**Briggs, John**  
*Don't leap, Larry!*

**Pavillion**  
Pbk  
6.99  
9781843653387  
Interest age:  
5+  
Reading age:  
7

Larry the lemming likes being different, and certainly doesn't want to follow what the other lemmings do, particularly jumping off a cliff. Quirky, fun story about thinking for yourself with illustrations which go well with the text. Young children may need an explanation about lemmings and cliffs before they hear the story.

**Browne, Anthony**  
*Hide and seek*

**Penguin**  
Hbk  
12.99  
9780857534910  
Interest age:  
5+  
Reading age:  
6+

When their dog goes missing, Poppy and Cy play hide and seek in the woods to distract themselves. Lots of imaginative discoveries to be made within the haunting artwork.

**Byrne, Richard**  
*I want to go first*

**OUP**  
Hbk  
11.99  
9780192749734  
Interest age:  
4+  
Reading age:  
6+

Little Elphie always goes last as he is the youngest. But when his family goes to the watering hole, he gets the readers to distract the other members of his family. His trick doesn't quite work, but he does get to be first on the way back. A fun story which will be excellent to read aloud.
When a small platypus visits the zoo, the animals all assume he has come about the vacancy and he is swiftly taken through a rigorous interview process, but fails. However, when it appears he had actually come to invite them to his party, they all apologise. Amusing rhyme with lovely illustrations.

A lift-the-flap book in which the three billy goats try to find an alternative way of getting across the river instead of using the bridge where the goat-eating troll lives. Will Read aloud well.

Supertato must come to the rescue when Evil Pea escapes from the freezer section and takes over the rest of the supermarket, turning it into a land of snow and ice. Another fun supertato title with the usual Sue Hendra illustrations.

Bat loves cherries, but when they are mischievously taken by other creatures he goes through a range of emotions. Funny, simple narrative. Would read aloud very well. Bold, bright illustrations, exhibiting excellent facial expressions for different emotions.
**Kelly, John**  
**Hibernation hotel**  
Little tiger  Pbk  7.99  9781848696761  
Interest age:  4+  
Reading age:  6

Bear can’t sleep in his cave because he is distracted by the other animals, so he books into a posh hotel to hibernate instead. However, he misses his friends, but they are not as far away as he thinks. Amusing tale with very colourful busy retro illustrations.

**Rand, Emily**  
**In the darkness of the night**  
Tate  Hbk  11.99  9781849764810  
Publishing  
Interest age:  5+  
Reading age:  6+

A young child hears all the familiar, reassuring noises of the family and the nighttime outside whilst falling asleep. Then we see people who work throughout the night, and the sights and sounds of the city until finally, as the sun rises, birdsong and the clatter of bins as the city wakes up again. Gentle book, told in rhyme. Useful for looking at day and night.

**Starling, Robert**  
**Fergal is fuming!**  
Andersen  Hbk  11.99  9781783445332  
Press  
Interest age:  5+  
Reading age:  6+

Fergal the dragon keeps getting angry, and when he does he sets fire to things. His mum shows him how to control his anger by counting to ten. He then finds out that all his friends have different ways of controlling their emotions. Gentle story with clear message and pleasant illustrations.

**Walliams, David**  
**Boogie bear**  
Harper Collins  Hbk  12.99  9780008172770  
Interest age:  4+  
Reading age:  6+

A polar bear falls asleep on an iceberg one day, and wakes up to find it floating out to sea. When it melts she swims to land only to find it full of unfriendly brown bears who think she is a monster. However, a puddle of mud helps to save the day. Very humorous tale with illustrations by Tony Ross.
Woollard, Elli

**Great gran plan**

Macmillan  Pbk  6.99  9781447254799  
Interest age:  4+  Reading age:  6+

Pig lives happily in a strong house in the wild wood. But when the bad wolf fails to blow his house down, and goes off to eat Little Riding Hood’s gran, the pig sets out to gather helpful supplies and save her. However, Mr Wolf gets a little more than he bargained for. Alternative fairy tale which would read aloud well.

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Woollard, Elli

**Troll stroll**

Nosy crow  Pbk  6.99  9780857639721  
Interest age:  4+  Reading age:  6+

Troll is fed up with eating boring old goats, so off he strolls in search of some scrumptious children. But then each different vehicle of children suggests the troll should wait for those behind them. Great story to read aloud, entertaining alternative to Three Billy Goats Gruff, told in rhyme.

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