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Peace at last by Jill Murphy

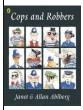
Mr Bear is finding it hard to sleep, what with the distractions of Mrs Bear's snores, the dripping kitchen tap and annoying owls hooting loudly in the garden.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



Where The Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Max doesn't want to go to bed and finds himself travelling to a faraway, mystical land full of monsters who roar and gnash their terrible teeth. It's a little frightening but so much fun!



Cops And Robbers by Alan & Janet Ahlberg

The robbers of London town plan a desperate crime one Christmas Eve - to steal all the toys they can lay their hands on! Fortunately, the robbers meet their match in brave Officer Pugh.



Elmer by David Mckee

David McKee's stunning illustrations give Elmer lots of appeal and this is a lovely book to read to youngsters to illustrate the message that it's OK to be different & not just one of the crowd!



Funny Bones by Allan Ahlberg

The skeletons venture out of their cellar, one night, to find someone to scare, but everyone is in bed so they amuse themselves by scaring each other & playing with the skeleton animals that live in the zoo.



The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

Walk further into the deep dark wood, & discover what happens when a quick-witted mouse comes face to face with an owl, a snake... and a hungry Gruffalo!



Hairy McClary by Lynley Dodd

Hairy Maclary goes off for a walk in town, followed by a few friends. All is uneventful until they meet Scarface Claw, the toughest tom in town, and run for home.



Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

Three baby owls, Sarah, Percy & Bill, wake up one night in their hole in a tree to find that their mother has gone. So they sit on a branch and wait... Darkness gathers & the

owls grow anxious, wondering when their mother will return. But, at last, she does & they bounce up and down with joy, welcoming her home.



Not Now Bernard by David McKee

Bernard's got a problem. He's found a monster in the back garden but his mum and dad are just too busy to notice. So Bernard tries to befriend the monster ...and that doesn't go quite to plan.



Can't you Sleep Little Bear? by Martin Waddell

Little Bear can't sleep. There is dark all around him in the Bear Cave. Not even Big Bear's biggest lantern can light up the darkness of the night outside. But then Big Bear finds the perfect way to reassure Little Bear and help him fall fast asleep...



The Elephant and The Bad Baby by Raymond Briggs

The Elephant takes the Bad Baby for a ride and they go 'rumpeta, rumpeta, rumpeta down the road.' They help themselves to ice creams, pies, buns, crisps, biscuits,

lollipops & apples, & the shopkeepers follow them down the road shouting & waving. All ends well as the Bad Baby learns to say 'Please'.



The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr

The doorbell rings just as Sophie & her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big furry, stripy tiger!



Katie Morag and the two Grandmothers by Mairie Hedderwick

on Show Day, it's up to the ever-

Grannie Island doesn't think much of Granma Mainland's fancy ways, but when a prize sheep gets stuck in Boggy Loch

resourceful Katie Morag to save the day - with a little help from her two grandmothers.



We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise

awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!



The Bad Tempered Ladybird by

Eric Carle

The bad-tempered ladybird picks fights with every animal he meets, but soon learns the importance of friends and turns into a far nicer, happier bug.



A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond

Paddington Bear had travelled all the way from Darkest Peru when the Brown family first met him on Paddington station. Since then their lives have never been quite the same... for ordinary things

become quite extraordinary when a bear called Paddington is involved.



Three Little Kittens And Other Favourite Nursery Rhymes by Tony

Ross's inimitable illustrations portray these classic rhymes with a contemporary edge and

more than a touch of gleeful wit.

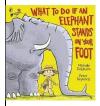
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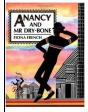
A Dark Dark Tale by Ruth Brown

Children will delight in following the black cat's progress through the dark wood, into the dark house, and eventually to the surprise discovery at the back of the toy cupboard, in this mysterious, beautifully illustrated picture book.



What to do if an Elephant stands on Your Foot by Michelle Robinson

Our plucky guide leads our unlucky hero on a jungle adventure, barely avoiding tigers, a rhino, snakes, and--uh-oh. What's that? Well thank heavens the monkeys are friendly at least!



Anancy and Mr Dry-Bone by Fiona French

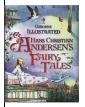
Rich Mr Dry-Bone lives in a big house on top of a hill. Poor Anancy lives in a small house at the foot of the hill. They both want to marry Miss Louise, but she will only marry the man who can make her laugh.



The Boy Who Cried Wolf by Tony Ross

Whenever Harry is made to do anything he doesn't like (such as washing or playing the violin), he distracts people by crying, 'Wolf!' even though the wolf is nowhere to be seen. Then one day the wolf really does jump out at

Harry, except this time when Harry cries 'Wolf!' nobody takes any notice. . .



Illustrated Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales (Illustrated Story Collections)

Beautifully illustrated throughout, this is a collection of fairy tales by Hans Christian Andersen retold for younger readers. It includes 'The Emperor's New Clothes', 'The Little

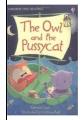
Mermaid', 'The Ugly Duckling', 'The Snow Queen', 'The Princess and the Pea' and other classic stories, as well as a short biography of Hans Christian Andersen.



In The Night Kitchen by Maurice Sendak

The bakers in the night kitchen need more milk for their batter, but then Mickey falls into the cake! They decide to put him in the oven anyway, but Mickey has different plans. He escapes in a plane made of bread dough &

helps the bakers find the milk at last.



The Owl And The Pussycat by Edward Lear

This classic poem is brought to life with vibrant illustrations. The Owl and the Pussycat set to sea in a beautiful pea green boat...



The Emperor of Absurdia by Chris Riddell

Welcome to Absurdia: a strange & wonderful land where nothing is quite what it seems. Trees are birds, umbrellas are trees, & the sky is thick with snoring fish. Join one small boy as he tumbles out of bed into a crazy dreamland of

wardrobe monsters, dragons - & amazing adventure.



My Friend Bear by Jez Alborough

Eddy is feeling sad and so is the Bear. They both wish they had a friend to talk to. All they've got are their teddies, and teddies can't talk. Or can they?



Meg And Mog by Helen Nichol

Meg the witch and Mog her cat go off to a wild Hallowe'en party with all the other witches. The spell they cast goes off with a BANG!



You Can't Take an Elephant on The Bus by Patricia Cleveland-Peck

Never put a camel in a sailing boat, or a tiger on a train, & don't even THINK about asking a whale to ride a bike ... This riotous picture book is filled with animals causing total disaster as

they try to travel in the most unsuitable vehicles.



<u>Dinosaurs in The Supermarket by</u> Timothy Knapman

For one little boy, a trip to the supermarket is turned upside down. A band of dinosaurs wreak havoc in the aisles, but the grown-ups can't see them! Can he convince the dinosaurs to

behave? Who will mop up the mess?



Storytime; First Tales For Sharing

by Stella Blackstone

This anthology brings together a cast of characters that kids & adults will love - from the Gingerbread Man to The Ugly Duckling and The Three Little Pigs.



Cloudland by John Burningham

Albert & the Cloud Children have lots of fun: jumping off tall clouds, making as much noise as they can in the thunderstorm, swimming in the rain, painting pictures next to the rainbow & walking on the filmy traces left by passing

aircraft.



Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet

Ahlberg

Each beautifully illustrated page encourages young children to interact with the picture to find the next fairy tale &

nursery rhyme character. This board book edition is perfect for little hands



The House That Jack Built by Diana Mayo

This classic children's rhyme gathers pace & complexity as it tumbles across the pages. Children will delight in repeating the rhymes

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