

Alborough, Jez **The gobble gobble moooooo tractor book**

HarperCollins Hbk £10.99 9780007317271
Interest age: 4+ Reading age: 5+

Sheep sits on Farmer Dougal's tractor and baas to make the sound of the engine starting. Other farm animals join in to make additional tractor noises. Would be good to read aloud and get the children to join in with the noises.



Barasch, Lynne **First come the zebra**

Lee & Low Hbk £11.99 9781600603655
Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 7+

Story set on the border between Kenya and Tanzania. Two boys, one Maasai who grazes cattle, and another a Kikuyu, a farmer of crops, clash as they realise they are from different tribes. However when a baby is at risk of harm they co-operate to save it and become friends despite their prejudice. Notes explaining the background of the area at the back.



Brown, Ruth **Gracie the lighthouse cat**

Andersen Hbk £10.99 9781842709719
Interest age: 5+ Reading age: 7+

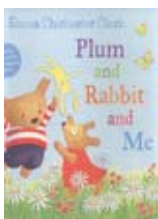
Set in the lighthouse where Grace Darling lives. This is a parallel tale of Gracie the cat and her kitten, which is accidentally shut outside in a storm. Gracie eventually finds her kitten clinging to the rocks and rescues her. Meanwhile Grace and her father have rescued some people and they all end up at the lighthouse, sheltering from the storm.



Chivers, Natalie **Rhino's great big itch**

Little Tiger Hbk £10.99 9781848950207
Interest age: 5+ Reading age: 6+

Rhino has a terrible big itch. He can't ease it and so looks to others for help. When Bird offers to help, Rhino thinks he'll be too small, but Bird is just the right size to get inside his ear and remove the cause.



**Clark, Emma
Chichester** **Plum and rabbit and me**

HarperCollins Pbk £5.99 9780007273256
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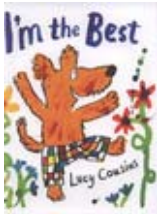
Humber and his little sister Plum have the usual sibling fall outs, particularly when Plum takes Humber's toys. However, when Plum gets a toy rabbit, Humber wants it, hits her and takes it away from her, and Mum has to intervene to make him say sorry and give it back. A beautifully illustrated warm family story.



Clifton-Brown, Holly Annie Hoot and the knitting extravaganza

Andersen Hbk £10.99 9781842709672
Interest age: 4+ Reading age: 8+

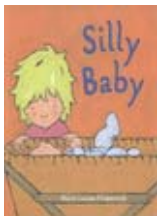
Annie Hoot is a kind owl and her latest craze is knitting. The other owls don't want her presents so she goes travelling, ending up in the Arctic where the animals are grateful. However, by this time she's running out of wool and starting to miss the other owls. She returns to find that they have been missing her too. Great fun.



Cousins, Lucy I'm the best

Walker Hbk £11.99 9781406323689
Interest age: 4+ Reading age: 6+

Dog thinks he's the best and won't stop telling his friends. Mole points out that each of them is good at something. Then dog realises he hasn't been nice to his friends and says sorry. The animals say they love him and his fluffy ears, so dog thinks the most important thing is his fluffy ears.



Fitzpatrick, Marie-Louise Silly baby

Frances Lincoln Hbk £11.99 9781845079512
Interest age: 3+ Reading age: 6+

Simple, pleasantly illustrated story about a little girl coming round to liking her new baby brother and getting over feeling left out.



Gravett, Emily Blue chameleon

Macmillan Hbk £10.99 9780230704244
Interest age: 5+ Reading age: 5+

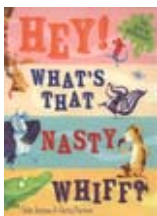
Blue chameleon is lonely and sad and tries to imitate other creatures and objects in order to make friends with them: a yellow banana, a swirly snail, etc. Simple and clear type, very few words. Finally he finds another chameleon.



Horacek, Petr The fly

Walker Hbk £10.99 9781406313925
Interest age: 4+ Reading age: 6+

Told from the point of view of the fly, who wonders why he is so hated by humans. The pictures show his habits, such as landing on cows and then our food! He is oblivious to the damage he does. Simple bright quality illustrations.



Jarman, Julia Hey! What's that nasty whiff?

Scholastic Pbk £6.99 9781407109961
Interest age: 5+ Reading age: 8+

Hyena and Vulture, who do all the cleaning and recycling, are fed up and decide to leave it to the other animals who never say thank you. When all the rubbish is piling up and the smell gets too strong, they beg Hyena and Vulture to come back. Told in lively humorous rhyming text.



Krebs, Laurie We're roaming in the rainforest

Barefoot Hbk £10.99 9781846863301
Interest age: 4+ Reading age: 8+

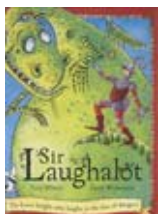
A succession of rainforest animals in a rhyming text give a little information about themselves, accompanied by colourful illustrations. Finishes with several pages of information about the Amazon rainforest, including a map.



Landa, Norbert The great monster hunt

Little Tiger Hbk £10.99 9781848950221
Interest age: 5+ Reading age: 8+

Duck hears a funny noise under her bed and tells Pig. Pig tells Bear, and so on, but each time the reported noise gets worse. When eventually they tell Owl, the noise has become so alarming that Owl decides Duck is in terrible danger. Armed with ropes and nets and 'useful pokey things' they set out to deal with the 'monster'. An amusing cumulative story.



Mitton, Tony Sir Laughalot

Orchard Hbk £10.99 9781408302743
Interest age: 6+ Reading age: 8+

Whatever challenge is presented to him, Sir Laughalot just giggles. The last challenge is to rescue a damsel in distress but it turns out she is just as much of a giggler and the sorceress begs him to take her away. They get married and live happily ever after with lots of love and laughter. Told in rhyme and reads aloud well. Bold colourful illustrations.



Moore, Inga A highland adventure

Hodder Hbk £10.99 9780340988947
Interest age: 5+ Reading age: 7+

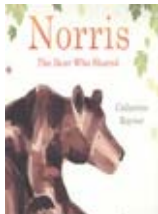
Six dinner Sid and his owners go on holiday to the North of Scotland where a local wildcat shows Sid how to catch his own food. Sid tries to get an eagle's eggs. Unfortunately the eagle returns to the nest and Sid finds himself flying off on the eagle's back. An amusing follow up to the well known story.



Pichon, Liz The real story of Cinderella and the ugly sisters

Little Tiger Hbk £10.99 9781845069841
Interest age: 6+ Reading age: 8+

Alternative version of Cinderella which really turns the traditional version upside down. The ugly sisters are kind & Cinderella is a 'little madam'. In the end, Cinderella is turned into a (TV-watching) pumpkin because she disobeys the Fairy Godfather.



Rayner, Catherine Norris the bear who shared

Orchard Hbk £10.99 9781846163081
Interest age: 3+ Reading age: 7+

Simple, attractively illustrated story about friendship and sharing. Norris waits patiently for the delicious plorringe to fall from the tree so that he can eat it. However, Tulip and Violet are waiting up in the tree for it to fall. When it finally falls onto Norris's head, rather than eat it all himself, Norris shares it with the others - and makes two new friends.



Sandall, Ellie Birdsong

Egmont Pbk £5.99 9781405247382
Interest age: 5+ Reading age: 7+

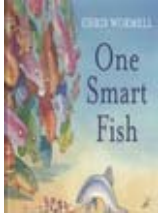
One after another, a variety of colourful, noisy birds land on a branch, which gets fuller and fuller and sags more and more. Then a very big bird lands on it, sending the others flying, and (the observant reader will notice) cracking the branch. It holds, until a butterfly lands on it too. Rhyming text.



Stills, Caroline An ABC of pirates

Little Hare Hbk £10.99 9781921272776
Interest age: 4+ Reading age: 7+

A short rhyme links each letter to pirates. The illustrations show pirates, but also other items beginning with that letter, which are listed at the back of the book. The book gives a basic introduction to pirate life, with a glossary of more difficult words.



Wormell, Chris

One smart fish

Cape	Hbk	£10.99	9780224083546	
Interest age:	5+		Reading age:	7+

In an amazing world before any other creatures existed, there were fish, and one smart fish in particular. He dreams of walking on land. Chris Wormell uses his quirky style to illustrate evolution for younger readers.

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