Barroux  Where's the starfish
Egmont  Pbk  6.99  9781405271394
Interest age:  4+  Reading age:  6

Both a 'Where's Wally' style spot the fish game and a book for young children about the threat of pollution to our seas. An almost wordless tale with beautiful colourful illustrations

Braun, Seb  Mayday mouse
Child's play  Pbk  5.99  9781846437588
Interest age:  4+  Reading age:  6+

A little mouse builds a boat and sets sail to take her brother a birthday present. However, she is shipwrecked on an island where some other creatures bring her new materials to build a second boat so she can complete the journey. The last picture shows that she has actually only sailed across a puddle of water.

Cousins, Lucy  Maisy goes to London
Walker  Hbk  11.99  9.7814063587e+12
Interest age:  3+  Reading age:  6

Maisy and her friends are visiting the big city and see Big Ben, Piccadilly Circus, Buckingham Palace, and even the Globe Theatre.

Davies, Stephen  All aboard for the bobo road
Andersen press  Hbk  11.99  9.7817834434e+12
Interest age:  4+  Reading age:  6+

Big Ali and his two daughters set off on a bus journey to the city of Bobo picking up passengers and their luggage en route. They pass through various locations in Burkino Faso before reaching journey's end. Simple tale including repetitive text and counting, with excellent bright illustrations that bring Africa alive.

Donaldson, Julia  The detective dog
Macmillan  Hbk  11.99  9781509801596
Interest age:  4+  Reading age:  6+

Nell the detective dog has a very good sense of smell and when all the books disappear from her young owner's classroom, she helps the children discover the thief, and in turn introduces the thief to the local library. Super tale about the joy of reading. Told in rhyme and would read aloud well.
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Squirrel and Mole are going on a picnic but Squirrel just can't find the right spot. However, when she does find somewhere suitable, the food and cutlery has all disappeared, until some helpful animals have a solution. Simple tale of friendship with pleasant and amusing illustrations that enhance the text.

Quentin the duck's QUCK has lost its A. Do any of the other animals have one to spare? Quentin tries various alternative vowels from other animals without success until he meets a helpful Aardvark. Very humorous with lots of wordplay which with practise would read aloud well!

The evil pea is back and has switched off the freezers so the supermarket is overrun with marauding peas. Supertato has to call in reinforcements in the shape of the superveggies to help save the day. Typical Sue Hendra computer animation illustrations.

After breaking his brother's bike and scratching his mother's car, Arthur has fallen out with the Truth. He tries bending it, hiding it and disguising it, but when he eventually admits what he's done, he finds the Truth is a friend. Fun illustrations accompany the text.

An inquisitive little elephant keeps getting distracted by the other animals around him, but his curiosity almost gets him into trouble when he has a close call with a crocodile. Simple tale with very good use of alliterative language and lovely illustrations.

A little monster needs help from his friend to understand the feelings he experiences. Uses colour to express his feelings with bold illustrations.

Pip the blackbird sets out on a journey to discover what different British birds do in order to find his own special talent, which turns out to be singing.
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Rhyming text introduces various habitats with die-cut flaps to lift and discover different coloured plants and creatures growing. Rainbow at the back reinforces the colours you've learned. Useful introduction to colours and habitats for young children.

Errol and Thomas the teddy play together every day. One day Thomas is very sad and tells Errol that he wants to be a girl teddy called Tilly. Errol is pleased that Thomas had told him, and they carry on being friends and playing together. A gentle story about gender and being yourself.

Mole and his friend the Lumpy-bumpy Thing discover a magic top hat from which rather a lot of rabbits begin to emerge. Soon Mole's carrots are at stake. Amusing tale which would read aloud well.


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