

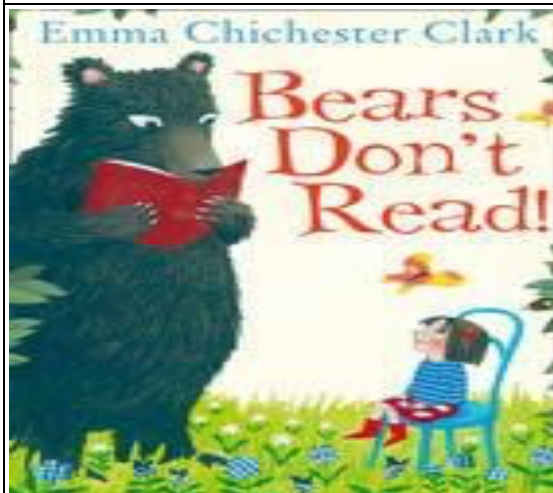
## Early Years Recommended Reading List



### **A Bit Lost**

**Chris Haughton**

This is the heart-warming story of Little Owl - who must be more careful when he is sleeping...Uh-oh! He has fallen from his nest, and with a bump he lands on the ground. Where is his mummy? With the earnest assistance of his new friend Squirrel, Little Owl sets off in search of her, and meets a sequence of other animals. Yet while one might have his mummy's big eyes, and another her pointy ears, they are simply not her. Chris Haughton's striking colour illustrations follow Little Owl on his quest. Which of his new friends will lead him back to his mummy? In a gorgeous board book edition, this is the perfect read-aloud book for little hands to hold.



### **Bears Don't Read!**

**Emma Chichester Clark**

A magical story of friendship to power the imagination and encourage children (and bears!) towards a lifelong love of reading. That's just silly! said his sister. Bears don't read! George isn't happy doing the usual bear things like chatting and fishing. But what else is there? Then one day, he finds a book beneath a tree and knows...More than anything he wants to learn to read! But, arriving in town, George soon discovers that it's not easy to be a bear at school! If only he could find someone to teach him the alphabet and change his life forever...

Shirley Hughes  
**DOGGER**



The much-loved story about finding your favourite toy

Shirley Hughes

**Dogger**

When Dave loses his favourite toy, Dogger, he is desolate. But then Dogger turns up at the school summer fair, and everything seems all right - until someone else buys him before Dave can get the money!

**DOG**



**LOVES BOOKS**

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**Dog loves Books**

Dog loves books! Dog loves books about dinosaurs and Dog loves books about aliens: in fact Dog loves all books! Dog has his very own bookshop, although he doesn't have many customers. But that's all right, because when Dog is surrounded by books, he is never short of friends or fun.

And when someone does come into the shop, Dog knows just which books to recommend.

**NOT NOW, BERNARD**  
David McKee



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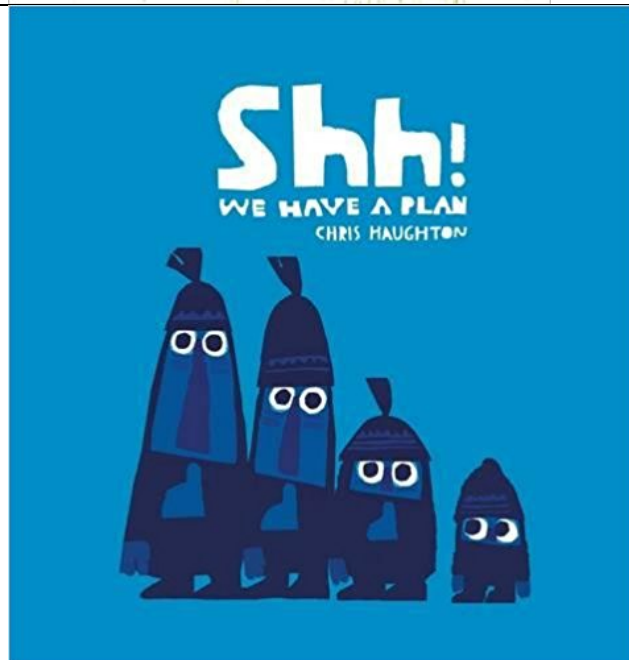
***Not Now Bernard***

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.



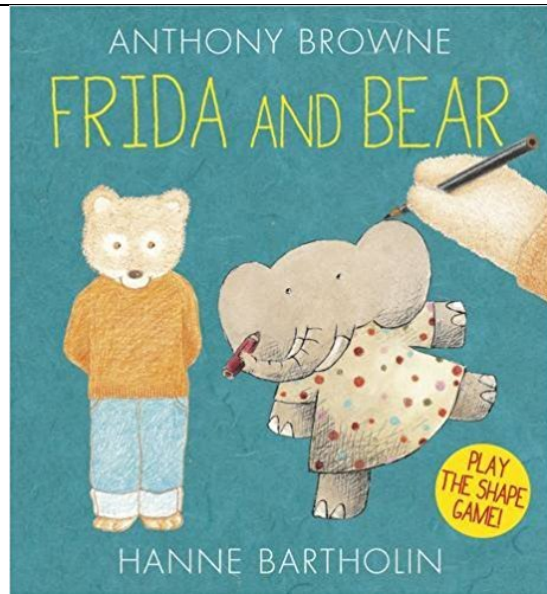
**Rebecca Cobb**  
**The something**

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!



**Chris Haughton**  
**Shh! We have a plan**

A picture book about a beautiful bird, four friends and plans gone wrong... The friends are out for a walk. Suddenly, they spot it - a beautiful bird perched high in a tree! They simply *must* have it and - *ssh!* - they have a *plan*. So they *tip-toe* very slowly, nets poised - "Ready one ... ready two ... ready three ... *GO!*" But, at the turn of the page, we find a ridiculous bunch of very tangled characters and a blissfully oblivious bird, flying away. One hilarious foiled plan after another and it's clear that this goofy gang *cannot* catch that elusive birdie! But the littlest of this group, a quiet spectator up until now, knows that a bit of kindness can go a long way... Will his friends follow his gentle lead or will they get themselves into even more trouble?

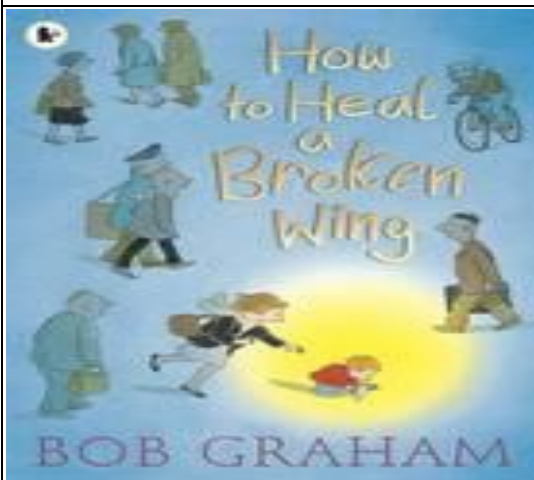


**Anthony Browne / Hanne Bartholin**

### **FRIDA AND BEAR**

Frida and Bear both *love* to draw - but what? First, Frida draws a shape. Bear adds to it and turns it into a picture. Then Bear draws a shape for Frida as the game begins again. Anthony Browne and Hanne Bartholin celebrate the power of imagination and the importance of creativity in this delightful picture book that invites the reader to join in and play the shape game with them.

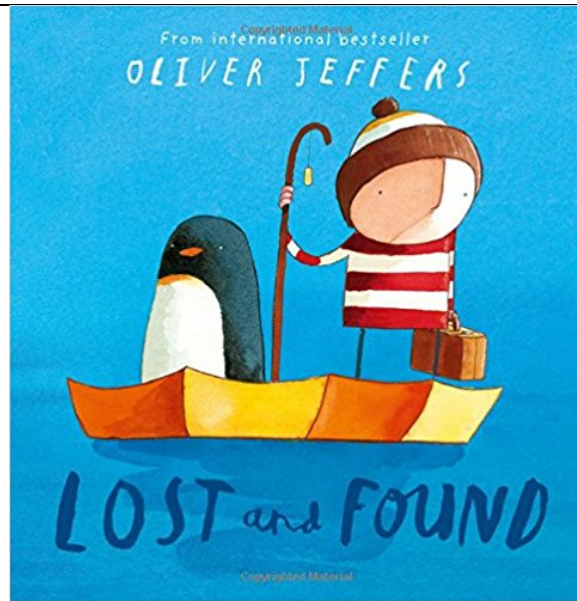
**Learn to play the shape game!**



### **How to Heal a Broken Wing**

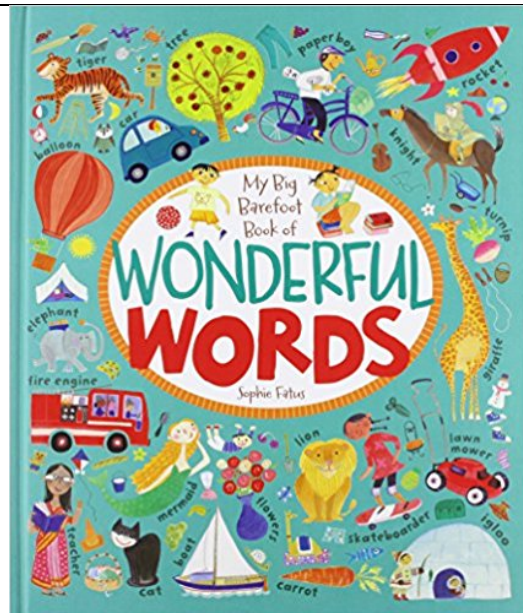
**Bob Graham**

When Will helps an injured bird, he learns that a little kindness can go a long way. No one in the busy city sees the bird lying on the pavement, its wing broken. No one but a small boy called Will. He and his mum carry it home and, with time, rest, and a little bit of hope, the wing mends...and they set the bird free to soar over the city once more. A magical story and poetic picture book full of hope and tenderness.



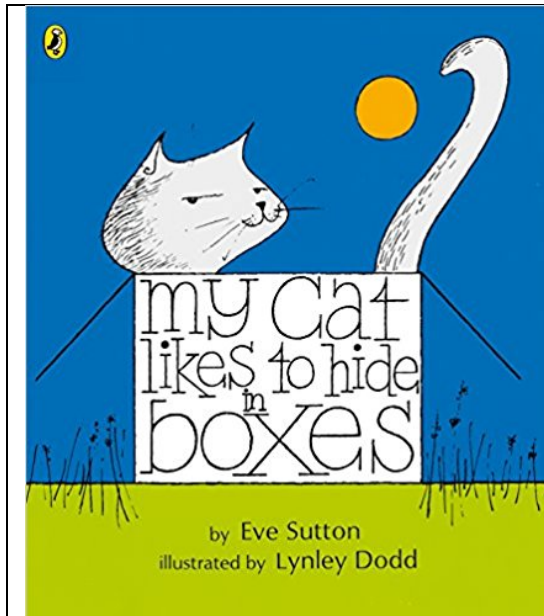
**Oliver Jeffers**  
**Lost and found**

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...



**Sophie Fatus**  
**My big barefoot wonderful book of words**

Each scene is teeming with people, places and things. But what makes this book really different is that each of the narrative, real world scenes is followed and further developed by an abstract, interactive one

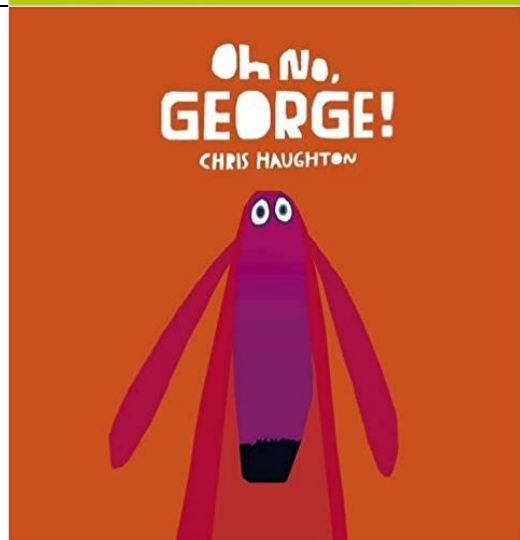


Eve Sutton

### My cat likes to hide in boxes

Lots of cats all around the world do exciting things like fly aeroplanes or play the violin - but my cat, an ordinary round-the-house cat, likes to hide in boxes.

Children will love joining in with this fun rhyming story that is just right for beginner readers.



Chris Haughton

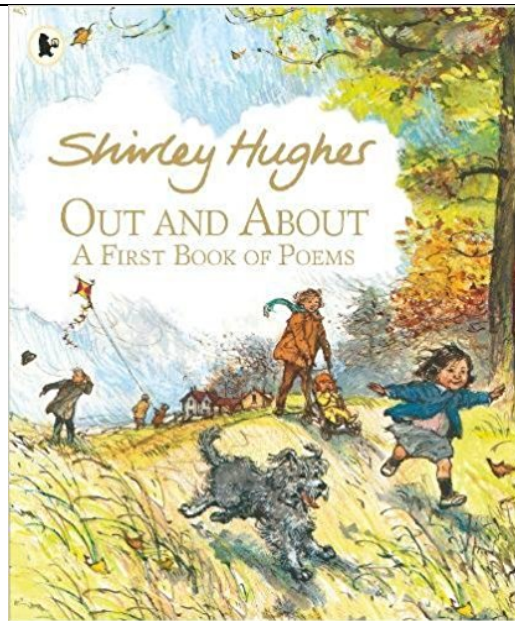
### Oh NO, George!

This is the story of George the dog. His owner, Harris, is off to do some shopping. "Will you be good, George?" he asks his dog. 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? Shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal and the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, Chris Haughton's distinctive artwork perfectly accompanies the innocent charm of affable George, a dog trying to be good - with hilarious results!



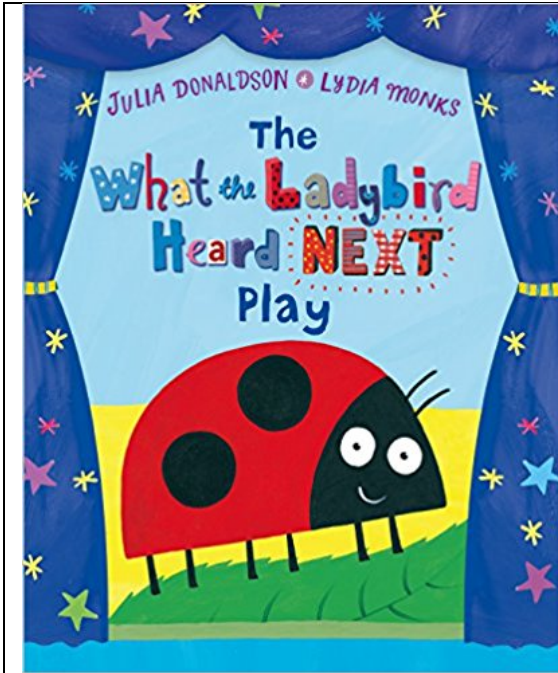
**Catherine Anholt / Laurence Anholt**  
**One world together**

I want a friend but who will I choose?  
Take a trip around the world, meet  
children from lots of different places  
and peep into their lives. This is a  
delightful story about friendship across  
nations and cultures, in which one small  
child visits nine different countries to  
find a friend - and ends up being friends  
with ALL the children he meets. Along  
the way he discovers how children live in  
other countries and the things they  
enjoy doing - showing both how their  
lives are different, and how many of the  
things children enjoy are the same  
throughout the world.



**Shirley Hughes** **Out and  
about-A first book of poems**

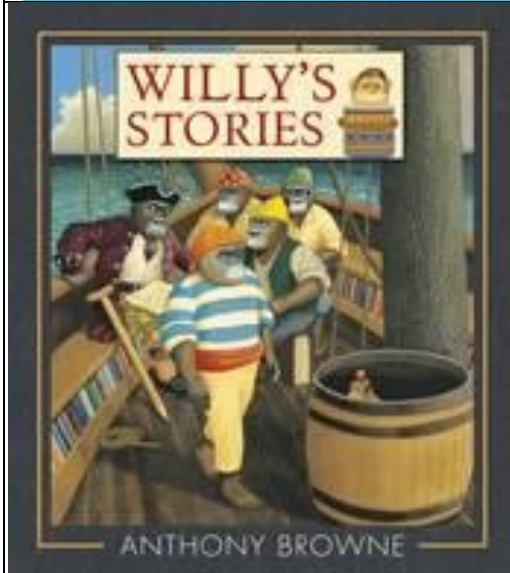
Katie and her little brother Olly go out  
and about, romping through the changing  
seasons. They take pleasure in the  
different elements and weather  
conditions - sunshine, wind, rain, mist  
and even snow. From the joys of the  
seaside to the miseries of the sickbed,  
this exuberant volume captures to  
perfection the world of childhood.



**Julia Donaldson**  
**What the ladybird heard**

**What the**

The little ladybird is back, and now *What the Ladybird Heard Next*, bestselling picture book from Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks, has been adapted by author Julia Donaldson into a fun and accessible play script that children will love performing at school or at home.



**Willy's Stories**

**Anthony Browne**

Once a week, Willy walks through an ordinary-looking set of doors and straight into an adventure. Where will those doors take him today: to a mysterious desert island with footprints in the sand; down a deep, dark rabbit hole full of curious objects; or perhaps on board a pirate ship, face to face with Captain Hook? Wherever he ends up, Willy's journeys begin when he walks through those inviting doors.