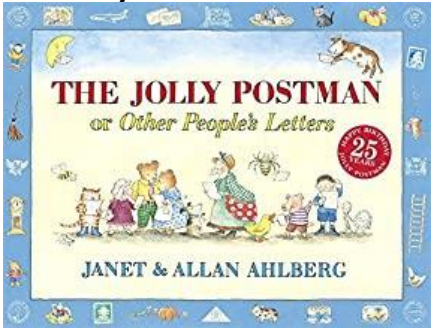
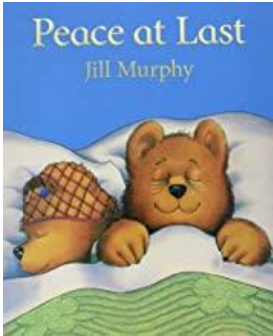
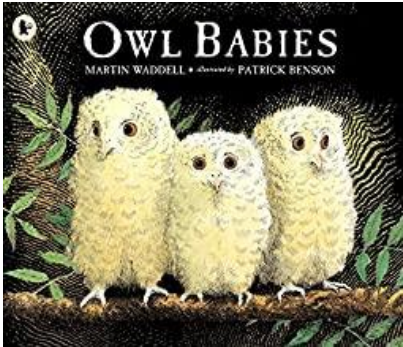



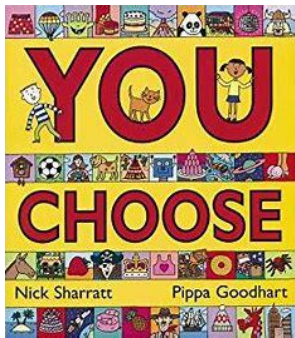
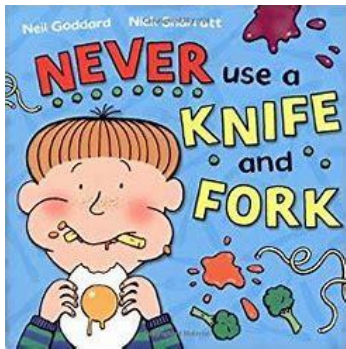
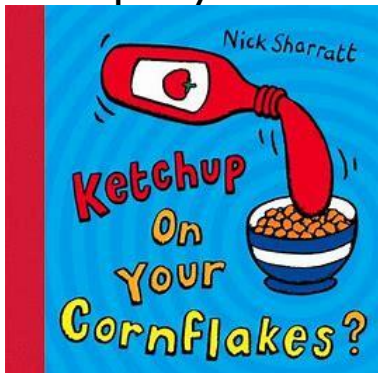
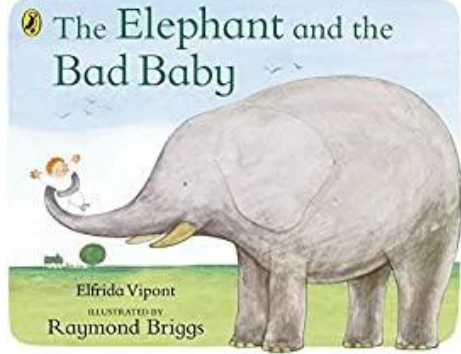


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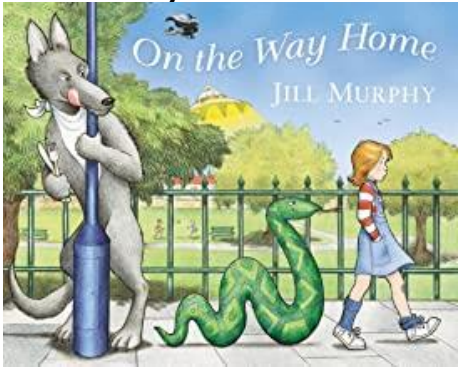

Author	Book	Brief description
Lynley Dodd	Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy 	Hairy Maclary goes off for a walk in town, followed by a few friends. All is uneventful until they meet Scarface Claw, the toughest tom in town, and run for home.
David McKee	Elmer 	<p>Elmer is different. Elmer is patchwork.</p> <p>The grey elephants all love him, but he soon starts to wonder what it would be like to be just the same as them...</p>
Julia Donaldson	The Gruffalo 	<i>A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood. A fox saw the mouse and the mouse looked good. Walk further into the deep dark wood, and discover what happens when a quick-witted mouse comes face to face with an owl, a snake...and a hungry Gruffalo!</i>
Allan Ahlberg	Funnybones 	In a dark, dark house in a dark, dark cellar, love some...skeletons. This book tells the story of these skeletons as they go out adventuring one night.

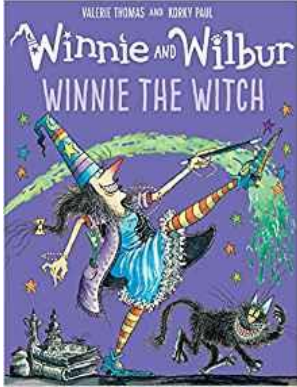
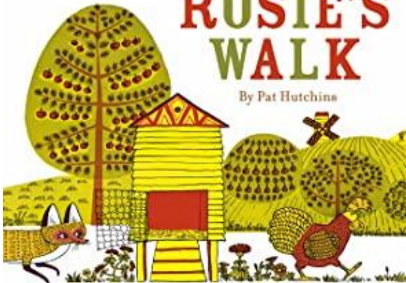
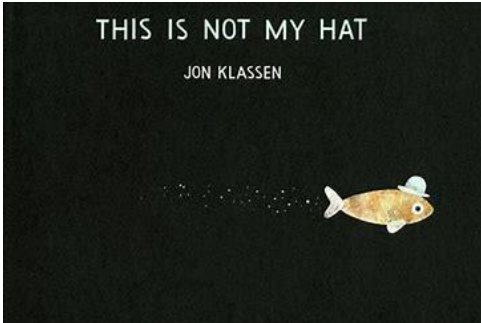
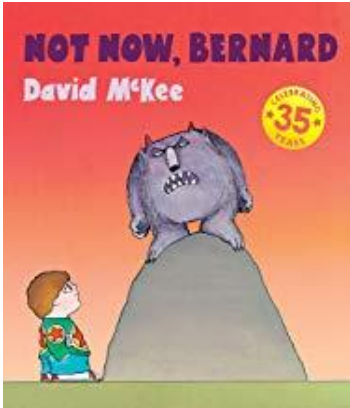
Allan Ahlberg	The Jolly Postman 	<p>The Jolly Postman delivers cards and letters to various fairy-tale characters. He has a letter of apology for the three bears from Goldilocks, a postcard from Jack for the giant, a solicitor's letter on behalf of Little Red Riding-Hood for the wolf who ate grandma, and more!</p>
Jill Murphey	Peace at Last 	<p>The hour was late and Mr Bear was tired. But he could not sleep - however he tried and wherever he tried. Snore, snore went Mrs Bear. Tick-tock, tick-tock went the clock. Would he never get to sleep?</p>
Martin Waddell	Owl Babies 	<p>A gentle tale of three baby owls reassures young children that Mummy will always come home. Three baby owls 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 and the owls grow anxious, wondering when their mother will return. But, at last, she does and they bounce up and down with joy, welcoming her home.</p>
Nick Butterworth	We're going on a Bear Hunt 	<p>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!</p>

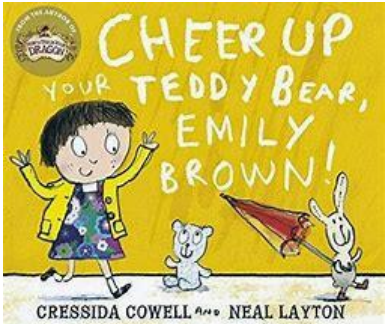
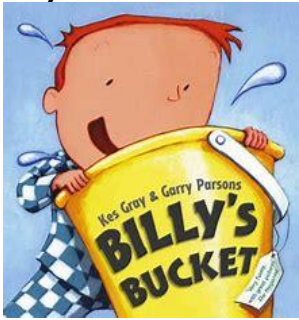
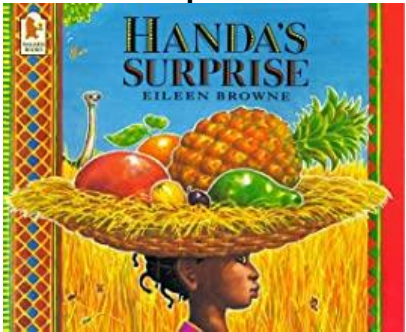

Sue Hendra	Supertato 	<p>Meet Supertato! He's always there for you when the chips are down. He's the superhero with eyes everywhere - but now there's a pea on the loose. A very, very naughty pea. Has Supertato finally met his match?</p>
John Burmingham	Oi! Get Off Our Train! 	<p>A little boy sets off on a round-the-world night train to dreamland with only his toy dog for company. But soon all sorts of endangered animals are asking if they can jump up and join them on their journey. . .</p>
John Burmingham	Mr Grumpy's Outing 	<p>One day Mr Gumpy decides to take a trip along the river in his boat. But the children, the rabbit, the cat, the pig and lots more friends decide to join him. Everyone's having a lovely time until the animals start kicking, bleating, hopping and flapping and the boat starts to rock. What will happen...?</p>
Inga Moore	Six Dinner Sid 	<p>Sid is a cat who is addicted to having six meals a day and glories in this lifestyle. Manipulative, persuasive and a charmer he has wrapped everybody round his little paw - each owner believes that Sid belongs to them only . . . until the day he is found out!</p>

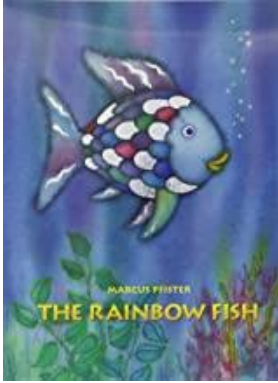
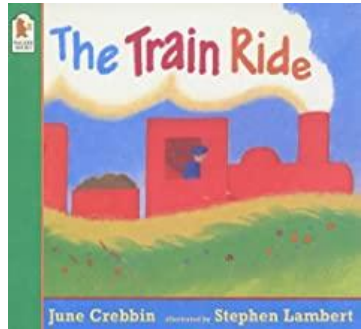
Nick Sharratt	<p>YOU CHOOSE</p>  <p>Nick Sharratt Pippa Goodhart</p>	<p>Imagine you could go anywhere, meet anyone and do anything. Where would you live? Where would you sleep? Who would be your friends? What games would you play? Go on . . . you choose!</p>
Nick Sharratt	<p>Never Ever Use a Knife and Fork</p>  <p>Neil Gifford Nick Sharratt</p>	<p><i>Never Use a Knife and Fork</i> is an outrageous, tongue-in-cheek exploration of mealtime chaos that will have children in stitches. Full of mischief and mess, it shows exactly what you SHOULDN'T do with food -- squish it, slosh it, squirt it, squeeze it!</p>
Nick Sharratt	<p>Ketchup on your Cornflakes?</p>  <p>Nick Sharratt</p>	<p>A great reissuing of a perennially popular split-page book inviting children to howl with laughter at the fantastic and fantastical food concoctions they create. Do you like ketchup on your cornflakes?</p>
Elfrida Vipont and Raymond Briggs	<p>The Elephant and the Bad Baby</p>  <p>Elfrida Vipont ILLUSTRATED BY Raymond Briggs</p>	<p>The Elephant takes the Bad Baby for a ride. They help themselves to ice creams, pies, buns, crisps, biscuits, lollipops and apples, and the shopkeepers follow them down the road shouting and waving. All ends well as the Bad Baby learns to say 'Please' and his mother makes pancakes for everyone.</p>

Eric Carle	The Very Hungry Caterpillar 	<p>One Sunday morning, a caterpillar hatches from an egg. He is known as the Very Hungry Caterpillar, who loves eating, and so he begins to look for some food.</p>
Jill Murphy	Whatever Next 	<p>The moon and back before bath time? Whatever next! Join Baby Bear as he finds a rocket, makes friends with an owl and has a picnic on the moon.</p>
Oliver Jeffers	Lost and Found 	<p>There once was a boy and one day a penguin arrives on his doorstep. The boy decides the penguin must be lost and tries to return him. But no one seems to be missing a penguin. So the boy decides to take the penguin home himself, and they set out in his row boat on a journey to the South Pole. But when they get there, the boy discovers that maybe home wasn't what the penguin was looking for after all.</p>
Martin Waddell	Farmer Duck 	<p>This book tells the story of a hardworking duck, who has the very bad luck of living with a lazy farmer. The duck cooks and cleans, tends the fields and cares for the other animals on the farm – and all while the farmer lies in bed! That is until the day the animals decide to take action...</p>


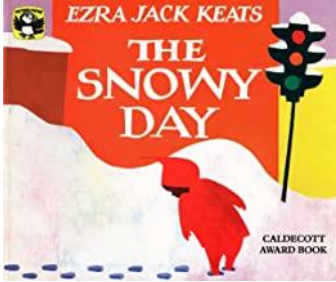
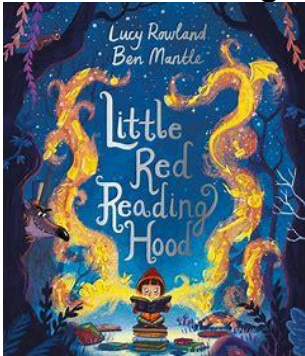

Jill Murphy	On the Way Home 	<p>Claire has hurt her knee so she sets off home to tell her mum all about it. On the way she meets her friends and tells them how the fall happened. But just how <i>did</i> it happen . . .? Was she dropped by a wolf, a slithering snake, an enormous dragon or a hairy gorilla?!</p>
Judith Kerr	Mog the Forgetful Cat 	<p>Bother that cat!' Mog always seems to be in trouble. She forgets that she has a cat flap and she forgets that she has already eaten her supper. But, one night, Mog's forgetfulness comes in very handy...</p>
Judith Kerr	The Tiger Who Came to Tea 	<p>The doorbell rings just as Sophie and 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!</p>
Margaret Wise Brown	Goodnight Moon 	<p>In a great green room a little bunny is tucked up snugly and safely in bed and is getting ready to say goodnight to all the familiar things in his room, one by one.</p>


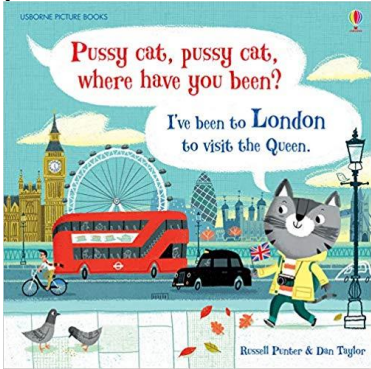
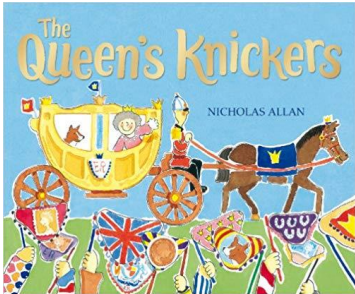
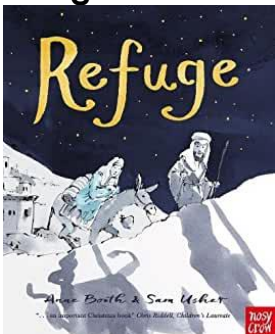
Valerie Thomas	Winnie the Witch 	Winnie shares her big black house with Wilbur her big black cat. So sometimes she accidentally trips over him. Ouch! After some spells that make Wilbur look very silly, Winnie finds just the right magic to make sure she can always see him. It's a colourful Winnie and Wilbur adventure!
Pat Hutchins	Rosie's Walk 	Rosie's is pursued by the hungry but clumsy fox as she walks around the farmyard. One disaster after another befalls the poor fox while Rosie goes on her way, supremely unaware of the danger behind her.
John Klassen	THIS IS NOT MY HAT JON KLASSEN 	The story of a tiny fish who proudly wears a blue hat. It fits him perfectly. Problem is, trouble could be following close behind... So it's a good thing that the enormous fish he took it from won't wake up. And even if he does, it's not as though he'll ever know what happened, right?
David McKee	Not Now Bernard 	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.

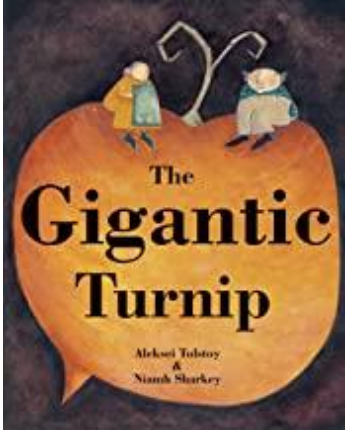
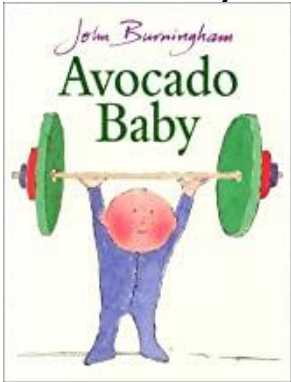
<p>Cressida Cowell and Neal Layton</p>	<p>Cheer Up Your Teddy Bear Emily Brown!</p> 	<p>Emily Brown and her side-kick rabbit, Stanley, are back and this time they're on a mission to cheer up one very unhappy teddy bear. But, no matter what they try, the teddy bear is STILL miserable. Emily Brown has had ENOUGH!</p>
<p>Kes Gray</p>	<p>Billy's Bucket</p> 	<p>Billy wants only one thing for his birthday - a bucket. Inside it, he can see all kinds of magnificent sea creatures. But Mum and Dad are sceptical and, when Dad unwittingly uses the bucket to clean his car, he's in for a big surprise!</p>
<p>Eileen Browne</p>	<p>Handa's Surprise</p> 	<p>Handa decides to take seven pieces of delicious fruit to her friend, Akeyo. But as Akeyo wonders, <i>I wonder what fruit Akeyo will like best?</i>, a series of sneaky animals steal something from Handa's basket. When Handa reaches Akeyo, will she have anything left to offer her friend?</p>
<p>Maurice Sendak</p>	<p>Where the Wild Things Are</p>  <p>STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK</p>	<p>That night a forest begins to grow in Max's room and an ocean rushes by with a boat to take Max to the place where the wild things are. Max tames the wild things and crowns himself as their king, and then the wild rumpus begins! But when Max has sent the monsters to bed, and everything is quiet, he starts to feel lonely and realises it is time to sail home to the place where someone loves him best of all.</p>

Benji Davies	The Rainbow Fish 	<p>The Rainbow fish is asked to share one of his shining scales, which he refuses to do. The other fish leave him alone, and he wonders why. After advice, Rainbow Fish reluctantly gives his scales away, except for one. He is less beautiful than he was before, but he has new friends and is happier than ever.</p>
Clare Freedman and Jon Cort	Aliens Love Underpants 	<p>Aliens love underpants, in every shape and size, but there are no underpants in space, so here's a big surprise....</p>
June Crebbin	June Crebbin 	<p>A little girl and her mother board the train in town and set off on a journey through the countryside. As they travel, the girl looks out of the window, asking "What shall I see? What shall I see?" And what does she see? Sheep, cows, horses and much more!</p>
Ying Chang Compestine	The Runaway Wok: A Chinese New Year 	<p>When a boy goes to the market to buy food and comes home with an old wok instead, his parents wonder what they'll eat for dinner. But then the wok rolls out of the poor family's house with a <i>skippity-hoppity-ho!</i> and returns from the rich man's home with a feast in tow!</p>

Timothy Knapman	Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Bogey? 	The Big Bad Bogey is a green, mean, icky MONSTER. He doesn't care whose story he ruins! He crashes through Little Red Riding Hood's house, into Goldilock's porridge and even smashes Cinderella's carriage! Can ANYONE stop him?
Steve Smallman	Scaredy Bear 	There's a monster in the forest and Little Bob is out to find him . . . but instead, he finds a very scaredy bear! Will the bear be happy to join in the hunt? A heart-warming tale about friendship and overcoming your fears
Tony Ross	Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Bogey? 	Honor Brown cannot find a good word to say about her school despite much prompting. She insists that her teacher is a warty toad, the water tray has killer sharks in it, and even her friends are loathsome. But when the time comes to move on to 'Big School', she sits in the corner and sobs! Maybe it wasn't so bad after all!
Jeanie Willis Tony Ross	Flabby Cat and Slobby Dog 	Flabby Cat and Slobby Dog were very lazy. They ate and ate and ate. They drank and drank and drank. And they slept and slept and slept. But when they woke up, they were most uncomfortable. The sofa had shrunk! Or so they liked to think!

<p>Tracy Corderoy</p>	<p>A Flower in The Snow</p> 	<p>In an icy kingdom far away lived the very best of friends: Luna and Bear. When a beautiful flower pops up in the snow, Luna is delighted! But soon the flower fades, and with it, Luna's smile. Bear sets off on an adventure to find another sunshine flower, sailing the seven seas, trekking through jungles and crossing hot, sandy deserts...but will Bear ever find what he is looking for? And will Luna and Bear ever be reunited again?</p>
<p>Ezra Jack Keats</p>	<p>One Snowy Day</p> 	<p>This story tells of the adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day. It reveals a child's wonder at a new world, and the hope of capturing and keeping that wonder forever.</p>
<p>Lucy Rowland Ben Mattie</p>	<p>Little Red Reading Hood</p> 	<p>Little Red Reading Hood loves reading books and making up stories of her own. When she meets a cunning wolf while on her way to the library, he convinces her to stray from the path and read for a little while. But hasn't she read this in a story before? Perhaps it's time she came up with a new ending . . .</p>
<p>Tim Hopgood</p>	<p>Thank You for Looking After Our Pets</p> 	<p>It's very kind of you to look after our pets while we're away, including Cuddles the Crocodile, Elsie and Edna the Elephants, and Orlando the Octopus! And watch out for the penguins on the stairs... Looking after pets has never been quite so fun, or as surprising!</p>

<p>Rebecca Cobb</p>	<p>The Something</p> 	<p>When a little boy's ball disappears down a mysterious hole in the garden, he can't stop thinking about what could be down there - a little mouse's house? The lair of a hungry troll? Or maybe even a dragon's den. Whatever it may be, he's determined to find out!</p>
<p>Russell Punter</p>	<p>Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, Where Have you Been?</p> 	<p>Take a virtual tour of London in this original picture book based on the classic English rhyme, which allegedly dates back to Tudor times. This version is set in the modern day, with pussy cat touring some of the most capital's most iconic sites including the Tower of London and Trafalgar Square, as well as Buckingham Palace.</p>
<p>Nicholas Allan</p>	<p>The Queen's Knickers</p> 	<p>It's a busy year for the Queen - she has lots of important events to attend. Meanwhile, a little girl is wondering what knickers Her Majesty will choose to wear on a school visit! Will they be her 'at home' knickers - adorned with corgis - or her 'garden party' knickers, or perhaps her woolly Balmoral ones...?</p>
<p>Anna Booth</p>	<p>Refuge</p> 	<p>The Christmas story and what follows: the fleeing of Jesus, Mary and Joseph from Herod's soldiers to Egypt. This is a book with timeless crossover appeal and a message that couldn't be more relevant.</p>

<p>Carol Ann Duffy</p>	<p>The Gigantic Turnip</p> 	<p>An amusing retelling of the classic Russian tale about a farmer whose turnip is impossible to pull from the ground.</p>
<p>John Birmingham</p>	<p>Avocado Baby</p> 	<p>The Hargraves want their new baby to grow up big and strong. But the puny mite will hardly eat a thing. One day Mrs Hargraves finds an avocado in the fruit bowl and the baby gobbles it up. Soon, the strangest things start to happen...</p>