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**Antony, Steve: The Queen’s handbag**

Hodder Hbk £11.99 9781444925524

Interest age: 4+ Reading age: 6+

A naughty swan steals the Queen's handbag, so naturally, the Queen races after it around famous places in Great Britain in various modes of transport. Follow-on to "The Queen's Hat". Great fun simple book for younger children introducing the British Isles.

**Boyd, Colin: The bath monster**

Andersen Hbk £11.99 9781783442898

Interest age: 4+ Reading age: 6

When your bath water drains down the plughole, that slurping sound is the Bath Monster drinking it. However, when a boy decides he doesn't believe in the Bath Monster any more, the Bath Monster comes to see him and we find out what else he eats. Witty tale with Tony Ross illustrations.

**Bright, Rachel: Love monster and the scary something**

Harper Collins Pbk £6.99 9780007540327

Interest age: 4+ Reading age: 6+

Love Monster can't sleep and the night noises make his imagination run wild thinking a horrible monster is in his house. However, when he faces up to his fears, things are not as he expected. Another amusing Love Monster tale with a clear moral message for young children.

**Brown, Ruth: Black Beauty**

Andersen Hbk £12.99 9781783441709

Interest age: 7+ Reading age: 7+

Ruth Brown retells this classic tale where a horse makes the incredible journey from a peaceful paddock to the streets of London. No matter what he encounters, nothing can break Black Beauty's spirit. Lovely evocative illustrations.
Child, Lauren  
**One thing**
Orchard  Hbk  £11.99  9781408339008  
Interest: 6  Reading age: 7+
A humorous counting story in which Charlie and Lola get ready to go to the shops with their mum and choose one thing each to buy. Unusual angle on counting with Child’s characteristic illustrations throughout.

Clark, Emma  
**When I first met you, blue kangaroo!**
Chichester  Hbk  £12.99  9780007425105  
Interest: 5  Reading age: 6
When Lily has a new baby brother, she soon discovers that it's not easy learning new things and helping to look after someone so small. But then Grandma brings her Blue Kangaroo who also needs to be cared for and who helps Lily adjust to her new world.

Donaldson, Julia  
**What the ladybird heard next**
Macmillan  Hbk  £11.99  9781447275954  
Interest: 5  Reading age: 6
Follow-up to "What the ladybird heard" where the cunning robbers are back to steal the fat red hen from the farm. However, the clever ladybird and the animals once again have a plan to stop them. Good sequel.

Hart, Caryl  
**Whiffy Wilson, the wolf who wouldn't go to bed**
Orchard  Hbk  £11.99  9781408332542  
Interest: 5+  Reading age: 6+
Whiffy Wilson thinks bedtime is boring. He wants to stay up all night long, playing his saxophone, building forts and learning magic tricks. Luckily, his best friend Dotty is on hand with some helpful bedtime routines to change his mind. Funny story told in rhyme explaining why we need sleep for our good health.

Inkpen, Mick  
**I will love you anyway**
Hodder  Hbk  £11.99  9781444924565  
Interest: 5  Reading age: 6
Dog is very badly behaved. Dog destroys everything, chases cars and won't stop running away. But when he finds himself lost and alone there is one person he can count on. Charming and humorous story which would read aloud well with lovely illustrations.
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<td>Tina the cow believes that anything is possible, but her sisters aren't convinced. When she tells them she has climbed a tree and met a dragon, they decide that her nonsense has gone too far, but when they go in search of her, they find that anything really is possible. Splendid simple tale of imagination and an adventurous spirit, with lovely illustrations.</td>
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Teckentrup, Britta

Tree

Little Pbk £6.99 9781848691810

Interest age: 4+

Reading age: 6+

Simple rhyming tale following the life-cycle of a tree through the seasons of the year with appropriate creatures and weather. Bright simple illustrations and peek-through holes to spot for various animals.

Walliams, David

The bear who went boo!

Harper Collins Hbk £12.99 9780008149536

Interest age: 4+

Reading age: 6+

In the arctic a very cheeky polar bear cub loves to go “boo” and refuses to stop when asked by his parents. When a camera crew come to make a film, he upsets several groups of creatures so the film crew change their minds. The little bear then gets his comeuppance from the other animals. Amusing tale with clear moral message about consequences of actions with Tony Ross illustrations which enhance the text.

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