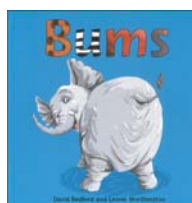


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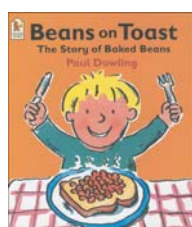


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Up to 3 years
Bums by David Bedford and Leonie Worthington

This book, sure to appeal to toddlers, uses flaps to hilarious effect. Lift the flaps in this funny and affectionate book of bums (which can be spotty or stripey, bright red or woolly, or big, round and wobbly!). All joyfully illustrated.



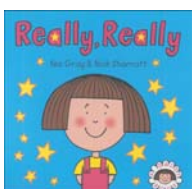
3 to 4 years
Beans on Toast / The Story of Baked Beans by Paul Dowling

Dowling worked as a mechanic, a builder, a lorry driver, a cook, a gardener, a social worker and a sign writer before he decided to put all that experience into writing and illustrating books for young children. Beans is a fascinating, learn-as-you-read picture book that is simple, satisfying (just like beans on toast) and tells how beans made it from the stalk to the plate! The rhythm, pattern and repetition of the text make vocabulary-building a lot of fun.



3 to 5 years
Pants by Giles Andreae and Nick Sharratt

A celebration of the undergarment, this is a rollicking, young, funny homage to pants: Frilly, jewel-encrusted, baggy, psychedelic, every conceivable type of pants, including hairy pants and scary pants, bunny pants and no pants. Written in the style of a playground rhyme, Andreae has animals and people cavort across the brightly-coloured pages showing off their underwear. This is a great book for toddlers — or anyone — looking for a silly, upbeat picture book. With Nick Sharratt's increasingly recognisable artwork.



4 to 6 years
Really, Really by Kes Gray & Nick Sharratt

Strong-willed Daisy has the kind of babysitting experience every child dreams about. When Daisy gets left with a babysitter for the first time, she eats up her mum's note (with instructions of do's and don'ts) and tells the baby-sitter Angela that she usually has ice-cream and chips for tea, never gets dirty, and always stays up watching videos till midnight. "Really?" asks Angela. "Really, really," fibs Daisy. But what will happen when Mum comes home?



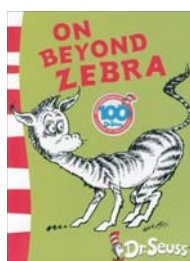
5 to 7 years
Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday by Judith Viorst, illustrated by Ray Cruz

Last Sunday, Alexander's grandparents gave him a dollar — and he was rich. There were so many things that he could do with all of that money! But his dad told him to save it for college. His brother told him to buy a new face with it at the downtown store! Alexander wanted buy as much gum as he wanted, or even a walkie-talkie, if he saved enough. But somehow the money began to disappear... Children with pocket money will be able to relate to Alexander, who should now attend Dollars & Sense (see left)!



6 to 8 years
Someone I Like (Poems about People) compiled by Judith Nicholls, illustrated by Giovanni Manna

Spanning the full range of human emotions, the poems in *Someone I Like* provide an ideal starting point from which to consider and discuss the feelings of anger, sorrow, happiness and love, which characterise our closest relationships. Gwendolyn Brooks' poem *André* confirms a boy's acceptance of his parents, while Hiawyn Oram's *Urgent Note to My Parents* offers parents important advice. Poems from the sibling point of view express the joys and difficulties of holding a new baby sister and tell of the yearning to be as old as a big sister. Grandmothers and grandfathers receive a kindly look, and even teachers who read to their classrooms are given their due!



7 to 9 years
On Beyond Zebra by Dr Seuss

Children will be intrigued and delighted with the nonsensical alphabet that begins after Z. Our hero takes his young friend on a guided tour of all the weird creatures that begin with letters such as Yuzz, Wumbus, and Glikk. "And Nuh is the letter I use to spell Nitches, Who live in small caves, known as Nitches, for hutches." The message is pretty simple: the alphabet pins down boring old "reality," but if you explore further afield there are more interesting worlds to discover. "So, on beyond Z! It's high time you were shown, That you really don't know all there is to be known." Indeed!



8 to 9 years
When Mum was Little by Mini Goss

On Mum's 39th birthday, her children recount stories she has told them about life in the 1970s — the "olden days"! A wonderfully written and illustrated picture book, each page is full of colourful detail with a wry, affectionate humour. This is a great book for shared reading, certain to prompt discussion and provoke a child's interest in history and social studies.



9 to 11 years
Rowan of the Bukshah by Emily Rodda

The fifth and final title in the Rowan series. The coldest winter in living memory is destroying the people of Rin, and Rowan must do what he can to save them. But the old witch Sheba's mysterious rhyme speaks of sacrifice, and Rowan is very afraid as he sets out on the most terrifying quest of his life. Rodda is one of Australia's most successful, popular and versatile writers, who has won the Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Award for a record five times. This is fantasy which will appeal to young adolescents.