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<td>Peep the bird wants to join the dawn chorus but can’t wake up early enough and so is disappointed, until he hears another bird’s singing just like himself at dusk and discovers he is a nightingale and so only sings in the evening. Pleasant and very informative tale about birds for younger readers with muted illustrations.</td>
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<td>When a terrible storm arrives in the wood, Badger makes his friend’s homes secure, but when the oak tree falls down, he has no home. His friends help him to build a new one and plant an acorn. Pleasant story about helping one another.</td>
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<td>Clark, Emma</td>
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<td>George the bear finds a book beneath a tree in the wood so decides to go to town to find a school so he can learn to read. However, everyone is terrified until he meets Clementine and her mother who befriend him and take him home and teach him. Excellent tale about the joy of reading.</td>
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<td>Cronin, Doreen</td>
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<td>A baby duckling has just hatched on the farm and won’t go to sleep and keeps the whole barnyard awake. Duck tries various activities to get the duckling to sleep without Farmer Brown finding out. Amusing tale with repetitive text.</td>
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Emmett, Jonathan  
**A spot of bother**

Walker  Hbk  £11.99  9781406347999
Interest  4+  Reading age:  6+

Pig is very proud of his clean appearance, so he's horrified to discover a spot of squashed cherry on his side. But when his farmyard friends try to help, things only get worse, and pig gets increasingly frustrated. Amusing farmyard tale which children will enjoy, with pleasant illustrations which really enhance the text.

Heap, Sue  
**Mine!**

Candlewick  Hbk  £11.99  9781406346749
Interest  4+  Reading age:  6+

Amy snuggles on her blanket with her three toys but finds it hard to share them with two younger boys and a baby. When Baby Joe picks up one toy and kisses it, Amy takes it away and says "MINE!". But then she realizes this has made the baby very sad and so she shares with all the boys. Simple tale of sharing with pleasant illustrations for young children.

Knapman, Timothy  
**Mighty small**

Oxford University Press  Hbk  £11.99  9780192737229
Interest  5  Reading age:  6

Max feels he's a failure as a superhero until the circus comes to town and he spots the clowns stealing from the bank. Max tracks them to their Big Top hide-out, foils their plans, and scares their boss Mr Big because he's an elephant who is afraid of mice.

Leake, Kate  
**Don't chew the royal shoe!**

Scholastic  Pbk  £6.99  9781407139357
Interest  6  Reading age:  7

Chips the royal dog is always getting into trouble for chewing the Queen's shoes. Then one night, Chips captures a burglar who is trying to steal the Queen's jewels by chewing his boots, and suddenly he's a hero. Amusing tale which would read aloud well with lively illustrations which enhance the text.

Lenton, Steven  
**Princess Daisy and the dragon and the nincompoop knights**

Nosy Crow  Pbk  £6.99  9780857632883
Interest  5  Reading age:  6

When Princess Daisy discovers that her father's kingdom is beset by a dragon, the king calls for knights to come to the rescue, but when they prove to be a bunch of scaredy-cats, things start to look rather bad. But then a mystery knight dares to enter the dragon's den, and turns out to be brave Princess Daisy. Fun rhyming alternative fairy tale which would read aloud well.

MacKenzie, Emily  
**Wanted! Ralfy Rabbit, book burglar**

Bloomsbury  Pbk  £6.99  9781408843130
Interest  5+  Reading age:  7+

Some rabbits dream about lettuces and carrots, but Ralfy only dreams about books and wants to read them all the time. His obsession sends him into a life of crime until a book-mad boy introduces him to the wonders of the local library. Humorous tale with fun illustrations which enhance the text.
Ross, Tony  
I feel sick!

Andersen   Hbk  £11.99  9781783441150
Interest  4  Reading age:  6

The Little Princess feigns sickness to avoid doing her chores and things she doesn't like, but makes a miraculous recovery when she is invited to a birthday party, until she eats too much!

Scieszka, Jon  
Battle bunny

Walker   Hbk  £6.99  9781406360189
Interest  7+  Reading age:  8+

A very clever book. It appears to be an old fashioned twee book about a bunny which has been bought for Alex. However, he has defaced it with a pencil, crossing out much of the text and re-writing it, and altering the illustrations drastically. The story then appears to be about an evil bunny trying to take over the world, and a boy called Alex who saves the world and defeats the bunny.

Seeger, Laura  
Bully

Vaccaro

Andersen   Pbk  £6.99  9781783442133
Interest  5+  Reading age:  6

When Bull's friends ask him to play he responds very unkindly to each in the way he's been taught, until one of them stands up to him and makes him realise what a bully he's become. Very simple text and pictures. Could be used to encourage discussion with young children about why bullies bully.

Sperring, Mark  
Snappy birthday

Bloomsbury   Pbk  £6.99  9781408852620
Interest  5+  Reading age:  6+

Four children are invited to a birthday party by a mystery neighbour. However, on arrival he turns out to be a crocodile who plans to eat them. The children foil him with a surprise birthday cake. Tale told in rhyme with bright appealing illustrations.

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