



Books about families and friends

***A Present For Freddie Small* by Nick Butterworth, illustrated by Michael Evans**

Freddie's parents are worried when he goes to stay the night with Gran because he cries so much when he goes to bed. How will she manage? But Freddie has a very busy time with Gran and sleeps soundly. What is her secret?! All is revealed when he returns home.

***But Excuse Me That Is My Book* by Lauren Child**

Charlie takes Lola to the library and there is only one book she wants to borrow - 'Beetles bugs and butterflies'. It is her favourite book, and no other book will do. She simply must have that book. But it is not on the shelves! Worse still, Lola sees someone else taking it out!

***Eddie's Kitchen* by Sarah Garland**

When it's Grandad's birthday everyone wants to make a special birthday tea. Eddie and his little sister Lily are especially helpful when Mum gets distracted with friends and neighbours. All the 'cooking together' recipes featured in the story are included in the book.

***Down The Back Of The Chair* by Margaret Mahy, illustrated by Polly Dunbar**

The family are in a terrible state. Dad's car is on its last wheels and now he's lost the keys. What to do? Well there's always the back of the chair – who knows what has found its way down there over the years? Fabulous family rhyming romp that will get you searching for hidden treasures!

***I Don't Like Salad!* by Tony Ross**

When the royal chef presents the Little Princess with a salad for lunch, she is not pleased, and she especially does not want to eat tomato. To encourage healthy eating, the gardener shows her how to grow her own tomato plant. However, 'Tommy' and the Little Princess become devoted friends – she does not want him chopped up!

***Melrose And Croc Go To Town* by Emma Chichester Clark**

Melrose the dog and Little Green Croc are the best of friends. When they decide to go shopping in town, Melrose tells Little Green Croc that they must stay together so they don't get lost. But in the excitement that is town life, Croc soon forgets his friend's advice.

***Sharing A Shell* by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Lydia Monks**

Hermit crab is looking for a home and finds one in an empty shell. Blob and Brush join him and the friends enjoy a happy life until they all grow bigger and need more room! A beautiful story for sharing and touching to seek out the sparkles.



***Baggy Brown* by Mick Inkpen**

Baggy Brown is a very, very, special bear. He and 999 others have been made to celebrate Princess Sophie's first birthday. It takes a while for him to meet the princes because he is given to Alfie by mistake. But this little girl doesn't need another teddy

***The Magic Rabbit* by Annette LeBlanc Cate**

Bunny is Ray the magician's magic rabbit and his dearest friend. One day, during a busy street performance, Bunny goes missing. As darkness falls Bunny is still desperately searching for Ray. Maybe the golden stars can help him find his friend? A stunningly atmospheric story in black and white – and stars.

***Frog And A Very Special Day* by Max Velthuijs**

Frog knows that today is special because Hare has told him so, he just isn't sure why. When Hare has gone out, he sets off to ask all his friends why today should be so great. He finds them most unhelpful - Pig knows it's washday, and Rat just says that every day is special. The excitement of waking up is fading fast...

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