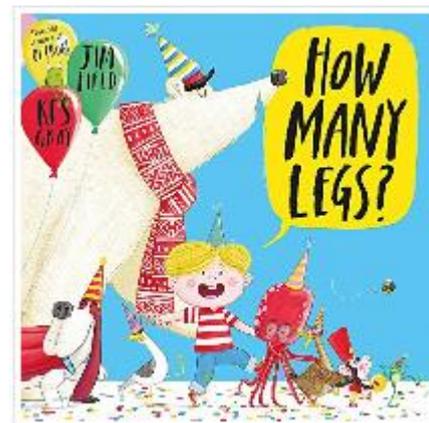
## Grumpy Frog by Ed Vere

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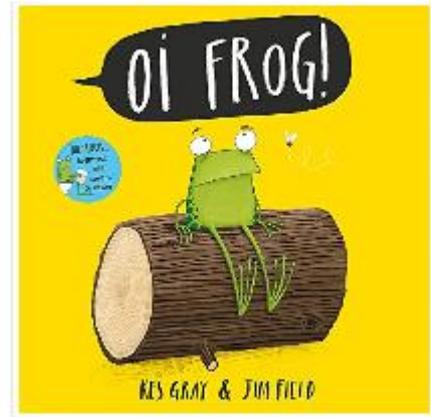
## How Many Legs? by Jim Field & Kes Gray

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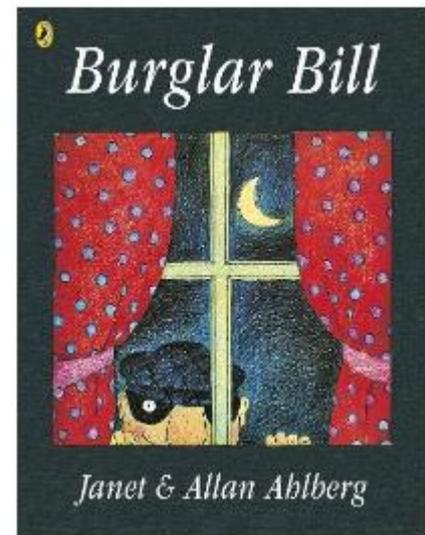
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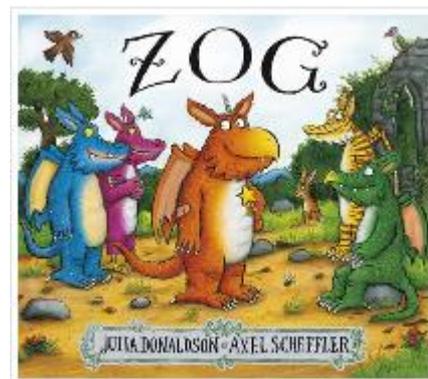
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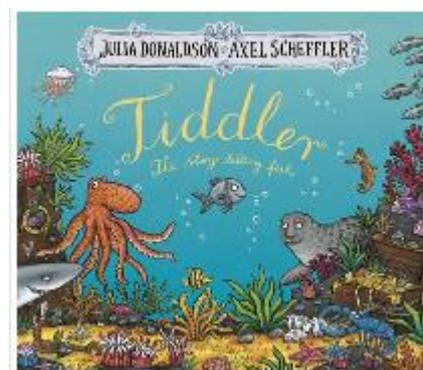
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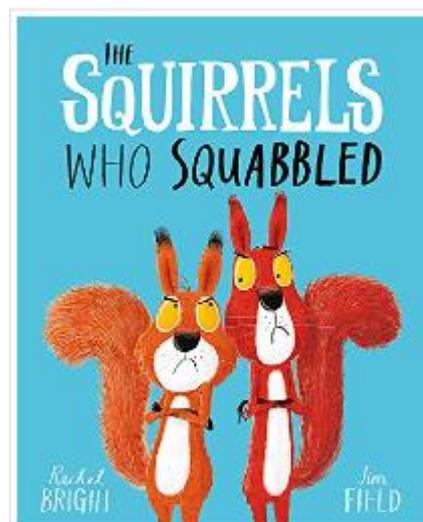
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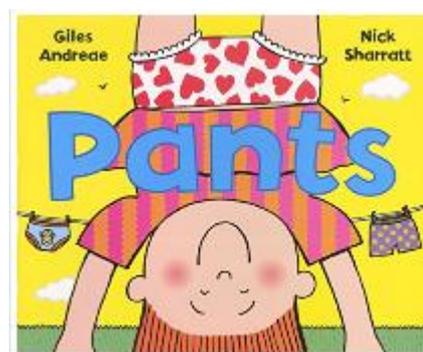
## **The Squirrels Who Squabbled by Rachel Bright & Jim Field**

Bright colours and characters full of life bring a joyful feel to every page. So much care and attention has gone into this book, and it really pays off. It's delightful to read again and again.



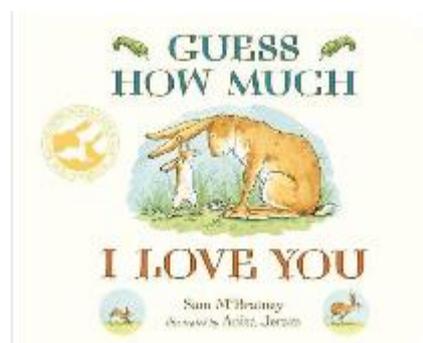
## **Pants by Giles Andreae & Nick Sharratt**

An amusing picture book celebration of underwear big and small, that will make children everywhere laugh their socks off. The bright, bold illustrations complement the witty text perfectly.



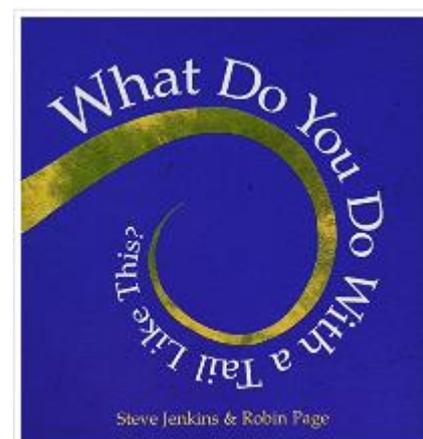
## **Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney & Anita Jeram**

Sometimes, when you love someone very, very much, you want to find a way of describing how much you treasure them. But, as Little Nutbrown Hare and Big Nutbrown Hare discover, love is not always an easy thing to measure.



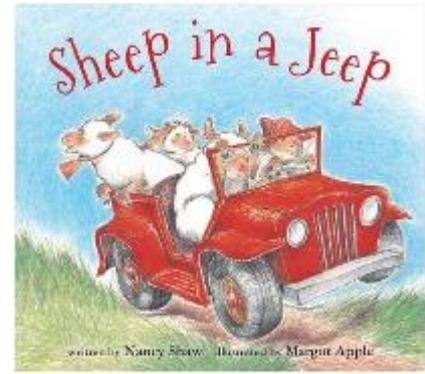
## **What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? by Steve Jenkins & Robin Page**

A nose for digging? Ears for seeing? Eyes that squirt blood? Explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails in this interactive guessing book, beautifully illustrated in cut-paper collage.



## Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw

Beep! Beep! Sheep in a jeep on a hill that's steep. Sheep in a Jeep is well-loved by the preschool set for its slapstick story of five sheep (in a jeep) and silly sound effects especially when the jeep goes splash and thud in the mud! Nancy Shaw's rollicking rhymes are Seuss-snappy, and Margot Apple's appealing pencil illustrations are expressive and hilarious.



## The Something by Rebecca Cobb

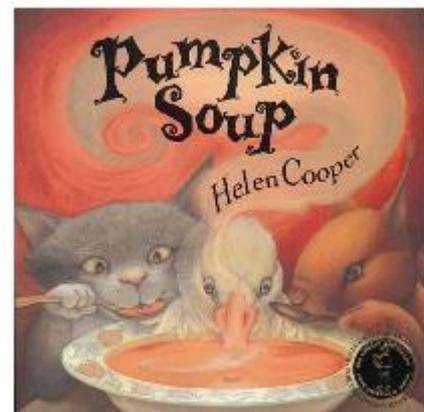
*The Something* is a glorious imaginative adventure from Rebecca Cobb, the award-winning creator of *Aunt Amelia* and *Lunchtime*, and illustrator of *The Paper Dolls*, written by Julia Donaldson.



## Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

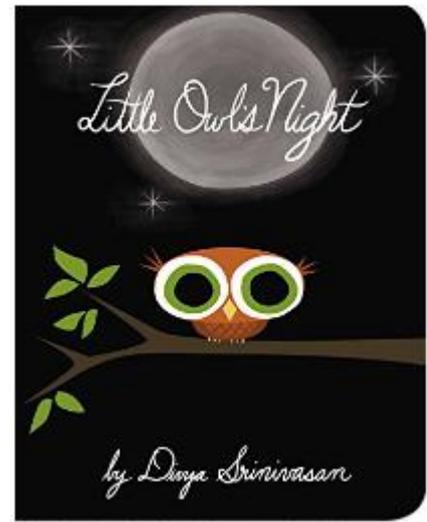
Cat, Duck and Squirrel live in an old white cabin, with a pumpkin patch in the garden. Every day Cat slices up some pumpkin, Squirrel stirs in some water and Duck tips in some salt to make perfect pumpkin soup... until the day Duck wants to do the stirring...

A funny, rhythmical story about friendship and sharing, with fabulous animal characters, illustrated in glowing autumnal colours.



## Little Owl's Night by Divya Srinivasan

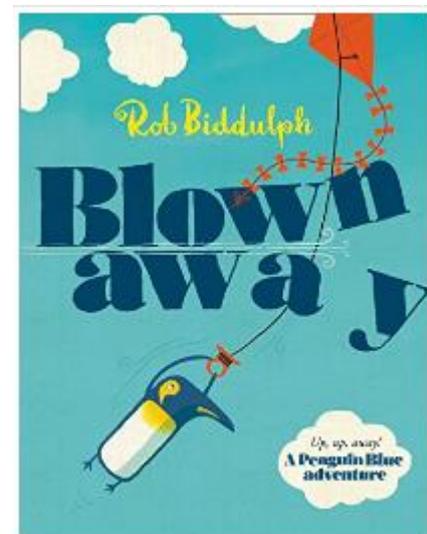
Little owl wakes up from his day long sleep to watch his friends enjoying the night. Hedgehog sniffs for mushrooms, Skunk nibbles at berries, Frog croaks and Cricket sings. Little Owl cannot imagine why anyone would want to miss night time in the forest. As the sun rises and Mama Owl explains how night becomes day, Little Owl falls fast asleep.



## Blown Away by Rob Biddulph

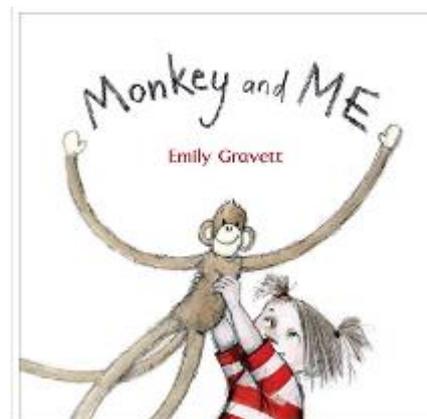
Come on an unexpected journey with a fearless blue penguin in this captivating picture book.

Winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize.



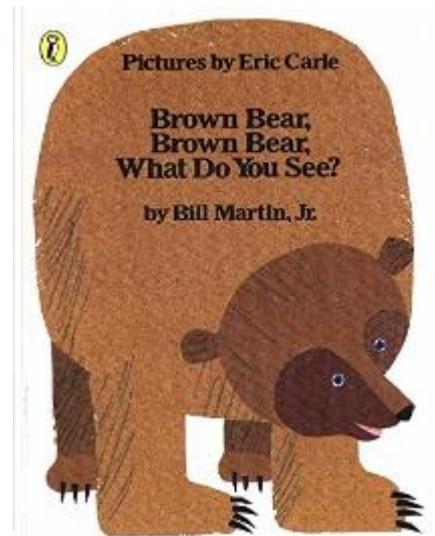
## Monkey and Me by Emily Gravett

A mischievous little girl and her toy monkey swing irresistibly through the pages of this playful book. Children will love guessing the animals they pretend to be, before shouting out the answers as the pages are turned to reveal the real creatures. Soon everyone will be waddling like a penguin, jumping like a kangaroo and waving their arm like an elephant's trunk!



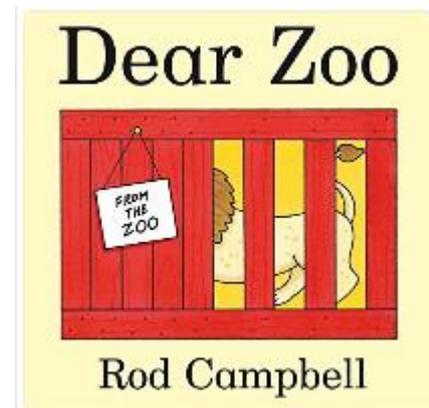
## Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr & Eric Carle

Exuberantly coloured artwork and favourite animals make this rhythmic story the perfect introduction to looking and learning about colours. Each spread leads seamlessly into the next and young children will delight in the colourful collage animals and simple repetitive language.



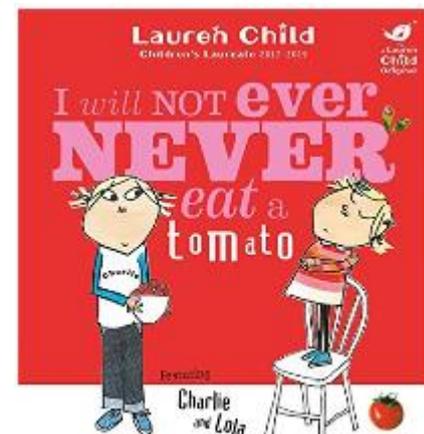
## Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell

Ingeniously simple with touches of gentle humour, this book has withstood the test of time and proves consistently popular with young children.



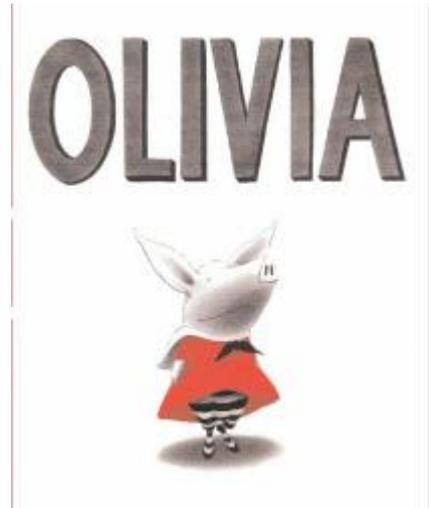
## I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato (Charlie and Lola) by Lauren Child

The story is compelling and the pictures enchanting, but the typography is not what you would expect. The letters vary in shape and size, some lines are straight and others meander across the page. Young children love this; those who cannot yet read pick out the letters; those who can, love the variation and delight at being able to cope with it.



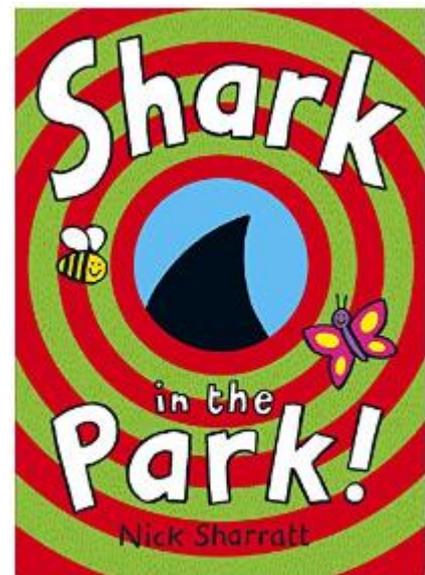
## Olivia by Ian Falconer

Olivia is a gorgeous little pig who likes to dress up, sing songs, dance, think, snooze and is even quite good at building sandcastles. At the end of the day, when she snuggles up in bed and her mother reads her a story (or three), Olivia feels very full of love.



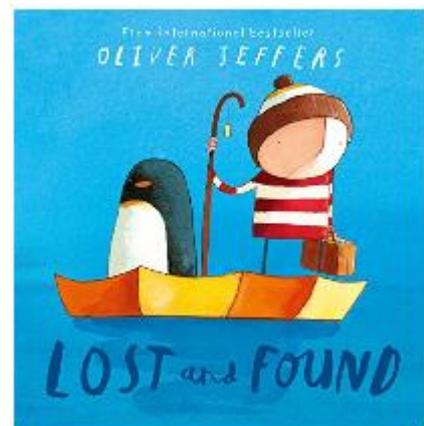
## Shark in the Park by Nick Sharratt

Timothy Pope has a brand new telescope and he's testing it out at the park. Children will delight in peeping through the die-cut holes and guessing what Tim has spotted. Is that really a shark he can see?



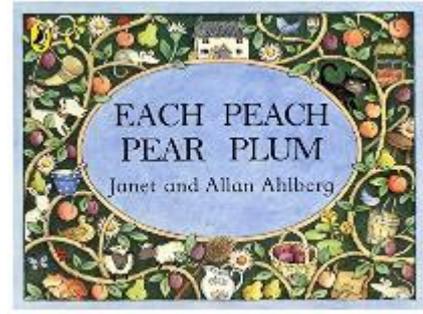
## Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers

A joyful explanation of the power of friendship. From the rising star of children's picture books comes the magical tale of friendship and loneliness, a boy, and a penguin.



## Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet & Allan Ahlberg

This classic picture book introduces characters from traditional stories, such as the "Three Bears", "Mother Hubbard" and "Tom Thumb", and encourages children to participate and to find the characters hidden in the pictures. The text, with its strong rhyme and rhythm, is perfect to read aloud to very young children.



## Hoot Owl by Sean Taylor

This is a brilliantly funny story that would appeal to all ages. Its bright, bold illustrations will hook in younger readers, and the humorous text will keep the older readers entertained time and time again.

