

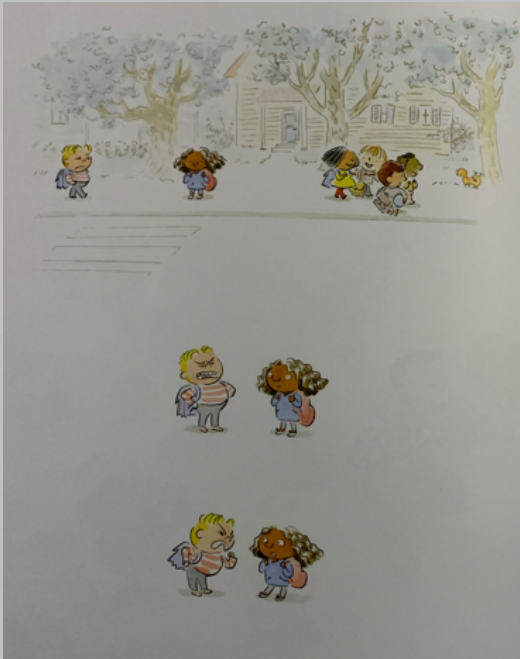


There was a new little girl called Vanessa. She was miserable.



YRSS

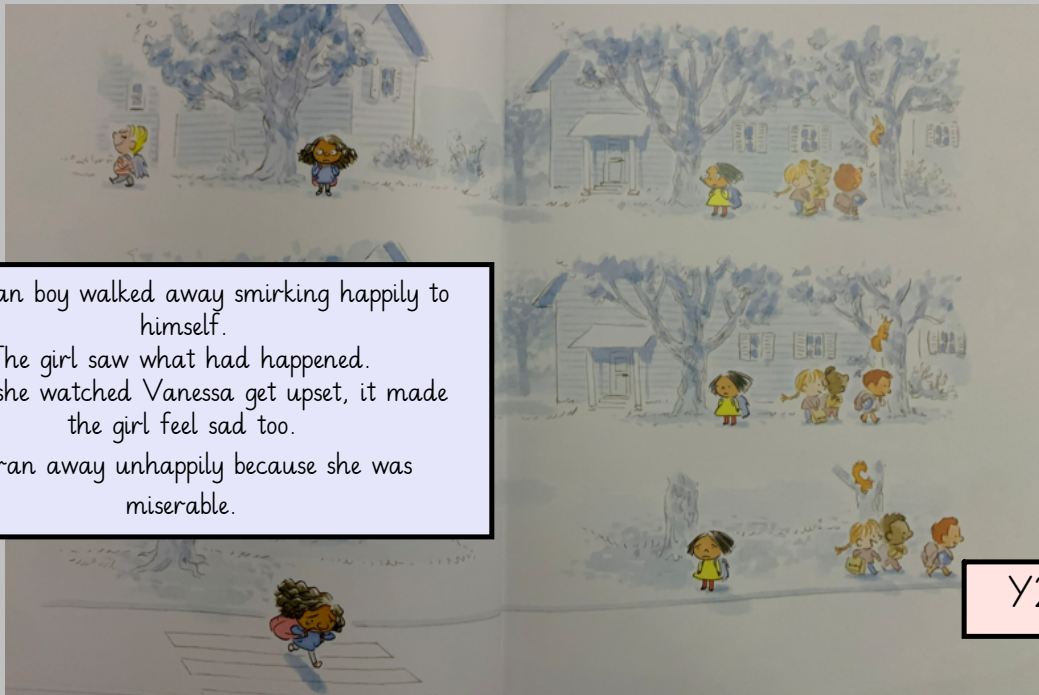




Vanessa walked down the street and a boy shouted at her. She was shocked and upset.

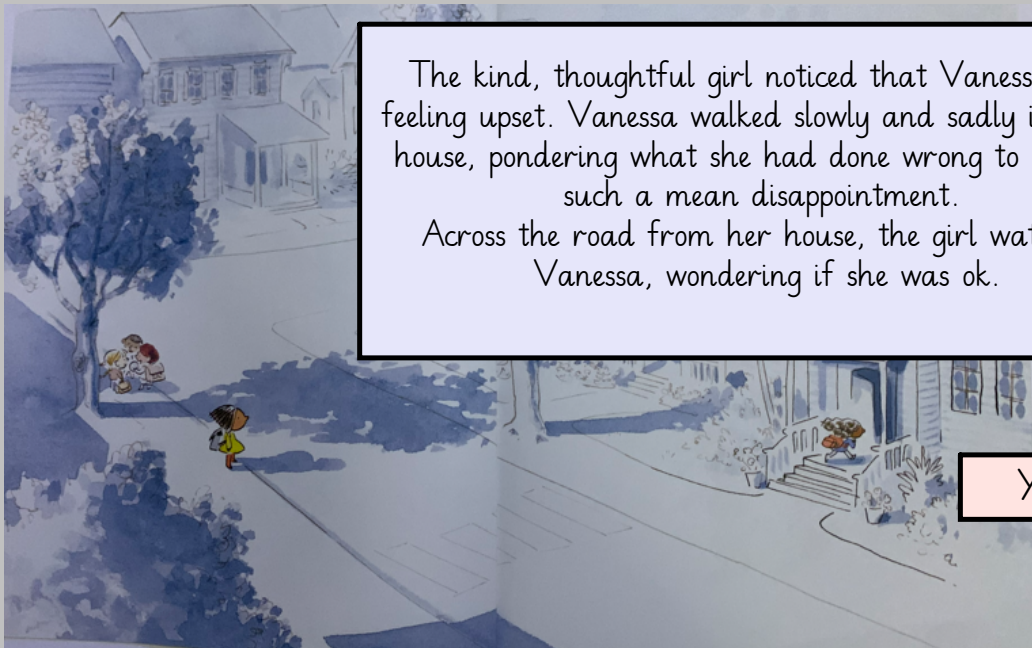


YISS



The mean boy walked away smirking happily to himself.
The girl saw what had happened.
When she watched Vanessa get upset, it made the girl feel sad too.
She ran away unhappily because she was miserable.

Y2CP



The kind, thoughtful girl noticed that Vanessa was feeling upset. Vanessa walked slowly and sadly into her house, pondering what she had done wrong to deserve such a mean disappointment.
Across the road from her house, the girl watched Vanessa, wondering if she was ok.

Y3NB

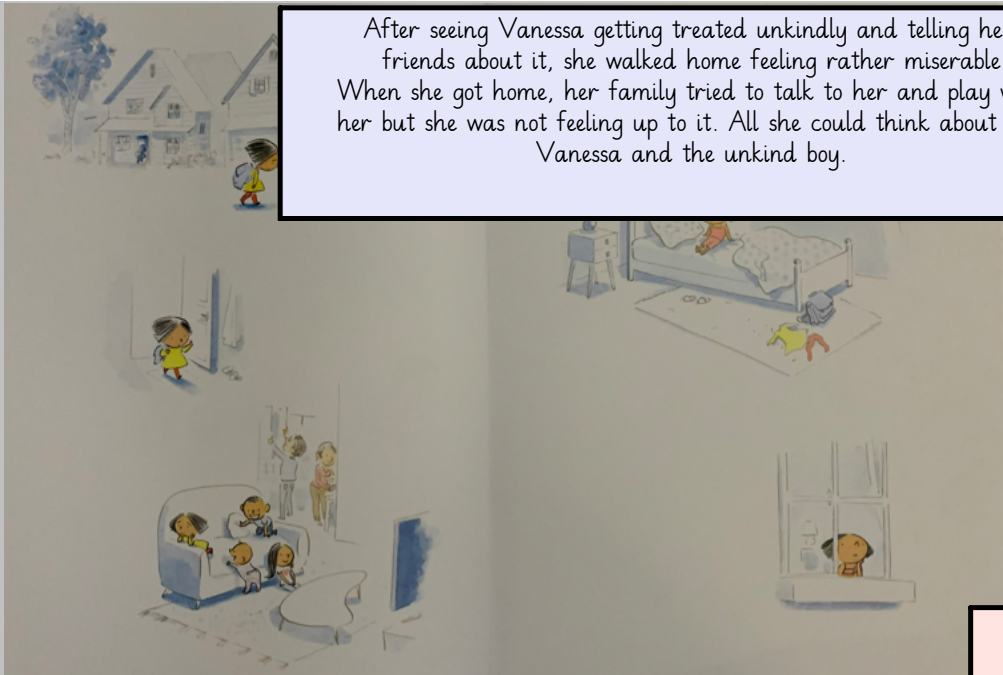


Quickly, the caring girl ran back towards her group of friends. She told her friends about what had happened to poor Vanessa on her first day at their school. They all felt disappointed and surprised this had happened. Hanging their heads, they left to go to their own houses, thinking how they could make her feel better.



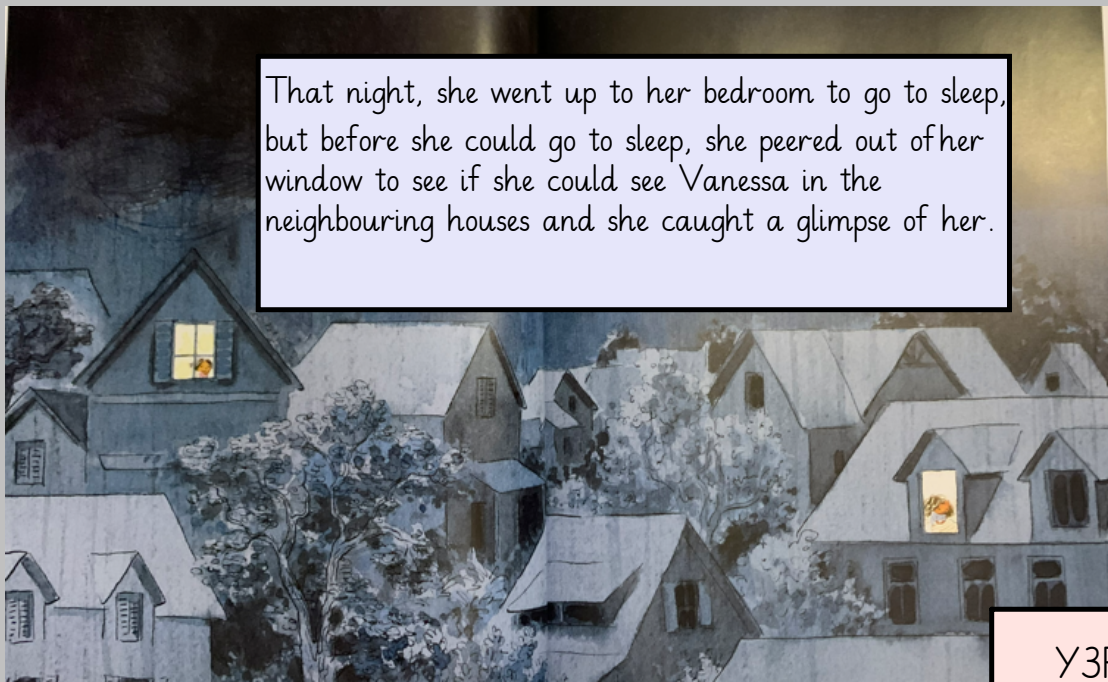
Y3NB

After seeing Vanessa getting treated unkindly and telling her friends about it, she walked home feeling rather miserable. When she got home, her family tried to talk to her and play with her but she was not feeling up to it. All she could think about was Vanessa and the unkind boy.

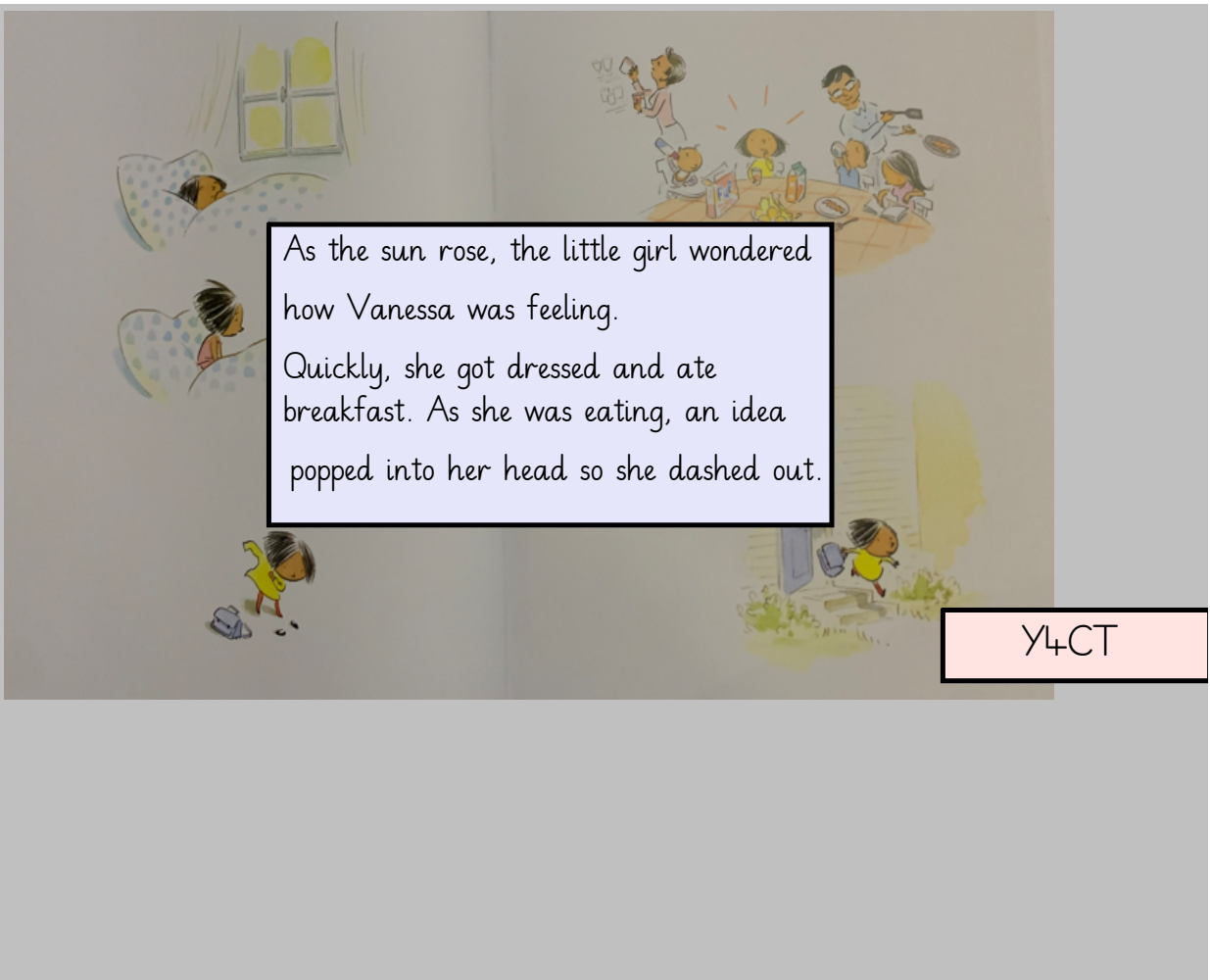


Y3RC

That night, she went up to her bedroom to go to sleep, but before she could go to sleep, she peered out of her window to see if she could see Vanessa in the neighbouring houses and she caught a glimpse of her.



Y3RC



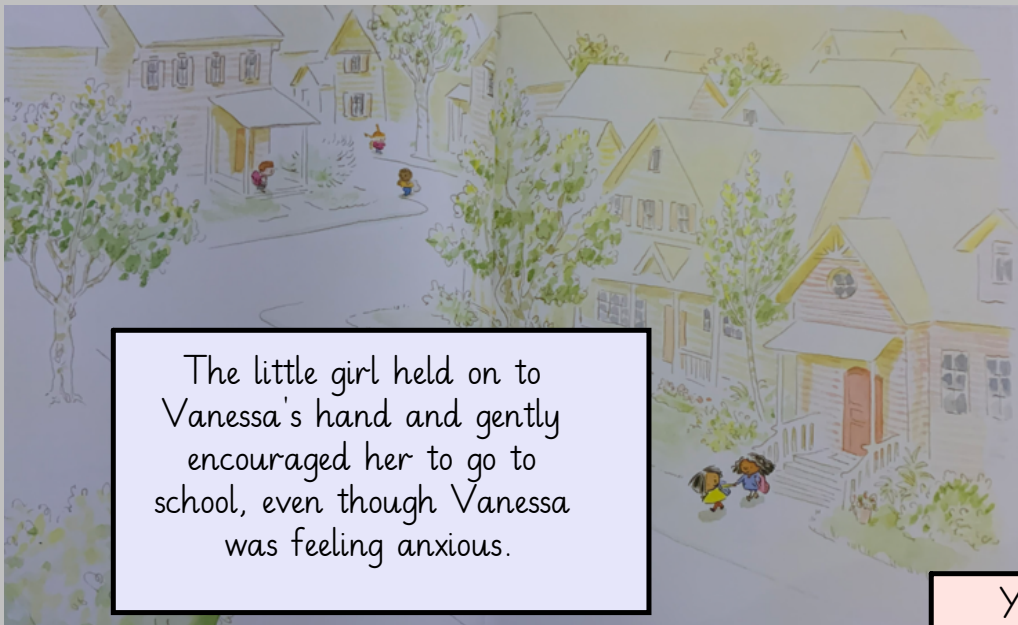
As the sun rose, the little girl wondered how Vanessa was feeling. Quickly, she got dressed and ate breakfast. As she was eating, an idea popped into her head so she dashed out.

Y4CT

Determined to cheer up her new friend, she crossed the road and knocked on the door. When Vanessa opened the door, she said, "Hi, I saw what happened yesterday and thought you might need a friend, Would you like to walk to school together?"



Y4CT



The little girl held on to Vanessa's hand and gently encouraged her to go to school, even though Vanessa was feeling anxious.

Y4/5AO

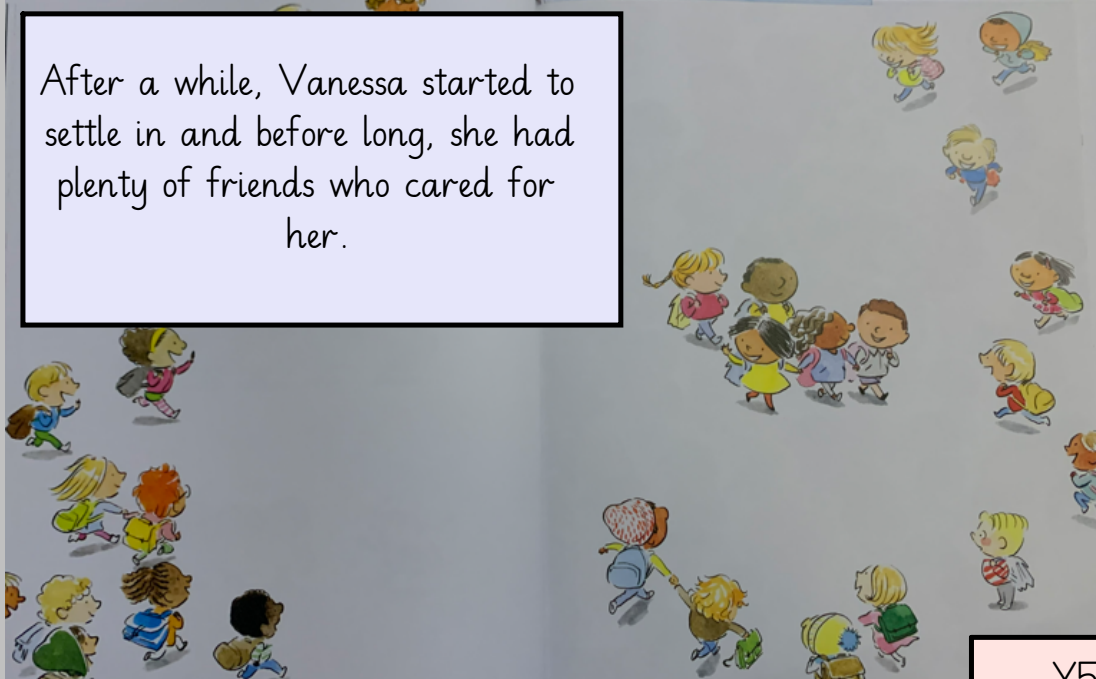


Friends of the kind girl also gathered round Vanessa offering support and reassurance. Vanessa smiled happily.



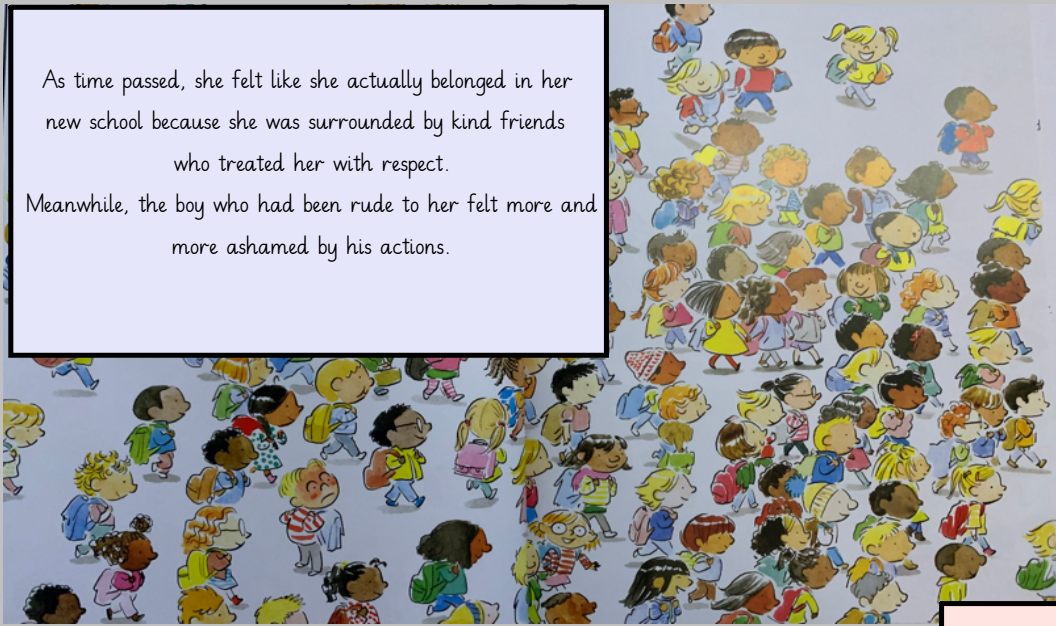
Y4/5AO

After a while, Vanessa started to settle in and before long, she had plenty of friends who cared for her.



Y5HB

As time passed, she felt like she actually belonged in her new school because she was surrounded by kind friends who treated her with respect. Meanwhile, the boy who had been rude to her felt more and more ashamed by his actions.



Y5HB

With her new friends following her,
Vanessa felt confident and she knew
that she would finally be happy at her
new school.



Y6CA

From that point on, Vanessa enjoyed spending time at school and the mean boy, whose words had upset her, never bothered her again.



Y6CA



Remember, actions can be contagious; one small act of kindness can encourage others to be kind too.

We all walk with Vanessa



FOR CHILDREN: HOW YOU CAN HELP SOMEONE WHO IS BEING BULLIED

When you see someone being hurt or bullied, there is often something you can do. No matter how small it may seem to you, it makes a big difference to the person who is being hurt. Here are some suggestions:

- Be extra friendly to that person. Include them in your play and games. Let them know you will not join in when other kids are being mean or bullying.
- The girl in this book noticed what happened to the girl who was being bullied. Then she thought about how she might feel and what she should do. When you see mean behavior or bullying, ask yourself, "How would I feel if that happened to me?"
- It is important to always be safe when you respond to bullying behavior. If someone is being hurt or bullied, you can tell a trusted grown-up. Letting someone know help is needed is not tattling. Tattling is getting someone in trouble, and telling is getting someone out of trouble.
- As in the story, actions can be contagious. Kindness multiplies. One small act of kindness can inspire more kind acts, so talk to others about your ideas for showing kindness and invite them to join you.



FOR ADULTS: SOME HELPFUL WORDS TO USE WHEN TALKING ABOUT THIS BOOK WITH CHILDREN

aggressor: Someone who says or does hurtful things.

ally: Someone who helps or stands up for another who is being bullied or is the target of prejudice.

brave: Describes doing something you would not normally do that may be physically or emotionally difficult.

bullying: When a person or group behaves in ways—on purpose, and over and over—that make someone feel hurt, afraid, or embarrassed.

bystander: Someone who sees bullying or prejudice happening and does not say or do anything to stop it.

name-calling: Using words to hurt or be mean to a person or group.

target: Someone who is bullied or treated in hurtful ways by a person or group on purpose, and over and over.

teasing: Laughing at and putting someone down in a way that is either friendly and playful or mean and unkind.

Parents Magazine's Best Book That Champions Kindness!

"This story tells of one girl's kindness to another and how it becomes a rallying cry against bullying."

—*The Washington Post*

★ "A hopeful book that can help caregivers tackle an emotionally fraught subject with even very young children."

—*Kirkus Reviews, Starred*

★ "The message is powerful: one small act can make a difference and change the world."

—*School Library Journal, Starred*

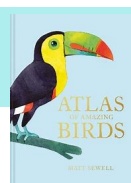
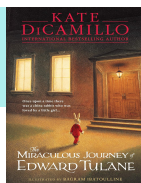
★ "A good choice for young children who can work out for themselves what has happened, what Vanessa's new friend does, and why it works."

—*Publishers Weekly, Starred*

"This beautifully illustrated story shows young readers how to become caring and supportive upstanders. Love it!"

—*Trudy Ludwig, bestselling author of *The Invisible Boy**





Atlas of Birds
by Matt Sewell

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
by Kate DiCamillo

Mrs. Brougham

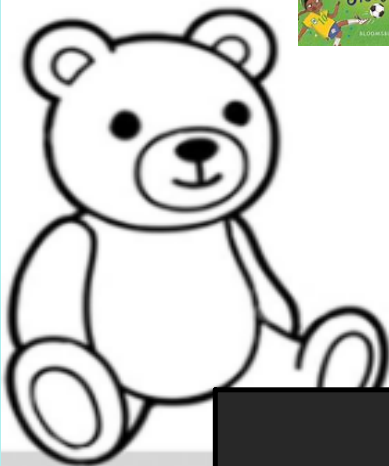
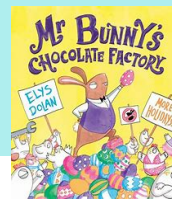
Romeo and Juliet
by William Shakespeare





The collage features four book covers at the top: 'Life on Earth' by David Attenborough (with a green frog), 'James and the Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl (with a yellow background and a peach), 'Jane Eyre' by Charlotte Brontë (with a portrait of Jane Eyre), and 'Mrs. Gargan' (with a teal background). Below the covers are three text boxes: 'Life on Earth by David Attenborough' (vertical, blue text), 'Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë' (horizontal, red text), and 'James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl' (horizontal, green text). To the right is a line drawing of a vase with several large flowers. A teal rectangular tab is on the far right edge.





The Adventures of the Third Liver Bird
by David Hagan

Fantastically Great Women - Sports Stars

Miss Thomas

Mr. Bunny's Chocolate Factory
by Elys Dolan

LOST and FOUND
OLIVER JEFFERS

Who Sank the Boat?
Pamela Allen

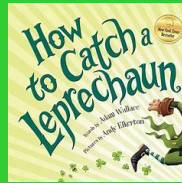
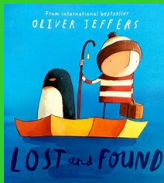
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Rob Hodgson

Lost and Found
by Oliver Jeffers

Who Sank the Boat?
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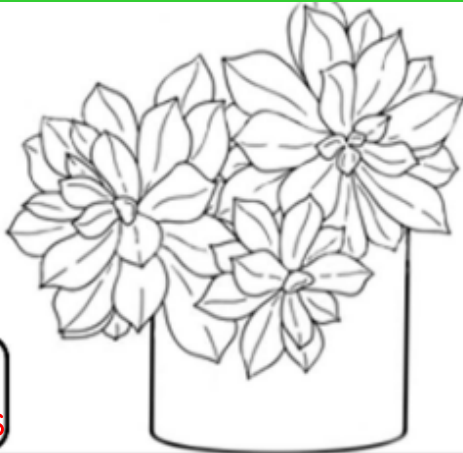
The Cave
by Rob Hodgson

Mrs. Southward



How to Catch a Leprechaun
by Adam Wallace

Supertato
by Sue Hendra
Lost and Found
by Oliver Jeffers



Miss Corrigan



The image shows a white shelf on a purple background. On the left is a pencil holder with a sun icon and several pencils. To its right are four books on the shelf:

- 1. *Hey Grandude* by Paul McCartney
- 2. *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo
- 3. A purple book with the word "prounp" written vertically.
- 4. *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling

Three book covers are also shown:

- Hey Grandude!* by Paul McCartney, illustrated by Kelley D'Arcy.
- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Eugène Ionesco.
- The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling, illustrated by John D. Burt Foster.

The Book With No Pictures
B.J. Novak

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen • Helen Oxenbury

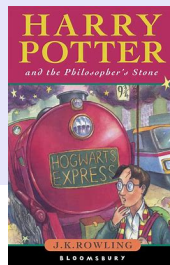
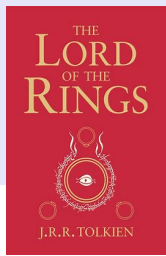
HARRY POTTER
and the Prisoner of Azkaban
J.K. ROWLING
Winner of the 1999 Whitbread Children's Book of the Year

The Book with No Pictures
B J Novak

Miss Patino

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
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Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
J.K. Rowling



Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
J.K. Rowling

The Lord of the Rings
J.R.R. Tolkien

The Christmasaurus
Tom Fletcher



Mrs. Batson

Five Minutes' Peace
Jill Murphy

The Tiger Who Came to Tea
Judith Kerr

Mrs Saphier

The Enormous Crocodile
Roald Dahl



