

The Hodgeheg

Wolfgang Amadeus Mouse ("Wolf," for short) has a big name for such a little mouse. But the name fits. His favorite pastime is listening to Mrs. Honeybee, the lady of the house, play the piano. If only he could sing along to the music! One day, Wolf decides to try -- and to his surprise, out of his mouth comes a perfect melody. It's not long before Wolf is singing everything from "Three Blind Mice" to Chopin to the Beatles, all to Mrs. Honeybee's accompaniment. Then an accident leaves Mrs. Honeybee in danger, and it's up to Wolf to save her... the only way he knows how.

Elephant wakes up grumpy—until ding, dong! What's in the surprise box at the front door? A hat! HOORAY FOR HAT! Elephant marches off to show Zebra, but Zebra is having a grumpy day, too—until Elephant shares his new hat and cheers up his friend. Off they march to show Turtle! The parade continues as every animal brightens the day of a grumpy friend. An irresistible celebration of friendship, sharing, and fabulous hats.

Ben finds a bag of gold coins under the floorboards. Mr Garter, the local coin dealer, says they are 18th-century and could be worth a lot of money. But unless they are declared Treasure Trove, Ben may have to give the coins up. Luckily, Mr Garter thinks of a way for Ben to keep them.

A collection of anecdotes about the author's encounters with animals beginning with his first elephant ride at the zoo and continuing through his years as a dairy farmer.

Focus on Comprehension offers three levels of differentiated activities designed to help children develop a wide range of comprehension skills. Already a popular solution for SATs comprehension practice, this new program follows the range of texts and objectives required by the National Literacy Strategy Framework for Teaching.

A golden retriever narrates a hilarious, heart-tugging tale of a dog and his humans as he tries to keep his family together while everything around them falls apart. Ever since Cosmo became a big brother to Max ten years ago, he's known what his job was: to protect his boy and make him happy. Through many good years marked by tennis balls and pilfered turkey, torn-up toilet paper and fragrant goose poop, Cosmo has doggedly kept his vow. Until recently, his biggest problems were the evil tutu-wearing sheepdog he met on Halloween and the arthritis in his own joints. But now, with Dad-scented blankets appearing on the couch and arguing voices getting louder, Cosmo senses a tougher challenge ahead. When Max gets a crazy idea to teach them both a dance routine for a contest, how can Cosmo refuse, stiff hips or no? Max wants to remind his folks of all the great times they've had together dancing -- and make them forget about the "d" word that's making them all cry. Told in the open, optimistic, unintentionally humorous voice of a golden retriever, I, Cosmo will grab readers from the first page -- and remind them that love and loyalty transcend whatever life throws your way.

Victor Maximilian St George, Max for short, is already a special hedgehog, having worked out how to safely cross the busy road to get to the park. But when two scientists glue a radio transmitter, complete with flashing blue light, to his head he becomes King Max, ruler of all hedgehogs.

Alfie the Doorstep Cat - star of the smash-hit Sunday Times bestseller - is back in brand new ALFIE story for a younger readership.

When Lewis and his dad see an injured badger on the side of the road they call the RSPCA. But when the RSPCA arrive to examine the young badger, she scampers under a parked car, only to get well and truly stuck! The RSPCA must work with the Fire and Rescue team to try and free the baby badger, and Lewis is going to do all he can to help.

Grace has found a tiny hedgehog in her garden. It's lost and hungry and needs urgent care. The RSPCA know just what to do, but they need Grace and her family to look after the hedgehog until they arrive. From the king of animal stories for children and one of the nation's most beloved writers, a very funny and heart-warming story. Harry isn't very pleased when he inherits a parrot from Great-Uncle George, but Maddison is no ordinary parrot. Not only can he talk, but you can have conversations with him and he and Harry quickly become great friends - but then Maddison is stolen ... Will he and Harry ever be reunited?

Lower primary Three wonderful animal stories from the master master storyteller.

George is a baby who learns to speak (in a totally grown-up and even pompous manner) at the unusually early age of 4 weeks. George and his older sister Laura try to keep this talent a secret from the rest of the family, but their parents soon find out.

"The hedgehog family of number 5A are a happy bunch but they dream of reaching the Park. Unfortunately, a very busy road lies between them and their goal and no one has found a way to cross it in safety. No one, that is, until the determined young Max decides to solve the problem once and for all."--Back cover.

The story of a girl who tries to satisfy her yearning for a dog by introducing an imaginary Great Dane called Henry to the house. Her wish comes true and she is allowed a real Henry - but there's more than a hint that old Mrs Garrow, with her cackling laugh and black cat, may have been involved.

Omnibombulator is a very small beetle - so small that his parents give him a really long name to make him feel important. It doesn't seem to help. Earwigs and woodlice still push poor Omnibombulator around, and snails walk across him, making him all slimy. Then, one day, Omnibombulator sets out to see the world - and discovers just how useful being really small can be. It all begins when he crawls into the toe of a huge old boot for the night, and a tramp with very smelly feet finds the boot...

From a silent perch in the upper branches of a great tree, a huge and mysterious bird known as the Skymaster watches over Godhanger Wood... watches the innocent blood shed daily by the cruel gamekeeper. And when the birds determine to save themselves, the gamekeeper finds himself locked in a deadly battle of wills with the greatest prize of all at stake - the Skymaster himself. But there can only be one winner... A powerful and dramatic tale from the bestselling and award-winning author, Dick King-Smith.

Hares don't talk. Everyone knows that. But the hare Harriet meets one morning in a corn circle in her father's wheatfield is a very unusual hare: a visitor from the far-off planet Pars, come to spend his holidays on Earth in the form of a talking hare. Wiz, as Harriet names her magical new friend, can speak any language, transform himself into any shape - and, as the summer draws to its close, he has one last, lovely surprise in store for Harriet...

A piglet comes to Farmer Hogget's farm, where he is adopted by an old sheepdog and accomplishes amazing things.

Flightless, helpless and often, more than a little silly, chickens are no match for the cunning, merciless foxes stalking their coop. Or are they? Thanks to a careless farmer and generations of determined foxes, the chickens on Foxearth Farm have evolved into quick-witted, long-legged, high flying fox dodgers. Then, just a week after a vicious fox ambush in the water trough, three sisters are hatched. And Ransome, Sims and Jefferies are no ordinary chicks: they grow up determined to fight back. They are the legendary Fox Busters . . . From the number one author for animal magic comes this wonderful new edition of a much-loved classic.

This book is suitable for children age 4 and above. "The Golden Goose" is a story about a poor farmer, who finds a goose that can lay golden eggs, and becomes a rich man. However, due to his greediness, the farmer kills the golden goose and becomes poor once again.

When Max, the hedgehog, is caught by two scientists who put an electronic transmitter on his head, he returns home to find that his friends think the transmitter is a crown and he is the long-lost hedgehog king

A collection of funny and short stories about all sorts of weird and wonderful characters. The stories include: A Narrow Squeak; Philibert the First; and The Ghost at Codlin Castle.

A brand-new format for Dick King-Smith's enchanting story about a very mischievous kitten. Aristotle, the witch's kitten, is so adventurous; it's just as well cats have nine lives! Luckily the good witch Bella Donna is always on hand to help him out. Follow his fur-raising adventures in this enchanting illustrated story by two of the most important names in children's books today.

Brought in and placed on the shelf at Mr. Jolly's toyshop, the other toys collectively decide that Albert the bear is the saddest creature in the store and so come up with a plan to put a much needed smile on his gloomy face. Children's BOMC Main.

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Everyone needs hugs, even if they're prickly. When Hedgehog wakes up feeling down in the snout and droopy in the prickles, he knows a hug will make him feel much better. But none of his animal friends are eager to wrap their arms around Hedgehog's prickles, and he's too smart to fall for Fox's sly offer. Then Hedgehog gets a surprise: Another animal in the forest is feeling exactly the same way. Luckily, both are kind and brave enough for the perfect hug.

GET READY TO EMBARK ON A TINY ADVENTURE! "You mean you're going to have a baby?" "Babies." The Robinsons are expecting...trouble, that is. With six newborn mousekins and more to come, the whole family is terrified of the savage cat who stalks the hallways. After a close call, little Beaumont, the pluckiest of the lot, decides it's time to find a new, feline-free home. On their quest, the Robinsons meet an unlikely cast of characters—mice and humans, friends and foes—but wherever they go, they are sure to find one thing: adventure. With simple prose, gentle humor, and playful illustrations, MOUSE FAMILY ROBINSON is sure to satisfy new readers.

Buddy, a service dog, would do absolutely anything to protect his human companion, Noah. So when Noah gets into trouble in the water on a trip to the beach, how can Buddy convince everyone that he isn't to blame? An incredible story of the bond between a dog and his boy, told with waggy-tailed warmth from a dog's-eye view. Buddy is a dog with a big appetite and an even bigger heart-- which means he's absolutely perfect for doing a Very Important Job. When Buddy becomes Noah's service dog, he is excited to have a family of his own. Noah has anemia, and he needs his canine companion to keep an eye on him. It's a big responsibility, but to Buddy, it's the best job in the world. One day on a trip to the beach, Noah gets sick and desperately needs Buddy's help. Can Buddy overcome slippery rocks, a dark cave, and strong ocean waves to rescue his friend? Told from the dog's perspective, the stories in Dog's Eye View are full of adventure, excitement, and waggy-tailed warmth, highlighting the unique bond between dogs and their human best friends.

Best friends Jess and Lily visit Friendship Forest, where animals can talk and magic exists! Jess and Lily can't wait to celebrate their friend Goldie's birthday in Friendship Forest, but wicked witch Grizelda is determined to ruin the party! With the help of fluffy kitten Amelia Sparklepaw, can Jess and Lily rescue Goldie and save the day? Read all three stories in this Magic Animal Friends Special Edition to find out!

A very funny animal story for young readers by award-winning writer Dick King-Smith. Dumpling wishes she was long and sausage-shaped like her two brothers and other dachshunds, instead of being short and stumpy. One day she goes to the woods and meets a witch's cat who grants Dumpling her wish, but the spell goes wrong and Dumpling gets longer and longer! She's very happy to return to her own shape again.

WHO'S MORE IMPORTANT than the Queen? Whom does she serve? Her royal corgis, of course! But life isn't just royal thrones and unlimited biscuits for young Titus, Her Majesty's favorite pup. There are burglars to catch, fires to put out, leaking tubs to attend to, and jealous cousins to deal with. In the end, though, it's the Queen's edict that matters most: "Titus Rules!" Dick King-Smith, beloved author of Babe: The Gallant Pig, offers a delightfully entertaining book to inspire readers with love for young Titus, and also with love for reading. "Kids will enjoy the engaging Titus; the fast-moving, witty prose; and the adventures inspired by loyalty and royalty, whether two legged or four. Comic drawings add to the fun."—Booklist

"Martin, a kitten, is branded a 'wimp' by his siblings for his friendly interest in mice. He loves caring for them and can't understand their desire for freedom. Only when he becomes the pet of a big city apartment dweller does he realize why his pets deserted him. An engaging animal fantasy with plenty of humorous insight into the human condition, King-Smith's story has humor and a fast pace which will appeal to younger readers."--School Library Journal (starred review)

A beautiful story for older readers written almost twenty years ago in which bestselling author Dick King-Smith creates a fascinating picture of rural life at the time of the Second World War. Discovered as a foundling in a lambing pen, Spider Sparrow grows up surrounded by animals. From sheep and horses to wild otters and foxes, Spider loves them all, even the crows he must scare away from the newly sown

wheat. Crowstarving was the idea job for Spider - he was on his own, yet never alone for all around him were animals of one sort or another. Amazingly, every animal who meets Spider implicitly trusts the young boy. This magical rapport is Spider's unique gift, but nothing else in his tough life is so easy.

Peter the spotted pig tries everything he can think of to remove his spots, from fading them in the summer sun to freezing them off in the winter snow, until he makes a new friend who helps him realize that his spotty look is something of which he can be proud.

From the author of Babe: The Gallant Pig, a tender tale of a young student and her clever pet.

SOMETIMES THE MOST UNLIKELY PAIRS MAKE THE BEST OF FRIENDS. A hilarious prehistoric yarn for newly-independent readers from a master of children's animal stories. All pterodactyls know that flying dinosaurs are superior, and all apatosauruses know that any dinosaur with only two legs is surely second-class. Nosy, a pterodactyl, and Banty, an apatosaurus, become great friends even though their parents have forbidden them to play together. With Nosy's fast flying and Banty's smarts, the two take on the biggest predator on the Great Plain, and conquer their parents' prejudices in one great adventure. Sophie is small but very determined. She loves animals and is going to be a lady farmer when she grows up. She is fond of most creatures - especially little ones like snails - but there's one she cannot stand: her prissy new neighbour Dawn

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