

Books with imaginative stories

Kate, The Cat And The Moon by David Almond, illustrated by Stephen Lambert

When night falls the cat calls to Kate and she too becomes cat. Under the moonlight she prowls through the town and into the fields, watchful, alert and open to the dreams of her family who sleep peacefully in their beds. This story is enchanting – a 'must share' for those guiet times.

Eliot Jones, Midnight Superhero by Anne Cottringer, illustrated by Alex T Smith

Eliot is so quiet by day that it's hard to believe that at midnight he becomes a Superhero! He helps with every conceivable calamity – stolen jewels, escaped lions, ships in distress. His greatest mission is to save the world, but it's no problem for the mighty Eliot!

Tiger Ways by Les Gray, illustrated by Nick Sharratt

When Daisy is adopted by tigers she has to learn some tiger ways like living in a cave, sleeping up a tree, and eating antelopes without tomato sauce. However, having a bath is not a tiger way, even when Mum insists it's time for the face paint to come off.

Danny's Drawing Book by Sue Heap

Danny takes his friend Ettie and his sketchbook to the zoo. As they watch the animals, Danny draws a story about elephant and aardvark going to Africa. The children decide that they would like to go with them so Danny draws them both into the story. A book within a book – perfect!

Our Big Blue Sofa by Tim Hopgood

Jessica and Tim spend hours playing on their big blue sofa having wonderful adventures. They turn it into a submarine, a hot air balloon, a taxi, a hospital bed and more. You too can see and feel how special this sofa is and be just as worried when it is replaced ...

Aliens Love Underpants by Claire Freedman, illustrated by Ben Cort If your underpants disappear from the washing line, it is probably aliens who have stolen them. Aliens just can't resist the sight of rows of underpants drying in the breeze – they take photos of them, play with them, try them on. Their spaceships are even designed to track them on radar. Truly a space obsession!

Man On The Moon by Simon Bartram

Bob, the man on the moon, spends his days picking up litter that's been left lying around. People say that it comes from aliens, but Bob thinks that there are no such things. But as readers find out, Bob is very wrong.

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Biscuit Bear by Mini Grey

Horrace makes Biscuit Bear from a lump of pastry, but doesn't have time to eat him and sets him aside for later. Biscuit Bear has other ideas, though. He makes a batch of biscuit friends, and together they have a nighttime adventure! Witty illustrations bring this story to life.

The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers

A boy and a Martian are both stranded on the moon and at a loss for how to get back to their respective planets. Together they hatch a plan that will get their aeroplane and spaceship up and running again. This simple but imaginative story shows the value of teamwork and weaves the practicalities of everyday life into a space adventure.

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