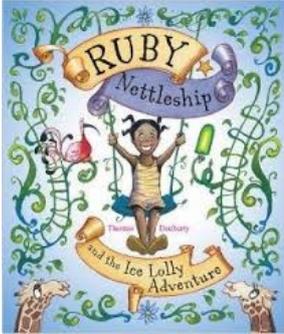


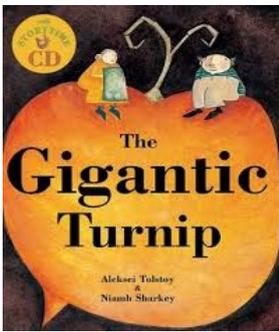


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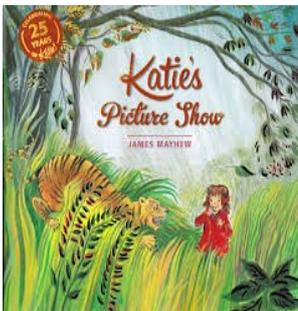
Ruby Nettle and the Ice Lolly Adventure by Thomas Donherty

Introducing Ruby, a magical little girl with improbable dreams. Ruby and her friends want a place to play, but their playground only has one old swing and a broken slide. Magic always finds its way to Ruby, however - when she plants her ice lolly stick in the ground, a magnificent playground begins to grow! Soon, Ruby and her friends are aboard the playground, stopping traffic and causing others to take note of their plight



The Gigantic Turnip - Aleksei Tolstoy

This hilarious retelling of the classic Russian tale about a farmer whose turnip is impossible to pull from the ground uses simple vocabulary and is ideal for reading aloud. Its cumulative theme will soon have young readers gleefully joining in, and Irish artist Niamh Sharkey's wonderfully quirky illustrations will delight and fascinate all ages.



Katie's Picture Show—James Mayhew

Katie visits the gallery for the first time with Grandma and discovers that art is wonderfully exciting, especially when five famous paintings come alive for her! Join the ever-curious Katie as she discovers that art can be fantastic fun - particularly when you step into the world inside the frame .



Princess Daisy and the Nincompoop Knights by Steven Lenton

When a truly terrifying sound wakes the inhabitants of a fairytale kingdom, it takes clever Princess Daisy to realise that the culprit of this dreadful din is a dragon, but the three knights who answer her father's call for a hero to capture the creature prove to be nothing but NINCOMPOOPS! But what's this? Riding a cow and armed with a book rather than a sword, a fourth mystery knight dares to enter the dragon's den. But who can it be...?

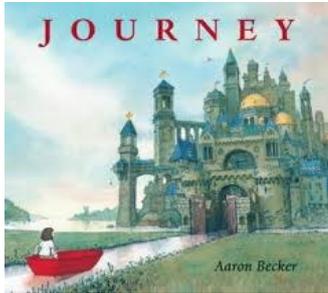


Aesop's Fables - Fiona Waters

Sixty of the most famous of Aesop's Fables have been updated and rewritten by the talented anthologist Fiona Waters, and brought to life by Fulvio Testa's detailed illustrations. The collection includes classics such as The Fox and the Crow, The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse, The Ant and the Cicada, The Hare and the Tortoise and The Fox and the Stork

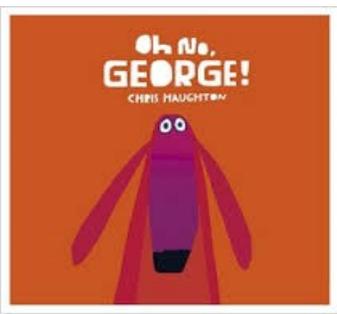


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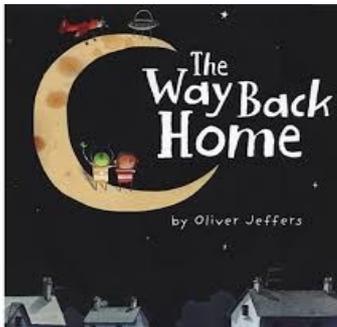
Journey by David Weisner

A beautifully illustrated wordless book, which allows children to tell the story themselves. Wordless books such as these, are excellent for helping to develop imagination and story telling language in children of all ages. They also help reluctant readers to engage with books.



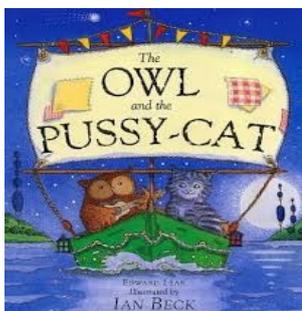
Oh No George by Chris Haughton

Harris is off to do some shopping. "Will you be good, George?" he asks. George hopes he can. He really wants to ... but chocolate cake is just so very delicious and he does love to chase cat... What will George do now? Chris Haughton's distinctive artwork perfectly accompanies the innocent charm of affable George, a dog trying to be good – with hilarious results



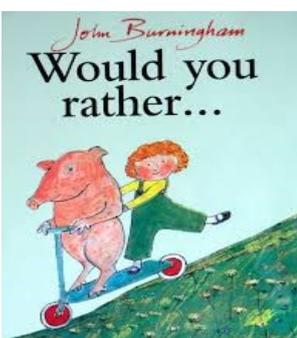
The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers

Once there as a boy, and one day, he found an aeroplane in his cupboard... He didn't remember leaving it in there, but he thought he'd take it out for a go right away. At first, all went well and the plane flew higher and higher and higher until... suddenly, with a splutter, it ran out of petrol. The boy was stuck on the moon... and he was not alone...



The Owl and the Pussy Cat - Edward Lear

Edward Lear's popular poem is accompanied by Ian Beck's gloriously atmospheric illustrations, full of humour and tenderness this is a thoroughly enchanting book

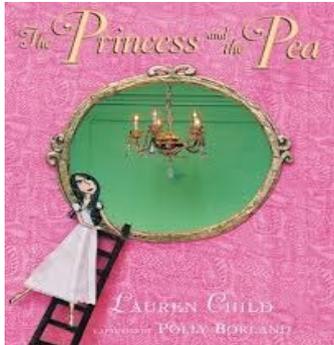


Would you rather..... By John Burningham

Would you rather drink snail squash or eat mashed worms? Help a witch make stew? Tickle a monkey? Or maybe - if you could really be anyone or do anything in the world - would you rather just be . . . you?

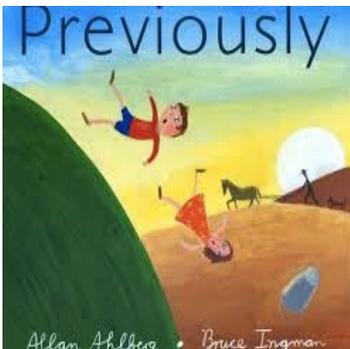


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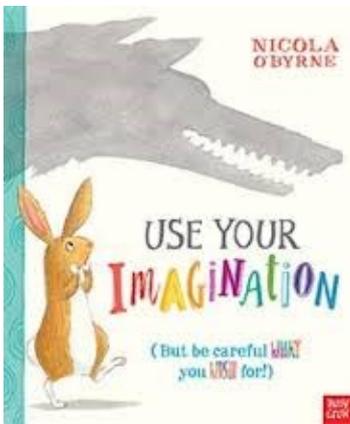
The Princess and the Pea by Lauren Child

The tale of a prince, a princess, perfect politeness, pages of love and a peculiarly hard pea. This utterly original interpretation of the classic tale has dazzling illustrations from multi-talented collaborators, award-winning Lauren Child and widely acclaimed photographer Polly Borland. This beautifully presented picture book explores the tale of the down-to-earth princess through a stunning mix of artwork and photography to create a fairy tale to be treasured



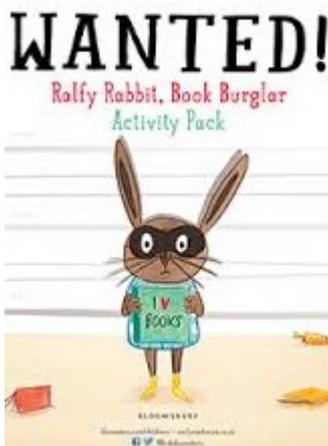
Previously by Alan Ahlberg

Do you know what Jack was doing before he climbed the beanstalk? Or what Jack and Jill were arguing about before they went up the hill? And what happened before that? And even before that? Find out what all your favourite storybook characters were up to previously – because every story, every person and everything started somewhere!



Use Your Imagination—Nicola O'Byrne

Rabbit is BORED. What shall he do? Luckily, Wolf has the perfect solution. "Why not write a story?" he suggests. "I am a librarian, you know." Well, Rabbit is just delighted - what a brilliant idea! And so Wolf teaches Rabbit to use his imagination to create the perfect story with lots of exciting props and interesting characters. What a kind and helpful wolf! Rabbit is DESPERATE to know what happens when it suddenly becomes clear that Wolf is very hungry

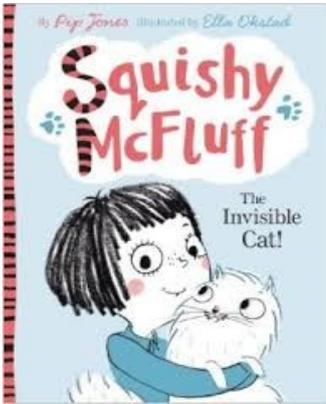


Wanted! Ralfy Rabbit Book Burglar by Emily Mackenzie

Some rabbits dream about lettuces and carrots, others dream of flowering meadows and juicy dandelions, but Ralfy dreams only of books. In fact, he doesn't just dream about them, he wants to read them ALL THE TIME. Soon his obsession sends him spiralling into a life of crime



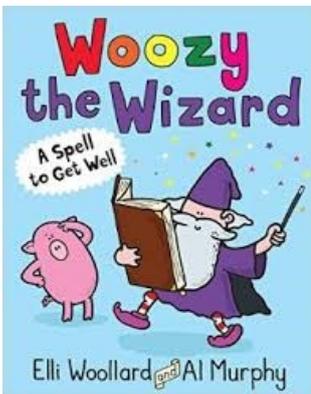
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Squishy McFluff by Pip Jones

Can you see him? My kitten? Close your eyes tight
His fur is so soft and all silvery white
Imagine him quick! Have you imagined enough?
Oh, good, you can see him! It's Squishy McFluff!

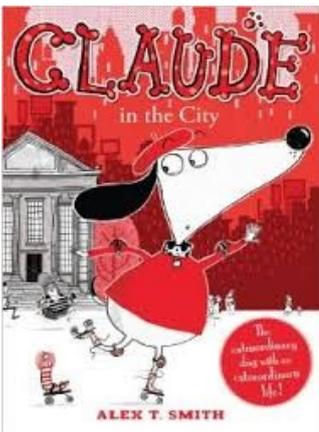
When Ava discovers an imaginary cat in the cabbage patch, she knows she's found a new best friend. Together, Ava and Squishy McFluff get up to all kinds of mischief . .



Woozy the Wizard—Elli Woollard

'In the faraway village of Snottingham Sneeze
Lived a wizened old wizard with knocketty knees.'

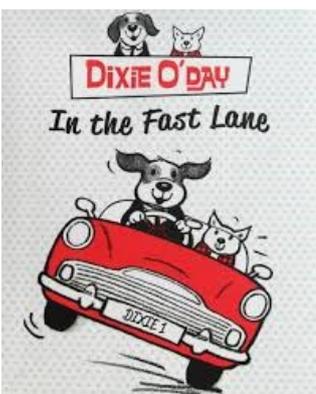
Woozy the Wizard is a well-meaning wizard who just wants to help his friends. But sometimes his spells (and he) get all mixed up! So then he has to get back on his broom with his pet pig and zoom around the village trying to put things right . .



Claude in the City by Alex T. Smith

Claude is no ordinary dog - he leads an extraordinary life!
When Mr and Mrs Shinyshoes set off for work, Claude decides what
adventure he wants to have that day.

Today he and Sir Bobblysock go to the city for the very first time. They have tea in a cafe, go shopping and visit a museum. It is all very normal until... Claude accidentally foils a robbery and becomes the local hero!



Dixie O' Day in the Fast Lane by Shirley Hughes

Introducing Dixie O' Day and also, of course, his friend Percy! This dashing duo are always getting into adventures – here they enter the All-Day Car Race little knowing what is ahead of them! Dixie and Percy run into all sorts of peril, as does their arch enemy, Lou Ella. But who will win, and will Lou Ella get her comeup-pance?