Andreae, Giles  Sir Scallywag and the battle of Stinky Bottom
Puffin  Pbk  £6.99  9780723270478
Interest: 5+  Reading age: 6
King Colin wants the Golden Sausage that will make him live for ever and sends Sir Scallywag to battle the trolls who guard it in Stinky Bottom. However, when a dog eats the sausage, the King has to eat ordinary ones but thinks he looks younger than ever. Good moral at the end. Fun rhyming tale.

Ashdown, Rebecca  The whopper
Templar  Pbk  £6.99  9781783702688
Interest: 4+  Reading age: 6+
When Percy lies about what really happened to the jumper his Gran knitted him, his guilt is personified into the form of a monster who gets bigger the longer he lies. It only disappears when he admits his fault. Simple and affective humorous tale with illustrations that enhance the text.

Atinuke  Double trouble for Anna Hibiscus
Walker Books  Hbk  £11.99  9781406347012
Interest: 4+  Reading age: 6
Anna Hibiscus has two new twin baby brothers so all the members of the family are busy doing things for them instead of her. She is reconciled to the idea of having brothers by the end. Usual illustration style.

Booth, Anne  The fairest fairy
Nosy Crow  Pbk  £6.99  9780857633
Interest: 4+  Reading age: 6+
Betty is not doing well at Fairy School. She keeps making mistakes and has to be helped out by her friends. When the King and Queen visit they give Betty a prize because she has been a good friend.

Cleveland-Peck, Patricia  You can't take an elephant on the bus
Bloomsbury  Pbk  £6.99  9781408849828
Interest: 4+  Reading age: 7
Amusing nonsense rhyme showing various weird and wonderful animals attempting to travel by different forms of transport. Quirky illustrations match the text.
When a little orange fish with a very big family feels ignored, he starts to look for attention elsewhere. He meets some blue fish on another reef and tells them he’s a whale. However, when the blue fish need help, he finds he needs the rest of his shoal. Amusing tale with bright illustrations that enhance the text.

This is the moving story of how one ordinary bicycle, and a child’s desire to make a difference, can change lives across the world. It follows a bicycle after its original child owner has outgrown it, when a charity enables it to find a new use and a new life in Africa. Pleasant illustrations. Notes for teachers at the back.

A little girl makes a sandwich for her Dad and decides to put in everything he likes whether it is edible or not. Humorous tale which would read aloud well.

Tale about a small frog who has the ambition to be a daring knight called Sir Lilypad. He goes in search of a princess to kiss him, but when he finds one, she doesn't need saving from her dragon, but instead suggests they join forces and have lots of adventures. Told in rhyme.

Wordless picture book where a little girl walks through a grey city collecting wild flowers and gives them as gifts to people or animals. Unusual atmospheric and thought provoking book for older children.

It's Rosie's big day, and a cat bought as a present for her wonders what his new owner will be like and if he is a special enough a present for her. In the meantime she is very eager to find out what her special present is. Slightly unusual take on a pet and birthday theme.
Morgan, Angie  
Shouty Arthur at the seaside
Egmont  
Pbk  
£6.99  
9781405266789
Interest  
5  
Reading age:  
6
age:
Shouty Arthur and his sister are off to the seaside where Arthur is his usual loud and energetic self. However it is Arthur who saves the day when he and Edith get stuck in a rockpool when the tide comes in and they have to be rescued.

Rabei, Carolina  
Crunch
Child’s play  
Pbk  
£5.99  
9781846437328
Interest  
4+  
Reading age:  
6
age:
Crunch the guinea pig loves to eat and has plenty of food, but when an uninvited guest suggests sharing, Crunch is challenged to make a choice. Nice story about sharing and friendship. Simple pictures.

Smith, Alex T  
Little red and the very hungry lion
Scholastic  
Pbk  
£6.99  
9781407143903
Interest  
4+  
Reading age:  
6
age:
Alternative Little Red Riding Hood tale. Set in Africa, a lion wants to eat Little Red but it all ends well and the lion promises not to try to eat her again, but he might be tempted to eat her dad though. Colourful illustrations add to the humour.

Willis, Jeanne  
Slug needs a hug!
Andersen Press  
Hbk  
£11.99  
9781783441198
Interest  
5+  
Reading age:  
6+
age:
A little slug wonders why his mother won't hug him. He tries to make himself more appealing and takes the advice of various other animals until his mother hardly recognises him. Super rhyming tale which would read aloud well with Tony Ross illustrations.

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