



Books about animals

***Gorgeous!* by Caroline Castle illustrated by Sam Childs**

When Little Zeb arrives in the world, he has a lot to learn from his mother and the rest of the herd. He has to find out which animals are friends and which animals spell danger. Beautiful, bright, illustrations add to the warmth of this top gorgeous story.

***Slow Loris* by Alexis Deacon**

Slow Loris is surely seems like the most boring animal in the zoo. He does nothing all day long and when he does move it takes an age to do anything – really not worth the ten minute wait to watch him nibble through a satsuma. But Loris has another, night-time life that is more exciting than anyone could imagine!

***The Odd Egg* by Emily Gravett**

Duck is feeling left out - he is the only one without an egg. He sets in search of one, and finds an egg that is huge and covered in rather fetching green spots. But one by one, everyone's egg hatches except Duck's. Eventually a crack appears, and he is greeted by a surprise.

***How Big Is A Million?* by Anna Milbourne illustrated by Serena Riglietti**

Pipkin is a very inquisitive little penguin with so many questions he wants answered, but the most important by far is 'How big is a million?' He asks his mum who tries to explain, but Pipkin needs to see a million to understand a million. This engaging story has a HUGE ending.

***There's An Ouch In My Pouch!* by Jeanne Willis illustrated by Garry Parsons**

Willaby Wallaby is fed up. It's just not comfortable in Mum's pouch anymore! He decides to look for another pouch to fit into but it's no better with wombat or possum. When the dingo offers him a dubious space, the real adventure begins. This story oozes rhythm, rhyme and boings!

***What Pet To Get?* by Emma Dodd**

Mum is doing the washing-up and not really listening when Jack asks if he can have a pet. He has lots of ideas – elephant, polar bear, shark – none of which appeal to Mum. Finally they agree on a small, sweet tempered, puppy. Every picture tells a story ...

***Elephant Elements* by Pittau & Gervais**

A beautifully produced book, square and lovely to hold with thick pages and an elephant cut-out on the cover tempting you inside. And inside there are elephant opposites on every double page spread. Quirky, sometimes naughty, often surprising and endlessly entertaining.



***Chester* by Mélanie Watt**

It's hard to tell just who has written this story. Chester the cat has a big red marker pen and he puts it to good use as he adds his own drawings and words to the original tale of a mouse in a house. Mélanie gets her revenge at the end. Or, maybe she doesn't. Chester is one very cheeky cat!

***The Really Rude Rhino* by Jeanne Willis illustrated by Tony Ross**

Little rhino has a bad case of Ruditis Rhinoceritis. He just can't help being rude to everyone from dawn to dusk. But one day, by the waterhole, something surprising happens that completely changes his life.

***Igor, The Bird Who Couldn't Sing* by Satoshi Kitamura**

When spring comes, Igor can't wait to sing. But when he joins in with the chorus, he sounds terrible! He decides to go someplace far away where no one can hear him, but it is there that he finds someone who finally appreciates his song. This book encourages determination, and the pictures bring Igor's world to life.

***You Can Do It, Lola!* by Lindsey Gardiner**

Lola the dog is getting very podgy – she just can't resist sweet treats. Marcie decides to put her on a strict diet and exercise routine with regular visits to the new doggy playground. Not much fun at first but soon Lola is bouncing around and cutting a dash in her doggy leg warmers and sweatband.

***Twinkles, Arthur And Puss* by Judith Kerr**

One much loved black cat with three names – Puss, Twinkles and Arthur. Three homes, three food bowls and three owners who believe the cat is theirs and theirs alone. When she goes missing they all go searching... and discover four tiny surprises!

***Mr Pusskins* by Sam Lloyd**

Mr Pusskins has a wonderful owner in Emily – she adores him. He, however, does not adore her. He doesn't want a cosy, comfortable, life. Mr Pusskins wants to live on the edge with the local gang, and one day he does just that. Gang life, however, is not all it's cracked up to be. This story, with its quirky illustrations, is a hoot.

***Ginger Finds A Home* by Charlotte Voake**

Ginger is a sad little stray until he finds a friend in the little girl. Not only does she give him lovely things to eat, she also invites him into her house. But Ginger is an outdoor cat. Will he be brave enough to live indoors?

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