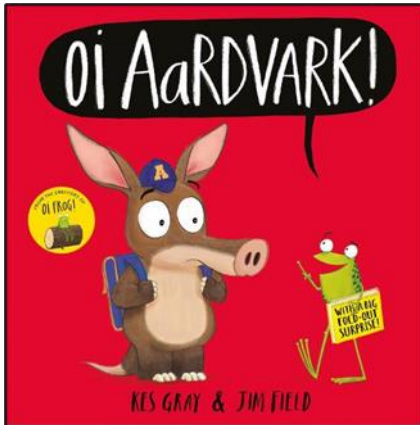


Purple Parcel 1

Oi Aardvark

By Kes Gray and Jim Field



What the selection panel said:

- This series is really engaging and interesting
- It's funny and will make children laugh
- It teaches the alphabet
- Interactive and an opportunity to think of other animals beginning with the same sound
- The rhyming prose is fun and easy to read

About the book:

Frog loves to tell animals where they should sit – it's always somewhere that rhymes with their name, like cats sitting on mats.

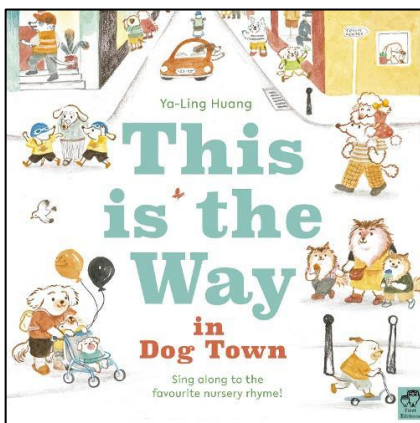
Now Frog has decided to put together an A-Z book of animals and what they should sit on and is looking for suggestions from friends Cat and Dog – and perhaps readers will have some ideas too. Aardvarks will sit on cardsharks (no, they don't really know what a cardshark is either), baboons on balloons and crocs on clocks. A fun blend of rhyming humour, the alphabet and different animals. The animals' expressions are brilliant – and what will Frog come up with for the more challenging letters of the alphabet?

You might also like:

There are more books in this series if readers enjoy this one, e.g. *Oi Frog!* and *Oi Puppies!*

This is the Way in Dog Town

By Ya-Ling Huang



What the selection panel said:

- I really liked it – it felt nice and the pictures are really in depth
- It does the stages of the day and routines
- You could sing the whole book
- There are lots of pictures to look at

About the book:

In the rhythm of the song, *Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*, this picture book follows a little dog through their day. From getting up and getting dressed, heading off to school and taking part in school activities, then home for dinner and getting ready

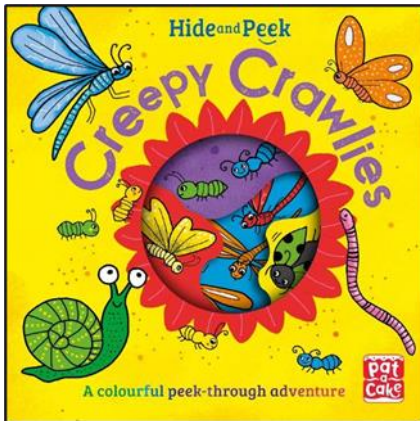
for bed, it's a lovely reflection of a small person's typical daily routine. There's lots to look at and talk about in the wonderfully detailed pictures too.

You might also like:

Never Ask a Dinosaur to Dinner by Gareth Edwards and Guy Parker-Rees also has elements of a daily routine for young children

Hide and Peek: Creepy Crawlies

By Pat-a-Cake and Laura Hambleton



What the selection panel said:

- Very colourful and interactive, asking you to find certain things
- Perfect for learning colours
- The pages interact and intertwine with each other
- I thought it was great, I really liked it

About the book:

This simple board book encourages counting and the discussion of colours. Can you count the ladybirds? Can you spot the green dragonfly? How many orange snails can you find?

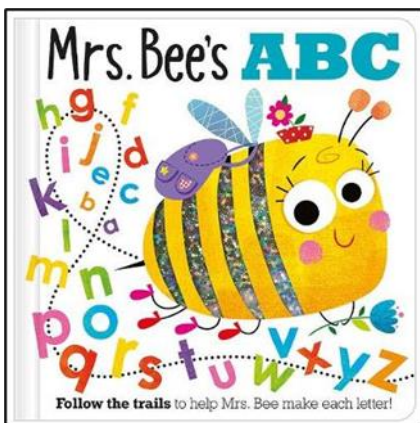
You might also like:

Zoom: A Wheelie Good Book of Colours by Jonathan Litton and Fhiona Galloway

Purple Parcel 2

Mrs. Bee's ABC

By Make Believe Ideas Ltd and Stuart Lynch



What the selection panel said:

- Colourful and attractive
- Interactive and a surprise on every page
- I love the letter forming
- A bright glossy front cover and really sturdy

About the book:

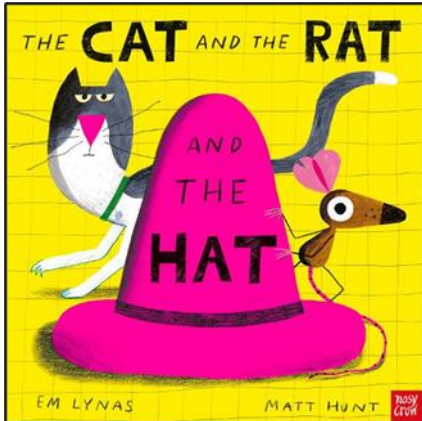
Mrs Bee wants help with practising her letters in this interactive alphabet board book. A fun way to support letter forming, learning the alphabet and fine motor skills, readers can trace the letters on each page, following the little arrows, and there are flaps to open and peek behind too, just to add a bit of extra fun. Each letter is also accompanied by a little guiding rhyme, e.g. "The letter O is like a loop. Curve around to make a hoop".

You might also like:

There are more books in this series if readers enjoy this one, e.g. *Mr Snail's Counting Trails*

The Cat and the Rat and the Hat

By Em Lynas and Matt Hunt



What the selection panel said:

- Super book! Bright, simple, funny and interactive
- Great for early rhyming skills
- A nice colourful book for an early reader or for sharing with an adult
- The audio option is a bonus

About the book:

This funny, rhyming picture book tells the story of a cat who saw a rat with a fabulous pink hat – and decides the hat must be theirs. Light-hearted chaos ensues as the cat and the rat vie for the hat, which is taken to a whole new level when a bat with a cravat arrives on the scene. Who will get to keep the hat? With bright, bold pictures that are integral to the storytelling, it's a lot of fun to read and a book that can be enjoyed again and again.

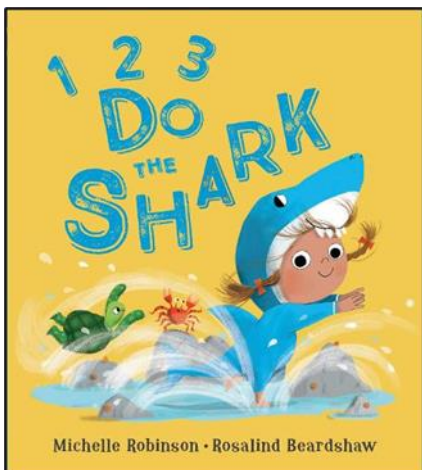
You might also like:

You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus by Patricia Cleveland-Peck and David Tazzyman

Purple Parcel 3

123 Do the Shark / 123 Do the Dinosaur

By Michelle Robinson and Rosalind Beardshaw



What the selection panel said:

- A nice colourful book for an early reader or for sharing with an adult
- Bright illustrations and very interactive – children can “get up and do the shark” or “do the dinosaur”
- I thought it was funny

About the book:

Please note: Readers will receive either *123 Do the Shark* or *123 Do the Dinosaur*.

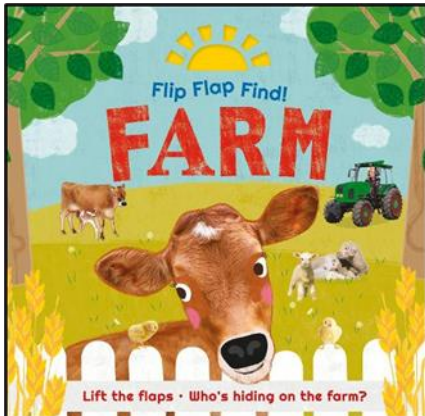
In these two joyful, rhyming books the main characters are playing with their underwater and dinosaur friends to create a fun action dance. Stomp your feet, swish your tail and clap your hands. When a bigger, toothier shark/dinosaur arrives, at first everyone runs and hides, but they quickly realise the shark/dinosaur just wants to join in the fun. These bright, fun books combine actions and story to create a fun reading experience, with a gentle bedtime ending.

You might also like:

Veg Patch Party by Clare Foges and Al Murphy

Flip Flap Find! Farm

By Dorling Kindersley



What the selection panel said:

- I like that it uses names of animals and has the names of the baby animals too
- It's nice to have a farmyard book
- The bigger flaps are good
- The illustrations have a photographic feel

About the book:

This board book has a farmyard setting and a non-fiction element. Readers can open the big flaps to find the farm animals and learn a little fact about them. Did you know goats have two

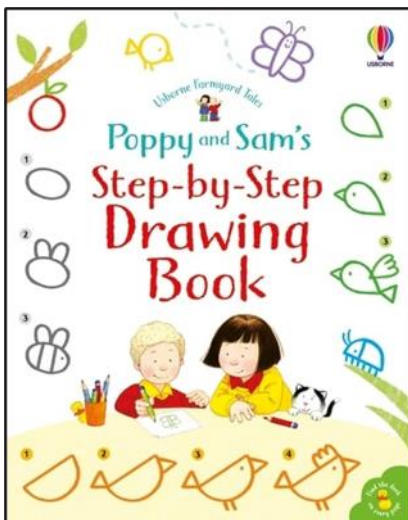
toes? Or that pigs have a really good sense of smell? A fun book for small children to play with independently or to share with an older reader.

You might also like:

On the Farm by Axel Scheffler

Poppy and Sam's Step-by-Step Drawing Book

By Kate Nolan and Kate Rimmer



What the selection panel said:

- I liked the interactivity of it
- Does what it says on the front cover!
- Very simple steps

About the book:

Follow the simple steps and have a go at drawing the different animals and things within this book – an apple, a bee, a hen, a flower, and lots more.

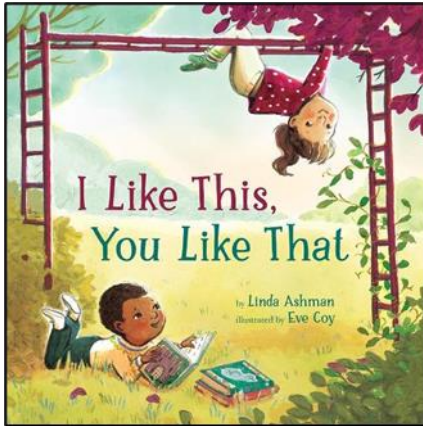
You might also like:

Little Children's Drawing Book by Mary Cartwright, Jo Thompson and Luana Rinaldo

Purple Parcel 4

I Like This, You Like That

By Linda Ashman and Eve Coy



What the selection panel said:

- I like the message about friendship
- A book highlighting differences, opposites and finding opportunities to get along with commonalities
- The watercolour and traditional artwork is beautiful
- I like that it teaches children we can all like different things but still be friends and like each other
- It's a nice gentle book with good illustrations; I enjoyed it

About the book:

This gentle picture book shows two good friends playing and doing different activities together. As they play, they talk about what they like and dislike – one likes rockets, one likes trains; one likes slides, one likes swings; one likes things messy, one likes things neat; one likes spiders, the other does not. They start to wonder – do they actually agree on anything? They do – they definitely agree on pizza – but they also like that they are opposites and, of course they like each other. A quietly touching story of friendship and understanding and appreciating differences.

You might also like:

The Same But Different Too by Karl Newson and Kate Hindley

Big Stickers for Little Hands: Woodland Friends

By Elanor Best and Shannon Hays



What the selection panel said:

- Children love sticker books
- There's everything in this book – early counting, reading, colours, numbers
- It has sweet illustrations

About the book:

This activity book has a woodland theme and includes a selection of stickers and a press-out puzzle.

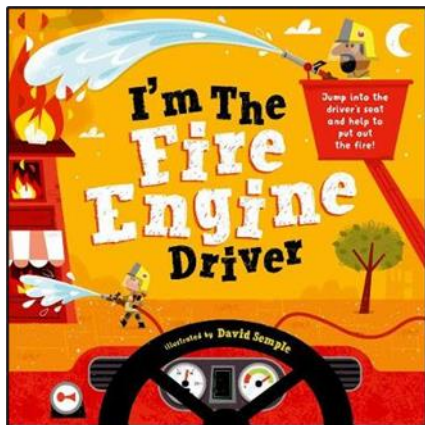
You might also like:

There are more books in this series if readers enjoy this one

Purple Parcel 5

I'm the Fire Engine Driver

By David Semple and Oxford Children's Books



What the selection panel said:

- A great book telling us about the job of a fireman in children's language
- Interactive and engaging
- It's great to teach children at a young age about different jobs and what it means
- I think it's really aspirational; it's real life but colourful and engaging
- It's a fun book!

About the book:

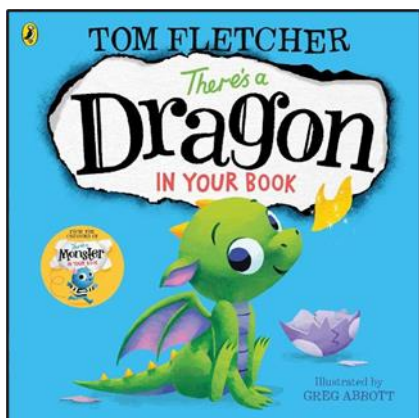
Placing the reader in the “driving seat” of the story, readers can roleplay a day as a firefighter and fire engine driver. First you meet your crew, put on your safety gear and check over your fire engine. Then, when the alarm rings, it's your job to drive the engine to the bakery where there's a fire. Readers are encouraged to “press the button to start the engine” and turn the steering wheel to pass the car that's stopped to let you by. This picture book encourages imaginative play in partnership with the structure of the different things a firefighter might need to be aware of and think about.

You might also like:

There are more books in this series if readers enjoy this one. You might also like the *Busy Day* series by Dan Green

There's a Dragon in Your Book

By Tom Fletcher and Greg Abbott



What the selection panel said:

- Loved it!
- Tickling the dragon, flapping the book for the dragon to fly and helping the dragon creates excitement and apprehension – children can't wait to turn the page to find out “what next”
- I loved the little dragon character
- It's brilliant

About the book:

In this interactive picture books readers are encouraged to help out the dragon character when it runs into trouble or needs a helping hand. Lots of fun to read together.

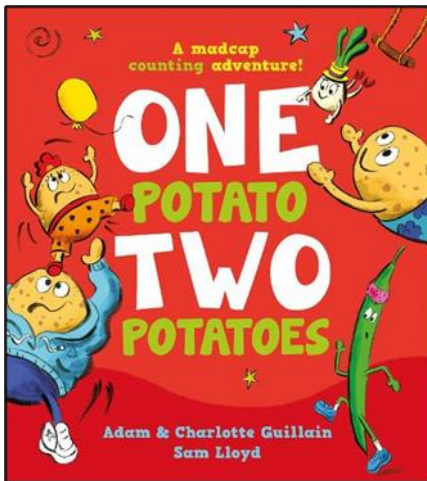
You might also like:

Is There a Dog in this Book? by Viviane Schwartz

Purple Parcel 6

One Potato, Two Potatoes

By Adam Guillain and Charlotte Guillain



What the selection panel said:

- Really colourful and really funny
- It has a quirky rhyme and illustrations
- Offers counting practice
- You can go off and sing the rhyme

About the book:

A bright, busy and fun read-aloud picture book story.

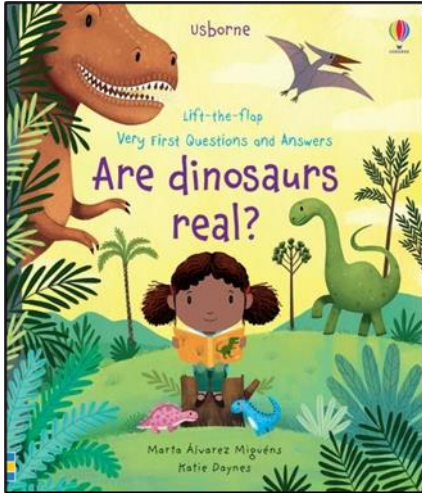
One potato, two potatoes, three potatoes, four... Eight potatoes have been invited to take part in a talent show, but what will their talents be? Willing to try their hand at most activities, the potatoes have a go at ballet, acrobatics and basketball, but potatoes don't seem to be particularly well-suited to any of them. The other vegetables taking part in the show all start to be a bit mean, saying potatoes are just too small and they have no talent at all. But with the arrival of two new potatoes, inspiration strikes, and by working together they quickly prove they are just as clever as the other veggies after all.

You might also like:

One Banana, Two Bananas by Adam Guillain and Charlotte Guillain

Very First Questions and Answers: Are Dinosaurs Real?

By Katie Daynes and Marta Alvarez Miguens



What the selection panel said:

- Lovely questions and answers
- Colourful and lots of flaps to keep the reader interested
- A great book with a surprise on every page
- I can imagine kids being really excited about it
- I love the science bit as well

About the book:

A non-fiction, lift-the-flap board book about dinosaurs. Each page has a selection of simple dinosaur facts, answering questions like “What did dinosaurs look like?” and “What did dinosaurs eat?” Readers can lift the flaps to find out more. It includes some discussion on fossils and what happened to the dinosaurs, as

well as a page introducing some of the most recognisable dinosaurs. Lots for little ones to learn and a fun book to interact with.

You might also like:

There are more books in this series if readers enjoy this one, e.g. *Very First Questions and Answers: What Is the Moon?*

Never Touch a Hedgehog Sticker Activity Book

By Amy Boxshall and Stuart Lynch



What the selection panel said:

- The pictures inside are very simple – bold but very eye-catching and effective
- It's quite sweet
- It's not just a sticker book – there are words to trace which is nice progression from the ABC book

About the book:

This activity book includes a selection of puzzles such as join-the-dots, search and find, colouring and counting. It includes a selection of stickers and press-out bookmarks.

You might also like:

There are more books in this series if readers enjoy this