

Harvey Slumfenburgers Christmas Present

The time had come for a young sugar glider to leave home. She tried to be brave, kissed her mummy on the cheek, and scampered on her way. Follow Sugar in this original tale about learning to be happy with who you are.

"A Visitor for Bear has the feel of a classic, and it's so cozy no parent could object to reading it aloud every night." — The New York Times Book Review (starred review) Features an audio read-along! Bear is quite sure he doesn't like visitors. He even has a sign. So when a mouse taps on his door one day, Bear tells him to leave. But the mouse — who keeps popping up in the most unexpected places — just won't go away! Cheery persistence wears down the curmudgeonly Bear in a wry comedy of manners that ends in a most unlikely friendship. All the signs show that the worthy art of letter writing is in decline. One third of 16-year-olds have never written a letter, and in the next ten years it is predicted that first-class mail will drop by 37%. Emails and texts have overtaken the humble pen and paper as the most popular method of communication. In *Kind Regards*, Liz Williams explores the popular history of letter writing and how it has shaped the world today - from the early Greek philosophers, to the great letter writers Byron and Walpole and famous letters that changed the world. It also covers the invention of the fountain pen and the growth of the mail delivery system. This is the fascinating story of how a simple piece of paper revolutionized global communication and how, despite the ever-growing influence of technology, handwritten letters are regaining their value, meaning and popularity

Two ducks are forced out of their swampy home by developers and search far and wide for a new place to live.

A small dog, abandoned near a trash dump and captured by a dog catcher, is befriended by a circus clown whose act needs improving. Mr Gumpy has decided to go for a ride in his motor car. It's a nice day and the sun is shining, so off he goes. But he only gets as far as the lane before the children, the rabbit, the cat, the dog, the pig, the sheep, the chickens, the calf and the goat ask if they can come along too. As the motor car and its passengers make their way across the field, the weather begins to turn and the rain is soon pouring down. The tyres cannot grip the muddy ground, so Mr Gumpy asks for volunteers to push the car. But everyone has an excuse, until it gets so bad that they all have to get out and help. Eventually, the sun shines once more as they drive across the bridge - and there's time for a swim on the way home.

Mr. Gumpy accepts more and more riders on his boat until the inevitable occurs.

This bestselling Christmas picture book by renowned children's author Michael Morpurgo and illustrator Jim Field, is now available in paperback for the first time. Michael Morpurgo frames his powerful message about protecting the environment in this beautiful personal story about a grandpa's wish for his granddaughter to live in a better world. This vital and timely story is paired with Jim Field's emotive illustrations in this gorgeous Christmas picture book, perfect for the whole family to share. Dearest little Mia, This Christmas, instead of a Christmas card - you'll have plenty of those - and instead of a present - you'll have plenty of those too, I am sending you a letter ... Every Christmas Mia and her family read a letter which her Grandpa wrote to her. His letter is a warm, impassioned and heartfelt wish for a better world for Mia to live in. He remembers fondly the times they spent in his garden finding frogs and worms and planting seeds. But Grandpa worries that all the things they love so much are in danger ... His letter is a hopeful plea to Mia (and to all of us) to continue to care for and protect our precious world. Michael Morpurgo is a master storyteller who has written over one hundred books and won countless awards. In 1976 Michael and his

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wife Clare started the charity Farms For City Children, which aims to relieve the poverty of experience of young children from inner city and urban areas. In 1999 they were awarded the MBE for their work in creating these farms and in 2006 Michael received an OBE. His novel War Horse has been adapted into a hugely successful and critically acclaimed West End play as well as a film adaptation directed by Steven Spielberg. Michael is a tireless champion for children's books and was formerly the Children's Laureate. Jim Field is an award-winning illustrator, character designer and animation director. He is perhaps best known for drawings frogs on logs in the bestselling picture book series Oi Frog! He has illustrated children's books with Kes Grey, Michelle Robinson, Rachel Bright, Jeanne Willis, Steve Cole and comedian David Baddiel. His first picture book Cats Ahoy won the Roald Dahl Funny Prize and he has been nominated for several other awards including the Kate Greenaway Award and the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award. In 2016, The Bookseller listed Jim as the 6th top selling illustrator. Jim grew up in Farborough and now lives in Paris with his wife and daughter.

Easy-to-read text and drawings describe a young boy's relationship with his best friend Arthur.

Visually arresting, informative and accessible, this is the book for every child who ever wondered, 'How?'

A teacher regrets his decision to disbelieve a student's outlandish excuses for being tardy.

A young boy imagines what life will be like when his new sibling arrives.

A man's barbecue is interrupted when he is visited by a bevy of dogs from the neighborhood.

Even frustrated grammarians will giggle at the who's-on-first routine that begins with a donkey's excited announcement, "I yam a donkey!"

Unfortunately the donkey's audience happens to be a yam, and one who is particular about sloppy pronunciation and poor grammar. An escalating series of misunderstandings leaves the yam furious and the clueless donkey bewildered by the yam's growing (and amusing) frustration. The yam finally gets his point across, but regrettably, he's made the situation a little bit too clear . . . and the story ends with a dark and outrageously funny twist.

Georgie gets a new bed that takes him on magical adventures.

This atmospheric picture book about a house packed full of guests over Christmas captures the sense of excitement and sharing that embodies the Christmas spirit.

"With warm joyful art and a rhythmic, read-aloud text, here is a celebration of every festive step in taking home and decorating a Christmas tree"--flyleaf.

Russell's Christmas Magic Storybook Greetings

Having put his reindeer to bed, after a hard Christmas Eve's present delivering, Santa discovers that there is still one present left. It is for Harvey Slumfenburger, so Santa sets out alone for Harvey's home. But will he get there in time?

This hilarious series opener from Australian comedian Andy Lee is full of twists and surprises for disobedient readers!

From the very cover of this picture book, a funny blue monster pleads with readers not to keep reading. As his pleas grow more impassioned, however, readers will delight in doing exactly what they are asked not to do -- no matter the consequences for the blue monster! This successful series from popular Australian comedian Andy Lee has sold over one million copies worldwide and has been translated into over 35 languages.

A classic Christmas tale re-told for modern times by the Poet Laureate, with illustrations by Rob Ryan It's the night before Christmas and a young girl creeps like a mouse down the stairs, determined to find out for certain whether Santa is real. But she falls asleep within seconds... Soon, Santa and his reindeer land on her roof-top and when he bursts out of her fireplace she is woken up to a room filled with magic. As she watches him fly off into the night, she knows that she will never forget this sight because, at Christmas, the best gift of all is belief. Carol Ann Duffy's twenty-first-century reworking of the Victorian Christmas classic is filled with her characteristic warmth, wit and imagination and, illustrated by the sophisticated, romantic and truly original Rob Ryan, it will be the perfect gift this Christmas.

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... While high in the mountains with his parents, Albert falls off a cliff and ends up in Cloudland, where he enjoys playing with the cloud children, but misses his parents.

Once upon a time there were two geese called Mr and Mrs Plumpster. Each Spring they returned to the marshes of their ancestors, and Mrs Plumpster laid her eggs. Soon six fine young Plumpsters hatched: Archie, Freda, Jennifer, Oswald, Timothy and Borka. But Borka was different. Borka had no feathers and could not fly. When winter came the other geese flew off in search of warmer climates, leaving Borka all alone. But her adventure was only just beginning . . .

In her bedroom wall, Sylvie spots a door - and beyond that door she finds a passage. Beyond the passage she discovers - a zoo! There are lots of animals there, so Sylvie decides to bring a few small ones into her bedroom at night time, just for a cuddle. No matter what Sylvie does though, she always makes sure to close the door in her bedroom wall. Until, one day, she forgets!

Spring is... birds nesting, pigs rooting, lambs playing... A beautiful look at the seasons and all the fun that goes with them from the amazing John Burningham. This book is a feast for the eyes and little ones will be able to recognise seasonal changes and look at the details for hours.

Do you have a real relationship with God, or do you just have a religion? Do you know God, or do you just know about God? In *How Big Is Your God?* Paul Coutinho, SJ, challenges us to grow stronger and deeper in our faith and in our relationship with God—a God whose love knows no bounds. To help us on our way, Coutinho introduces us to people in various world religions—from Hindu friends to Buddhist teachers to St. Ignatius of Loyola—who have shaped his spiritual life and made possible his deep, personal relationship with God.

When a little girl discovers the end of a line, she follows it as it transforms into all sorts of unexpected things in order to discover who is at the other end.

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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. . .

Eleanor Estes's *The Hundred Dresses* won a Newbery Honor in 1945 and has never been out of print since. At the heart of the story is Wanda Petronski, a Polish girl in a Connecticut school who is ridiculed by her classmates for wearing the same faded blue dress every day. Wanda claims she has one hundred dresses at home, but everyone knows she doesn't and bullies her mercilessly. The class feels terrible when Wanda is pulled out of the school, but by that time it's too late for apologies. Maddie, one of Wanda's classmates, ultimately decides that she is "never going to stand by and say nothing again."

Hi Everyone! Crabby Spit is COOL! I've been crabspotting, riding my bike, surfing and swimming, and looking at stars. With a bit of luck, I'll be having fish and chips for dinner. The only problem is my things keep disappearing! Can you help me find them? Roland Harvey It's summer and time to head to Crabby Spit! 'Don't forget to write!' says Grandma. The postcards come thick and fast, detailing all the timeless pleasures of playing on the beach, paddling, surfing, finding treasures, dancing to the glow of a bonfire. But look out for the clever family dog who collects all the belongings of the absent-minded artist! Short-listed for the 2005 CBCA Awards, this popular picture book is now available in paperback.

Dads come in all shapes, sizes, and personalities! Some dads tend to worry. And some dads are in a hurry. Some dads like strolling. And some dads like rock 'n' rolling. But all dads are proud of their kids, and all kids love their dads for their unique qualities. In this silly rhyming picture book by author-illustrator Nick Bland, fathers and their children will enjoy sharing story time together as they think about all the wonderful things that make their time together special. *Some Dads* is the perfect gift for Father's Day or for any new dad.

One evening Marie Elaine and her neighbor Norman go with Malcolm the cat to a secret place, where they dance and party with the Queen of the Cats.

Father Christmas travels over increasingly difficult terrain in an ever increasingly uncomfortable manner in order to deliver Harvey Slumfenburger's one and only Christmas present.

On his way home from a quick trip to the store, Steven encounters several marauding animals ready to relieve him of his goods. "Help, I've been robbed! It'sth a disthasthter!" Grandpa's teeth, handmade by the finest Swiss craftsman, are gone -- stolen from his bedside table! Grandpa suspects anyone who doesn't smile widely enough to prove that their teeth are their own. Soon everyone in town is smiling -- all the time -- and their ghastly grins are frightening the tourists away. Can the culprit be caught before the whole town cracks up Popular Australian cartoonist Rod Clement, illustrator of *Edward The Emu* and *Edwina The Emu* by Sheena Knowles, has created a rollicking whodunit with a surprise ending that will have readers grinning from ear to ear. 00-01 CA Young Reader Medal Masterlist

Go on a festive and fun-filled adventure with Larry in the hilarious Christmas novelty edition of the USA Today bestselling series, *Don't Push the Button!* 'Tis the season for gift-giving and kids will adore this new addition to the creative and interactive series that has touched the lives

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of over half-a-million readers. Don't Shake the Present! is the perfect stocking stuffer, holiday gift for kids, and present for 1 year old girls and boys celebrating their first Christmas ever! Kids and parents alike will return to this wacky holiday book time and again. Larry the lovable monster has received a present, and he's desperate to know what's inside. He needs your help to figure it out. But whatever you do... DON'T SHAKE THE PRESENT! Hi, I'm Larry. This is my present. I REALLY want to open it, but I'm not allowed.

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This charming, funny story perfectly captures the very best part of Christmas spirit. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

Ian Fleming's beloved original text — newly illustrated by Joe Berger! "Crackpot" is what everybody calls the Pott family. So when they go to buy a new car and come back with a wreck, nobody is surprised. Except for the Potts themselves. First, the car has a name. And she tells them what it is. Then they find out that she can fly. And swim. . . . Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is a car on a mission to stop a criminal gang in its tracks — and she is taking the Potts with her! Jump into the world's most loved magical car for her first adventure.

From Africa to Australia to Asia and back again, Sunny the meerkat is on the hunt for the perfect Christmas in this flap-filled festive picture book.

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