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WEBSITES

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LINKS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijt7BDEvu7YE>

Watch Aaron's hilarious reading of the book.

<https://writersrumpus.com/2026/01/06/growing-the-creepy-how-aaron-reynoldss-jasper-rabbits-creepy-tales-grows-with-young-readers/>

Article about the development of the series.

<https://usborne.com/gb/quicklinks/quicklink/all-about-worries-and-fears>

A great website which provides links to relevant age-appropriate material.



CREEPY PAIR OF UNDERWEAR

Younger Children Shortlist 2026

INTRODUCTION

Mum reluctantly agrees to buy a pair of fluorescent green underpants for Jasper. Once home, in spite of Jasper's claim that he is a big bunny now, the pants quickly turn into an object of **fear** and Jasper sets about trying a number of different (though unsuccessful) ways to dispose of them. Eventually, however, he decides he'd actually rather have the company of the glowing pants than a pitch-dark bedroom!

One of Jasper Rabbit's Creepy Tales series, this offers the perfect combination of **silly** and (just a little bit) **scary** in a story about facing your fears. Complimented by Peter Brown's illustrations which create dramatic tension by using atmospheric greys and black, punctuated by bright green every time the spooky pants reappear. The other titles in the series are *Creepy Carrots* and *Creepy Crayon*.

ACTIVITIES

Read *All About Worries and Fears* by Felicity Brooks (Usborne, 2022) and talk about the activities and strategies suggested to manage and possibly overcome them. Visit *Quicklinks* (see Links) to discover activities and videos to help children cope with worries and fears.

Write and illustrate a poster of some common fears (or phobias). Get some ideas from the *Feeling Afraid?* video on *Quicklinks*. Compile a list together and then make into colourful posters.

Create a washing line of underwear or bunting using this or a similar template:

<https://fourcoloring.wordpress.com/2015/03/17/free-printable-underwear-coloring-pages-for-kids/>

NOW READ ON

The Queen's Knickers (Red Fox, 2000) & *The King's Pants* by Nicholas Allan (Andersen Press, 2023)

Aliens Love Underpants Collection (8 books) by Claire Freedman (Simon & Schuster, 2025) Individual titles are also available.

The Fears You Fear by Rachel Rooney & Zehra Hicks (Andersen Press, 2023) One of a series of reassuring picture books.

Look out for Jasper Rabbit's Creepy Tales spin-off chapter book series in which Jasper narrates some cautionary tales about young animals who get themselves into sticky situations.