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This is a story about three bears, seven dwarves, five gorillas, a frog prince, some sleeping beauties, a wolf, a dinosaur, a Mad Hatter, a steamboat, four firemen on a fire-engine, a crocodile with a clock inside - and a few other things. It is also about Jeremiah Obadiah Jackenory Jones and his auntie's jam tarts. Suggested level: primary.

Mr Creep the Crook is a bad man, and all his family are bad too - even Growler, his dog. But when he escapes from jail and heads to the seaside, he finds out that being bad is not such a good idea after all. . . The 'Happy Families' series is designed for use at home or at school. It is guided by the Education Adviser, Brian Thompson, and written by the award-winning author, Allan Ahlberg. 'The best thing to happen to beginner readers since Dr Seuss' Children's Rights Workshop.

Rhymed text and illustrations invite the reader to play "I Spy" with a variety of Mother Goose and other folklore characters. On board pages.

Everything in Burglar Bill's life is stolen, from the toast, marmalade and coffee he has for breakfast to the bed he sleeps in. One night when he is out burgling, he comes across a box with holes in the lid on a doorstep. He picks it up of course and when he gets home he discovers, to his horror, that he has stolen a baby. He and the baby muddle along together until one night he is disturbed by a burglar - Burglar Betty. She is

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the mother of Burglar Bill's baby. Bill and Betty decide to reform and live honest lives; they return all the stolen goods, get married and live happily ever after!

Hip hip hooray, The Jolly Postman is 20 years old! Still as exciting to children as the day it first published, this international award winner and its two successors have sold more than 6 million copies around the world. This gorgeous anniversary edition has a free letter set keepsake containing 10 special Jolly Postman letters, 10 decorated envelopes and a sticker sheet.

A whimsical journey over, under, and through London with Mary Poppins

The Jolly Postman has a strange day with some very unusual letters, or has he just been dreaming? Suggested level: junior, primary.

A Lonely pencil timidly draws a boy, a dog and other items, but soon faces a problem as his creations begin demanding changes, and when he draws an eraser to make them happy, the real trouble begins.

Coronation Year, 1953, and in Oldbury a Coronation football competition is organized. The boys from the bottom pitch get a team up, but there's no chance they'll win, of course. They're just the odds and sods one of them is even a girl but they're all football crazy and ready and eager to beat off the opposition. A funny and moving story of football and friendship in a world when the streets were full of kids and empty of cars. Not only for boys and girls of 9+, there's a real pull of nostalgia for adults as well. And, of course, for all lovers of football, whether on the pitch or in the park.

Chicken, Chips and Peas is an enchanting picture book by the iconic British husband and wife

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picture book team Janet and Allan Ahlberg, creators of Peepo! Perfect as a bedtime story and for children learning to read! Fast Fox is determined to have chicken for his supper. Mother Hen and her three chickens are looking for corn for their's. Fast Fox follows the chickens and they follow his corn trail right into his supper sack! As Fast Fox hurries home, things look bad for the chickens but Slow Dog saves the day by falling from his hammock and squashing fast Fox flat! The chicks eat Fast Fox's corn, Slow Dog gets a biscuit from Mother Hen and Fast Fox has a miserable meal of chips and peas. Allan Ahlberg has published over 100 children's books and with his late wife Janet, created many award-winning children's picture books, including It Was a Dark and Stormy Night, Funnybones, Each Peach Pear Plum and the Kate Greenaway Medal winning The Jolly Postman.

The adventures of various nursery rhyme and fairy tale characters are retold in backward sequence with each tale interrelated to the other. Includes "Goldilocks," "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Jack and Jill," "The Frog Prince," "Cinderella," and "The Gingerbread Man." The Bucket by Allan Ahlberg - the enthralling childhood story one of Britain's best-loved children's authors 'My mother, who was not my mother, I see her now, her raw red cleaner's hands twisting away at her apron as she struggled to speak. Adoption was a shameful business then in many people's eyes, the babies being mostly illegitimate. Better not speak of it.' Allan Ahlberg was adopted as a baby. In 1938 he was picked up in London by his new mother and taken back to Oldbury in the Black Country. Now one of the most successful children's book writers in the world, in The Bucket he describes an oddly enchanted childhood lived out in an industrial town during the 1940s, in conditions which today we might describe as 'deprived'. He writes of a father in overalls smelling of wood shavings and oil, of a tough and

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fiercely protective mother who cries when he discovers that he is adopted, of life assurance policies (£6 if the child dies under age 3') and fearsome bacon slicers, of half-remembered trips to his mother's sister's grave and to the bluebell woods. And of his first days at school: 'Allan could do much better. He is most inattentive and dreamy at times' (school report, December 1946). Using a mix of prose and poetry, supported by new drawings by his daughter Jessica and old photographs, *The Bucket* retrieves a childhood which lovers of Ahlberg's classic picturebooks *The Baby's Catalogue*, *Burglar Bill* and *Peepo!* might feel they have glimpsed before but which are now exquisitely brought to life. This beautiful, exquisitely designed book, which will also appeal to fans of Gervase Phinn, Alan Bennett, Roald Dahl and Nigel Slater's *Toast*, will be loved by generations of Ahlberg fans. 'Allan Ahlberg has a string of children's classics to his name' Nicolette Jones, *Guardian* Born in Croydon but brought up by his adopted parents in the Black Country town of Oldbury, Allan Ahlberg held jobs as a gravedigger, postman and plumber's mate before becoming a teacher. He taught for ten years before collaborating with his wife Janet on a series of much-loved, now classic children's picture books including *Peepo!*, *Burglar Bill*, *Cops and Robbers*, *Each Peach Pear Plum*, *Woof!*, *Heard it in the Playground*, *Please Mrs Butler*, *The Boyhood of Burglar Bill*, *The Pencil*, *Friendly Matches*, *The Improbable Cat*, *Goldilocks*, *My Brother's Ghost*, *The Mighty Slide*, *Collected Poems*, *The Boy, the Wolf, the Sheep and the Lettuce* and *The Ha Ha Bonk Book*. An introduction to the lives and work of the English husband and wife team who, as author and illustrator respectively, created such well-known books as "The Jolly Postman" and "Each Peach Pear Plum."

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After being kidnapped by outlaws, Antonio, an eight-year-old boy, is asked to tell them a story which he makes up as he goes along.

A shy hippo makes a big impact in this anniversary edition of a Sandra Boynton classic. A hog and a frog cavort in the bog. But not the hippopotamus. A cat and two rats are trying on hats. But not the hippopotamus. The original *But Not the Hippopotamus* was an instant favorite among children and parents. Now this hilarious Boynton book is back in a Special 30th Anniversary Edition, complete with its silly rhymes and humorous, charming illustrations. In this simple, playful board book, a shy hippo watches as other animals engage in social activities. Finally, the other animals invite the hippo along and, after dithering a moment, she leaps into the fun...with hilarious results. The repetitive, enjoyable rhythm, cheerful mood, and well-crafted, simple rhymes will endear this story to toddlers everywhere. This anniversary edition has an enlarged trim size and metallic ink on the cover, making this Boynton classic even more special.

Peepo! is the much-loved picture book classic by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.

Peepo! is a modern classic that continues to delight generations of babies and toddlers and their parents. A perfect gift for new babies and parents, no home should be without a copy! Here's a little baby One, two three Standing in his cot What does he see? Praise for *Peepo!* 'The best book ever published for babies' - Books for Your Children 'Surely no one - baby, child or adult - could fail to enjoy *Peepo!*' - Sunday Telegraph 'A book to last a lifetime . . . this is a perfect book for

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sharing' - Nursery World Allan Ahlberg has published over 100 children's books and with his late wife Janet, created many award-winning children's picture books. The Baby's Catalogue was inspired by their daughter, Jessica. The Ahlbergs' books are nursery bookshelf standards and have been the recipient of worldwide acclaim and awards, including the Kate Greenaway Medal.

Gathers riddles, jokes and humorous poems about animals, school, sports, and brothers and sisters

Banjo is about to tuck into his sausage when it jumps right up off the plate and runs away. But the sausage - whose name is Melvin - isn't alone. He's followed by the fork, the knife, the table, the French fries and even the peas. And so the chase begins. Will Banjo ever catch up with his runaway dinner?

Small dog, tall dog, playing with a ball dog, big dog, dig dog burying a bone . . . Can there really be 100 dogs doing 100 doggy things packed into the pages of this picture book? Follow the bouncy rhyme as it weaves its way through an array of hilarious hounds (from petted pugs to silly sausage dogs) and find out . . . This silly celebration of dogs is bursting with funny details to spot and crazy, characterful dogs to fall in love with - a bark-aloud book to return time and again. From the New Yorker "20 Under 40" author of Atmospheric Disturbances comes a brain-twisting adventure story of a girl named Fred on a quest through a world

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of fantastical creatures, strange logic, and a powerful prejudice against growing up. Fred and her math-teacher mom are always on the move, and Fred is getting sick of it. She's about to have yet another birthday in a new place without friends. On the eve of turning thirteen, Fred sees something strange in the living room: her mother, dressed for a party, standing in front of an enormous paper lantern—which she steps into and disappears. Fred follows her and finds herself in the Land of Impossibility—a loopily illogical place where time is outlawed, words carry dire consequences, and her unlikely allies are a depressed white elephant and a pugnacious mongoose mother of seventeen. With her new friends, Fred sets off in search of her mom, braving dungeons, Insult Fish, Fearsome Ferlings, and a mad Rat Queen. To succeed, the trio must find the solution to an ageless riddle. Gorgeously illustrated and reminiscent of *The Phantom Tollbooth* and *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, Rivka Galchen's *Rat Rule 79* is an instant classic for curious readers of all ages.

Mr Biff and Mr Bop are boxers and deadly rivals too. Mr Bop is fit and lean and Mr Biff . . . Well, Mr Biff likes a cream cake or two. Will he ever be able to toughen up in time for the annual charity match. Gulp!

It's Christmas Eve and the JOLLY POSTMAN is delivering greetings to various fairy-tale characters - there's a card for Baby Bear, a game appropriately called

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'Beware' for Red Riding Hood from Mr Wolf, a get-well jigsaw for hospitalised Humpty Dumpty and three more surprise envelopes containing letters, cards, etc. Everyone's favourite postman keeps on peddling his bicycle up hill and down dale . . . and into everybody's hearts.

Simple text and illustrations describe some of the pleasures of each season.

Do plants really move? Absolutely! You might be surprised by all ways plants can move. Plants might not pick up their roots and walk away, but they definitely don't sit still! Discover the many ways plants (and their seeds) move. Whether it's a sunflower, a Venus flytrap, or an exotic plant like an exploding cucumber, this fascinating picture book shows just how excitingly active plants really are.

Picture books are such good fun and so is making them but who knew there were so many things that could go wrong? This is the story of a picture book doomed from the very start. Allan has a good idea for book about a crocodile, but every time he sits down to write, he is interrupted. The manuscript gets soaked in tea and nibbled by snails. And then when Bruce gets started on the pictures, he gets overexcited and draws a hippo, not a crocodile. The publishers get overexcited too they want a dinosaur and experiment with all kinds of different fonts. Allan and Bruce think they've straightened things out, but then when the book goes off to the printer you guessed it there's MORE trouble. Pages in French and Chinese get muddled with the pages in English, and somehow Bruce's hippos and dinosaurs get mixed up with them too. My Worst Book Ever is a clever and amusing introduction to the process of writing books for children, and they along with their parents will be delighted to see how hilariously wrong

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Allan and Bruce's book turns out.

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Bumps in the Night is one of the titles in Allan Ahlberg's iconic children's picture book series about skeletons, Funnybones. Despite being set in a dark dark house, this brightly coloured book is perfect for early readers! No matter where they are, the two skeletons keep going bump in the night - clonk! There's only one thing to do: "Send for Doctor Bones!" 'There can be few families in the British Isles who do not possess at least one well-thumbed Ahlberg' - Independent on Sunday Allan Ahlberg has published over 100 children's books and with his late wife Janet, created such award-winning children's picture books, including Peepo!, Each Peach Pear Plum and the Kate Greenaway Medal winning The Jolly Postman. Other titles in the Funnybones series include Funnybones, Mystery Tour, The Ghost Train, The Pet Shop, The Black Cat, Dinosaur Dreams, Skeleton Crew, Give the Dog a Bone and A Brilliant Bone Rattling Collection, all of which are available from Puffin.

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A teddy bear with a rather inflated opinion of himself has a series of not-always-pleasant adventures before finding a real home.

In this book with your little eye, take a look and play I spy - so starts the classic story from best-selling author/illustrator team, Janet and Allan Ahlberg. Each Peach Pear Plum introduces favourite fairy tale characters, such as Tom Thumb and The Three Bears and, with a poem on each page hinting as to what is hiding in the picture, children are encouraged to participate and follow the story themselves. Now available in digital format, this well-known favourite truly is a

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modern classic.

Each peach, pear, plum, I spy Tom Thumb . . . Enjoy this classic favourite from Janet and Allan Ahlberg with six enchanting scenes to make from the picture puzzle blocks. A wonderful new way to read and play with Janet and Allan Ahlberg's classic picture book, Each Peach Pear Plum. This interactive gift set combines the bestselling board book with colourful picture blocks which can be used to tell the story and build picture puzzles of the wonderful illustrations. On Christmas Eve while children sleep, the scalliwag robbers prowl and creep. Who can catch them?

Written specifically for bedtime, this story is full of shimmering fish, dancing crabs, a friendly whale... and one adventurous little mermaid! Weaving a journey from lively beginning to gentle end, the ten minute countdown to bed is at the heart of this enchanting story. But will Splash get to bed on time? This beautifully illustrated picture book is the perfect length for sending little ones off to sleep. Also available: Ten Minutes to Bed: Little Unicorn 9780241348925, Ten Minutes to Bed: Little Monster 9780241348918, Ten Minutes to Bed: Little Unicorn's Christmas 9780241414576 Coming soon: Ten Minutes to Bed: Little Dinosaur 9780241386736

When you aren't sure, you'll feel me near, When you are scared, I will be here. When you are high, when you are low, I'll be holding your hand and I'll never let go. From the author and illustrator of I Love You Night and Day comes a tender and heartfelt picture book. With reassuring words offering a message of unconditional love, and illustrations bursting with exuberance, warmth and humour, Never Let Go is the perfect gift for loved ones of all ages and guaranteed to be a favourite for years to come.

Tom Thumb, Jack and Jill, Baby Bunting, and a host of other familiar nursery-rhyme characters

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are hiding in the colorful pictures, and children are challenged to find them as the story unfolds "Aliens love underpants, in every shape and size, But there are no underpants in space, so here's a big surprise...." This zany, hilarious tale is delightfully brought to life by Ben Cort's vibrant illustrations. With a madcap, rhyming text by award-winning Claire Freedman, this is sure to enchant and amuse the whole family! Perfect for joining in, this story is fantastically fresh and funny - you'll laugh your pants off!

Starting School is easy and fun with Janet and Allan Ahlberg's picture-book classics. From first-day nerves to finding your peg, this helpful and reassuring read is full of humour for children and parents alike. 'Starting School, one more Janet and Allan Ahlberg book that gets everything right.' Guardian

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