

Hugless Douglas Goes To Little School

A new edition of this bestselling story with a striking new cover. Hugless Douglas is a huggable, lovable young brown bear who wakes up one morning in need of a hug. He goes to try and find one but none of them seem quite right. Join Douglas on his search for the perfect bear hug! This is the first adventure in the hugely popular series, which has sold over 1.4 million copies in 26 languages to date. David Melling is one of the UK's best-loved author-illustrators and his stories combine brilliantly imaginative illustrations with an endearing sense of what it is like to be a small child learning about the world. Hello, Hugless Douglas! was a World Book Day picture book in 2014 and a number one bestseller, selling over 450,000 copies. 'A new Hugless Douglas book is always a cause for celebration.' Daily Mail

A board book edition of this bestselling story. Hugless Douglas is very excited to be going to Little School. There is so much to do - and lots of hugs to be given out! This is the sixth adventure in the hugely popular series, which has sold over 1.6 million copies in 26 languages to date. David Melling is one of the UK's best-loved author-illustrators and his stories combine brilliantly imaginative illustrations with an endearing sense of what it is like to be a small child learning about the world. Hello, Hugless Douglas! was a World Book Day picture book and a number one bestseller, selling over 450,000 copies. 'A new Hugless Douglas book is always a cause for celebration.' Daily Mail 'Winningly executed' The Sunday Times

On the first day of school ... Alex hopes she will make a friend, Salma wants to learn to write NOW, Stephen is a little bit scared, and Penny is as wriggly as a tadpole. But what is that puppy dog, Josh, up to? A story book for parents to read with young children about to begin school, or for older children to read when they are remembering their first days at school.

This book of favourite nursery rhymes is perfect for any time that you feel like cuddling up with your little one with a book. Whether you are reading lots of rhymes as part of a bedtime routine, or sharing a just a few of them and doing the actions, this collection of familiar, comforting rhymes is sure to become firm family favourite. Includes favourites such as: Humpty Dumpty, The Wheels on the Bus and Baa Baa Black Sheep

Join in with Ruffles as he faces all the trials and tribulations of toddler life in this brightly colored new picture book series from award-winning author and illustrator David Melling. As Ruffles learns about the world around him, he discovers there are lots of things he likes . . . and some things he doesn't! He loves scratching, digging, and chewing, but he does not like wearing his red coat on rainy days. No, no, no, no, NO! But when Ruffles wants to splash in puddles with his best friend, Ruby, he soon learns that sometimes wearing a raincoat is a very good idea after all.

A beautiful story about sadness, depression and hope. Blue lives in the darkest

depths of the forest. He has long forgotten how to fly, sing and play. The other birds swoop and soar in the sky above him, the sun warming their feathers. But Blue never joins in. Until, one day, Yellow arrives. Step by step, Yellow reaches out to Blue. With patience and kindness. And little by little, everything changes... A thoughtful and uplifting story. Perfect for helping children learn how to deal with and understand sadness, and how to be there for people in their lives struggling with depression.

One little lion cub can't wait to grow up and do everything just like his dad. From the bestselling creator of Hugless Douglas, this humorous, touching tale is for anyone who loves their dad - even if they are moody, lazy and good at pretending to be busy! David Melling is one of the UK's best-loved author-illustrators and his stories combine brilliantly imaginative illustrations with an endearing sense of what it is like to be a small child learning about the world. A sturdy board book edition of *Don't Worry*, Hugless Douglas, part of the bestselling series that has sold over 1.4 million copies in 26 countries worldwide. Where do you go with a BIG worry? Douglas knows he can count on Dad. Douglas' dad gives him a wonderful new woolly hat. He races outside to show it off and doesn't realise that it's unravelling! Douglas' friends have lots of ideas about how to put things right but it is left to the little bear to work out for himself the best thing to do... Hugless Douglas is an irresistible and hugely popular pre-school character created by David Melling - one of today's leading author-illustrators. 'A new Hugless Douglas book is always a cause for celebration.' *The Daily Mail*

Red scarf, green bush, blue hat ...all lead to a rainbow hug with a brown bear! A delightful celebration of colours with everyone's favourite bear, Hugless Douglas. A sturdy board book that is perfect for little paws. David Melling is one of the UK's best-loved author-illustrators and Douglas the brown bear is a timeless character. The Hugless Douglas books have sold over 1.4 million copies to date in 26 languages. Hello, Hugless Douglas! was a World Book Day picture book in 2014. 'Hugless Douglas fits right in with the well-loved classics like Winnie the Pooh and Paddington Bear and will be remembered for many years to come.' *Guardian*

Join Douglas for springtime magic in a new adventure. This bestselling series has sold over 1.6 million copies to date in 24 languages! When a nest full of eggs comes crashing down Hugless Douglas offers to look after them until Swoopy Bird has built a new home. But Douglas soon discovers a hug is not enough to keep a little egg safe. David Melling is one of the UK's best-loved author-illustrators and his ninth book about Douglas the brown bear is as funny and compelling as the first. It combines brilliantly imaginative illustrations with an endearing sense of what it is like to be a small child learning about the world. 'A new Hugless Douglas book is always a cause for celebration.' - *Daily Mail*

From Hiawyn Oram and Gwen Millward comes a wild, read-aloud celebration of breaking the rules, taking a chance, and having the most brilliant of adventures. Sophie absolutely adores Jimi and smothers him with treats. She thinks he has everything a cat could possibly desire. And Jimi does ... but he doesn't ... because secretly Jimi longs to

explore the bright and bustling world outside. So when Sophie rushes out one day forgetting her keys, there's only one thing for it: Jimi slips on his coat and skedaddles out of there, too! Where will he go and who will he meet on those wild and exciting streets? And what on earth will Sophie say? Children and parents alike will rejoice in this funny, stylish and heart-warming celebration of freedom, adventure, friendship and love.

Join Douglas for Christmas magic in the eighth Hugless Douglas adventure. This bestselling series has sold over 1.6 million copies to date in 24 languages! Hugless Douglas knows what Christmas is all about - snowing sheep, finding a tree, sledging and making new friends like Rudi the Reindeer! And one more thing of course... Christmas hugs! David Melling is one of the UK's best-loved author-illustrators and his seventh book about Douglas the brown bear is as funny and compelling as the first. It combines brilliantly imaginative illustrations with an endearing sense of what it is like to be a small child learning about the world. Hello, Hugless Douglas! was a World Book Day picture book in 2014. 'A new Hugless Douglas book is always a cause for celebration.' - Daily Mail

Join Douglas and his friends for some hide-and-seeK fun in a new adventure. This bestselling series has sold over 1.6 million copies! Hugless Douglas loves to play hide-and-seeK but he's so big he can never find a good enough hiding place. So he and Little Sheep team up to be the best seekers ever. But when Little Sheep disappears can Douglas find his friend on his own? David Melling is one of the UK's best-loved author-illustrators and his ninth book about Douglas the brown bear is as funny and compelling as the first. It combines brilliantly imaginative illustrations with an endearing sense of what it is like to be a small child learning about the world. 'A new Hugless Douglas book is always a cause for celebration.' - Daily Mail

Learn all the super-important life skills you need to become a big boy or girl with this ultimate guide to being a toddler and starting school. No matter what grown-ups tell you, being little is hard work. There's so much to learn from tying your shoelaces, finding the right hole for each arm in a jumper, remembering to say "please" and "thank you" (every single time!), understanding what this new baby is doing in YOUR house, sharing your toys with children you barely know, and a whole bunch of other things too. And if your days aren't extremely busy enough with very important and serious playing, soon you'll be starting school! Don't panic, Stuff to Know When You Start School is here to help guide you along the way by teaching you the skills you need to look after yourself, get on with others, and be ready to go on your first day of school.

The Scallywags are a bunch of messy, noisy wolves who find it rather hard to behave properly. But as they soon discover, if it means losing your friends, then just maybe it's time to practise those manners... By the bestselling creator of the Hugless Douglas series, which has sold over 1.4 million copies in 26 languages. Find out more about David Melling at <http://www.davidmelling.co.uk/> Check out the sequel - The Scallywags Blow Their Top - in which the rambunctious wolves learn to control their tempers. 'David Melling's touch is light but this is a thought-provoking and refreshing storyline.' - Guardian

Douglas is very excited - he's off on a nature walk with all his friends from Little School. Miss Moo-Hoo has given everyone a worksheet with a list of interesting things to find - flowers, twigs, berries . . . and bugs. Soon everyone is too busy searching to notice that

. . . DRIP, DROP . . . it's started to rain! Join Douglas and his friends for some fun in the great outdoors in this brand-new adventure! The Hugless Douglas series has sold over 5 million copies worldwide. 'A new Hugless Douglas book is always a cause for celebration.' - Daily Mail.

Hugless Douglas and his pals are going camping in Badger's Wood. They are excited to make their tent into a tent shape, hop into their pyjamas and gather around Reading Rock for story time! But Little Sheep tells a story that gives Douglas the spooks, and he starts to hear some strange noises coming from outside the tent . . . Who could it be? Grab your hot chocolate and marshmallows and join Hugless Douglas and his pals for story time in the great outdoors! 'A new Hugless Douglas book is always a cause for celebration.' - Daily Mail The Hugless Douglas series has sold over 2 million copies in 27 languages worldwide.

One mischievous little lion cub is keen to show how he can act just like his mum. But when it comes to bedtime, there's no one as good as her! From the bestselling creator of Hugless Douglas, this humorous, touching tale is a celebration of mums everywhere. David Melling is one of the UK's best-loved author-illustrators and his stories combine brilliantly imaginative illustrations with an endearing sense of what it is like to be a small child learning about the world.

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It's Superhero Day at school, and Milly can't wait to wow everyone with her costume and amazing powers! The only problem is she can't actually fly, climb buildings, or create force fields. But when Superhero Day doesn't go to plan, Milly realizes she only needs her superkindness to save the day!

"Wherever this little boy goes, his worry monster follows. Can he learn how to leave his monster behind?" -- Cover.

A hugely endearing, very funny story about kindness, friendship and overcoming fears, from award-winning illustrator Maisie Paradise Shearing. Anna and Otis the snake are great friends and they love having fun together. But Otis knows people are scared of snakes, so he usually just plays at home or in the garden. He is nervous when Anna suggests a new adventure. At first people are afraid, and Otis feels he isn't welcome in the town. But Anna encourages Otis not to give up, and it soon turns out that maybe snakes aren't as scary as people thought! The hairdresser enjoys shampooing a reptile for a change, and at the skate shop Sally has a lot of fun fitting Otis with his own set of awesome wheels. Anna and Otis is full of endless rich details to spot and Maisie's artwork is a treat to pore over.

This bright, bold rhyming story from the creator of the bestselling Hugless Douglas is a wonderfully funny introduction to opposites for the very young and great to read aloud. Follow these hilarious pogo-stick loving bunnies through their crazy day. These bunnies go up and these bunnies go down. Sometimes they're funny and sometimes they frown! Don't miss Funny Bunnies: Rain or Shine - a brilliant introduction to weather. Praise for Hugless Douglas: 'A new Hugless Douglas book is always a cause for celebration.' Daily Mail

Hugless Douglas is going to a sleepover in this third adventure in the hugely popular series - a perfect book for bedtime and hugtime. Hugless Douglas is very excited about Rabbit's sleepover, but he collects so many friends along the way that soon it's a big squash in Rabbit's small burrow! How will they ever get to sleep? This is the third adventure in the hugely popular series, which has sold over 1.4 million copies in 26 languages to date. David Melling is one of the UK's best-loved author-illustrators and his stories combine brilliantly imaginative illustrations with an endearing sense of what it is like to be a small child learning about the world. Hello, Hugless Douglas! was a World Book Day picture book in 2014 and a number one bestseller, selling over 450,000 copies. 'A new Hugless Douglas book is always a cause for

celebration.' Daily Mail

This bright, bold rhyming story from the creator of Hugless Douglas is a wonderfully funny introduction to numbers and counting for the very young and great to read aloud. Count from one to ten with the adorable Splosh and his hilarious fluffy duck friends as they waddle, quack and flap along the diving board. Will they be brave enough to dive into the paddling pool? Don't miss Colour with Splosh! - the second book in this popular series and a brilliant introduction to colours. Praise for Hugless Douglas: 'A new Hugless Douglas book is always a cause for celebration.' Daily Mail

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At the bottom of the garden where no one really sees, a secret school is hidden amongst the grass and weeds. Welcome to Bug School! Don't be nervous on your first day – it's lots of fun. Learn creeping with the spiders, singing with the crickets, count spots with the ladybirds and hop, skip and jump in P.E. with the fleas! A rhythmic, bright celebration of school, starring some very cute bugs indeed! Sure to allay first-day-at-school fears.

Be Brave, Little Penguin Giraffes Can't Dance

A tender, humorous and compelling tale of Viking adventure by multi-award-winning author Neil Gaiman.

The perfect bedtime story by the author and illustrator of the number one bestselling Hugless Douglas series, David Melling. The sun was setting on Sleepy Street as Rabbit and the others began to yawn ... Rabbit helps his friends get ready for bed in this adorable bedtime story. But when they hear a strange noise it turns out to be a sad monster. Will they be able to cheer their new friend up before bedtime? David Melling has been shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal, the Smarties Book Award and the Independent Booksellers Award. His Hugless Douglas books have sold over 1.4 million copies worldwide, and the loveable brown bear has starred in a World Book Day book as well as his own theatre show. Before becoming an internationally-acclaimed author-illustrator, David worked as an animation artist for films including the much-loved Father Christmas by Raymond Briggs. One of his most popular picture books The Tale of Jack Frost was animated and shown on BBC1 on Christmas Day. Rabbit Bright goes boldly into the night, turning night-time fears to colourful dreams in this glorious, stylish picture book. Sunless jungle, blackest cavern, Deepest ocean, starless night: In amongst these nightmares There's no glimmer of a light. But when a certain rabbit Sets out across night's field, The wonders of the darkest haunts Are suddenly revealed... A stunningly illustrated adventure, perfect for calming bedtime worries.

The nursery class is lined up in twos and ready to go out with Miss Moo Hoo. Little Bat Jack is on his own at the back, but he doesn't mind. As they walk through the woods, they hear, feel and see something rather unusual... what on earth could it possibly be? 'With playful text and a catchy refrain, Little Bat Jack proves that all the best things come in small packages.' - Junior David Melling is one of the UK's best-loved author-illustrators. The Hugless Douglas series has sold over 1.4 million copies in 26 languages.

Come on an alphabet adventure with Duck in this brilliantly funny story from the bestselling creator of Hugless Douglas. Duck is a magician. Abracadabra! He can conjure up a bunny, a chicken and even the king of the jungle. But can he make a dragon disappear? David Melling is one of the UK's best-loved author-illustrators and his stories combine brilliantly imaginative illustrations and unforgettable characters. 'A new Hugless Douglas book is always a cause for celebration.' Daily Mail

There was once a group of trees who were fed up with living in a deep, dark and crowded valley - so they moved to the enchanted forest. But as everybody knows, trees cannot walk without magic. This is the story of how Jack, the small boy with the frozen touch, wanders in to the forest and ends up saving the magic from the greedy goblins

outside. An exquisitely illustrated and beautifully told story. 'An enchanting story, perfect for frosty nights.' - Junior David Melling is one of the UK's best-loved author-illustrators. The Hugless Douglas series has sold over 1.4 million copies in 26 languages. Hello, Hugless Douglas! was a World Book Day picture book in 2014.

There's a moose in the backyard! Luke's mom and dad want it to go away, but the moose has other plans! Luke gets up early one Saturday morning and finds a moose in the backyard. He wakes up his dad, and then his mom, and each declares that moose never come on the farm -- only to be surprised by the moose itself! Mom tries to shoo it away with a broom -- but the moose eats it. Dad tries to scare it away with a hose -- but the moose takes a nice bath. Luke feeds the moose carrots and decides to keep it in his treehouse, until his sister comes along, with a surprising solution to this unusual problem! Moose! was inspired by a young boy from Cape Breton Island.

The fourth Hugless Douglas adventure in this bestselling series with 1.4 million copies sold to date in 26 languages. When Douglas goes on a best friend hunt with Flossie the sheep, everyone seems to have a best friend except him! Perhaps what Douglas is looking for is right under his nose... David Melling is one of the UK's best-loved author-illustrators and his fourth book about Douglas the brown bear is as funny and compelling as the first. It combines brilliantly imaginative illustrations with an endearing sense of what it is like to be a small child learning about the world. 'A new Hugless Douglas book is always a cause for celebration.' The Daily Mail

Join Douglas as he hunts for a hug, stretching, waving, clapping and then opening his arms really wide. Now everyone can have a Hugless Douglas hug.

The ghost library is a room full of empty shelves where the ghosts go to listen to stories borrowed from unsuspecting children - until they try to borrow a book from Bo... Bo unable to let her book go travels with the ghosts to the ghost library and there she teaches them that stories exist everywhere, not just in books. This spooky picture book from bestselling author-illustrator David Melling has sold over 300,000 copies and continues to enchant children. 'A humourous tale with friendly ghosts... and images that will inspire your child to take on the role of story-teller.' Junior

Douglas, a big, brown, huggable, lovable bear wakes up one spring morning in need of a hug! He goes to try and find one - but none of them seem quite right. Join Douglas on his search for the perfect bear hug! Age 3+.

School is starting in the forest, but Chester Raccoon does not want to go. To help ease Chester's fears, Mrs. Raccoon shares a family secret called the Kissing Hand to give him the reassurance of her love any time his world feels a little scary. Since its first publication in 1993, this heartwarming book has become a children's classic that has touched the lives of millions of children and their parents, especially at times of separation, whether starting school, entering daycare, or going to camp. It is widely used by kindergarten teachers on the first day of school. Stickers at the back will help children and their parents keep their Kissing Hand alive.

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