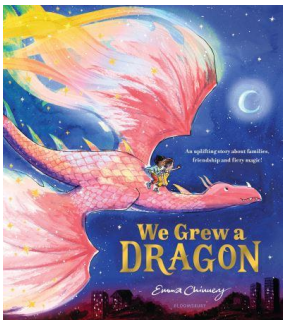


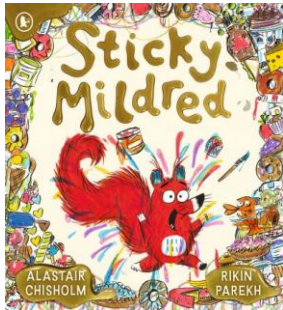
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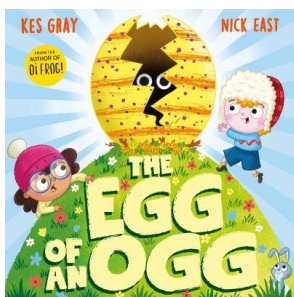
Chinnery, Emma We Grew a Dragon
Bloomsbury Pbk £7.99 9781526687449
Interest age: 3+ Reading age: 6+

When Tina and her mum come to stay with Tom and his dad, Tina and Tom strike up an instant friendship. Tom shares his magical secret with Tina and soon the pair spend their days caring for their little dragon. As their dragon grows, so does their close friendship. But then Tina's mum decides it's time for them to go back home. Tom and Tina's friendship looks like it will have to come to an end. Unless their dragon can keep them together. Lovely gentle story about blended families, friendship and coping with change, all brought together in this fantasy tale.



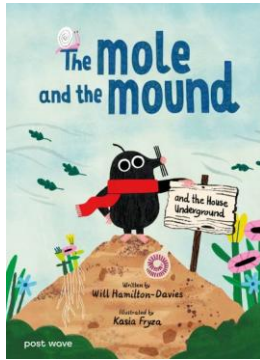
Chisholm, Alastair Sticky Mildred
Walker Pbk £7.99 9781529516975
Interest age: 3+ Reading age: 6+

Mildred Honeyfur loves being sticky and refuses to have a bath. She sets off to find the stickiest things in the world until she becomes a great ball of stickiness, rolling through the town sticking to everything and everyone! Will Mildred ever be stopped? A crazy surreal cautionary tale with a strong message of cleanliness.



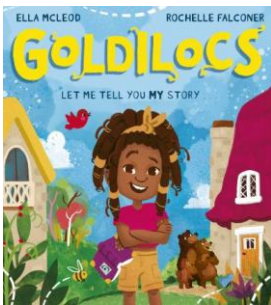
Gray, Kes The Egg of an Ogg
Hachette Hbk £12.99 9781444971903
Interest age: 3+ Reading age: 6+

Violet and Ivan find a strange egg in the woods and despite being warned by a mysterious old man of the forest, they take it back to their town. But then there are some unexpected consequences when it hatches. Can the children save their town from being flattened? Amusing tale with a moral in the story, and plenty of detail in the illustrations for children to enjoy.



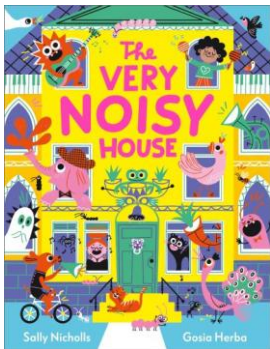
Hamilton-Davies, Will The Mole and the Mound and the House Underground
 Pan Macmillan Pbk £7.99 9781836271215
 Interest age: 3+ Reading age: 6+

Mole is on a mission to build an extraordinary house for himself and his friends. But Bird, Beaver and Bee don't see what the fuss is about. Who would want to spend time in a muddy, mouldy mound when they could be enjoying Bird's impressive nest, Beaver's incredible lodge or Bee's intricate hive? But when a storm hits, whose home will stand? Amusing story, but with underlying themes of resilience and not judging by appearances.



McLeod, Ella Goldilocs
 Scholastic Pbk £7.99 9780702313875
 Interest age: 3+ Reading age: 6+

Goldilocs tries to be the things she is told a girl should be, but she finds that none of them quite fit. But with help from some unexpected friends, Goldilocs learns that being herself is what matters most. An alternative traditional tale which would make a good addition to diversity collections.



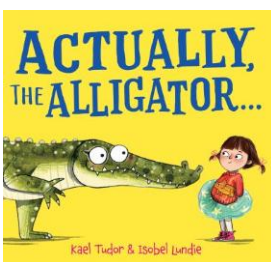
Nicholls, Sally The very noisy house
 Andersen Press Pbk £7.99 9781839132889
 Interest age: 3+ Reading age: 6+

The noisy house is jam-packed with sounds and activities for children to join in with. As readers make their way from one room to another there are a host of madcap people and creatures and sounds of every type. There is also a riot of bright images for keen-eyed readers. This will make for a very interactive story time indeed!



Starling, Robert This is the Girl
 Hachette Hbk £12.99 9781408373156
 Interest age: 3+ Reading age: 6+

A young girl is left behind by the sailors of her village when they go off sailing for adventure and treasure. So, each day she goes out alone in her own small boat with just her cat for company. But each night she returns empty-handed. Then one day a young boy asks to join her and he soon finds out what treasures she has found. Lovely gentle lyrical tale about the wonder of nature that would read aloud well.



Tudor, Kael Actually, the Alligator..
 Scholastic Pbk £7.99 9780702337574
 Interest age: 3+ Reading age: 6+

Mabel's parents love her very much. But they also know that Mabel makes mess and chaos wherever she goes. Every time her parents ask, "Why did you do this?" Mabel says the alligator did it, which of course cannot possibly be true. Or can it? Amusing story with alligator detail for keen-eyed readers to spot.



Wilson-Max, Ken The Big Green: Everyone Can Make a Difference

Otter-Barry Hbk £12.99 9781915659651

Interest age: 3+ Reading age: 6+

One hot day in Mali at the edge of the desert, Maryam and Issa know something exciting is going to happen. Their family bring tools and seedlings and the neighbours bring water. Everyone works together, digging and planting, and then they wait. Lovely uplifting simple story with bright illustrations and a compelling message for young children about making a difference to their world. Based on true events.