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Gigantic

Written and illustrated by Rob Biddulph Published by HarperCollins ISBN 978-0008413439



This is the beautifully illustrated rhyming tale of Gigantic, the smallest blue whale in his pod. When his big brother, Titus, teases him about his size, Gigantic makes friends with Myrtle the turtle and together they play together. Titus is determined to show that anything Gigantic can do, he can do better, ignoring advice that the water is too shallow for such a big whale. When disaster strikes it is up to Gigantic and his little friends to save the day.

The Big Dreaming

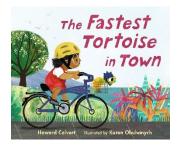
Written by Michael Rosen and illustrated by Daniel Egneus Published by Bloomsbury ISBN 978-1408883297



A heartwarming story about a bear and its cub getting ready for their long, winter sleep. Little Bear is worried that he might run out of dreams so he sets off on a sumptuously illustrated adventure to ask the other forest animals if they have any to spare. Each answer delights and encourages him to return home and find Big Bear as the snow begins to fall. Will their dreams sustain them through to the spring? Join in with the lovely rhyming chorus.

The Fastest Tortoise in Town

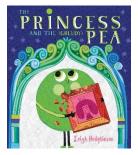
Written by Howard Calvert and illustrated by Karen Obuhanych Published by Walker Books ISBN 978-1529514278



A modern take on the traditional tale of The Hare and the Tortoise. Colourful illustrations tell the charming story of Lorraine and her leopard tortoise Barbara Hendricks as they train to join in the race with the other animals. Their journey introduces humorous characters who don't instill Barbara with a lot of confidence as a runner. Will Lorraine be able to encourage her to overcome her fears and win? A tender story to help engender self belief and resilience.

The Princess and the (Greedy) Pea

Written and illustrated by Leigh Hodgkinson Published by Walker Books ISBN 978-1529503005



A gorgeously illustrated mixed up story combining two classics: 'I know an old lady who swallowed a fly' and 'The Princess and the Pea. There is something absurd about a pea swallowing a sprout. A great read aloud story with a funny rhyming sequence and improbable list of items eaten by our pea (ever come across a pea swallowing a table?) The detail in the illustrations is stunning. Turn the book round to see the Princess in the bed sequence.