



# The Books That I Love ...

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Booktrust believes that books and reading can change lives, so we are delighted that NICMA have put together this wonderful resource to encourage shared reading in the home. Like NICMA, our priorities are to work with children and families because this is where the greatest impact can be made.

We know that books can bring lasting benefits, help bond families and increase life chances through education. Research tells us the children who are read to every day can be up to a year ahead of their peers by the time they start school. Above all reading is an enjoyable activity for all ages and we hope that you find our tips and resources helpful.

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## Booktrust Top Tips:

**Make books fun and special** - The secret to storytelling is to make it fun. When you share a book you're doing something very special, and for those few minutes the outside world stops while you read about elephants or pirates or aliens.

So remember to:

- Turn off the television or anything that will distract you.
- Choose a book that you think you can talk about for five minutes and that you will all enjoy.
- Make a cosy spot – a couple of cushions on the floor will do.

Be brave and put on silly voices or animal noises.

Don't be nervous about using a silly voice as it is just you and the children. There's no one to judge or point out wrong words or missed pages – although if it's a book you've read before, your children might tell you! Children love spending time with the grown-ups in their lives. They are not critical or judgemental; they just appreciate sharing that time and experience.

### Free Resources:

Visit the Bookstart website for more top tips and expert advice. You will find videos on using puppets, Sharing Stories and Maia's Reading Journey.

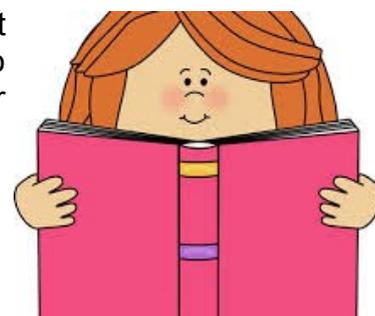
<http://www.bookstart.org.uk/books/sharing-books/tips/>

**Talk about the pictures**

**Talk about the pictures** - Stories help children learn about the world and themselves, but also about language and how stories and books work. When we talk to children about the pictures in books, we're giving them the chance to ask questions and make connections with the world. Sharing books is not about 'teaching them to read' – it's about discovering that

books are exciting and fun. It feeds their imagination and interests so that when the time comes to learn, they are eager to read stories for themselves.

**Choose books that suit your child's interests.** Whether they love comics, football, pets or dancing there are hundreds of books that will capture their imagination. The Booktrust Bookfinder is the perfect way to find books to suit babies, children, teens and adult's interests and abilities. Choose your books and print off the list. <http://www.booktrust.org.uk/resources/#/d/books/bookfinder/>



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## Read below some NEW Book Reviews from NICMA Childminders

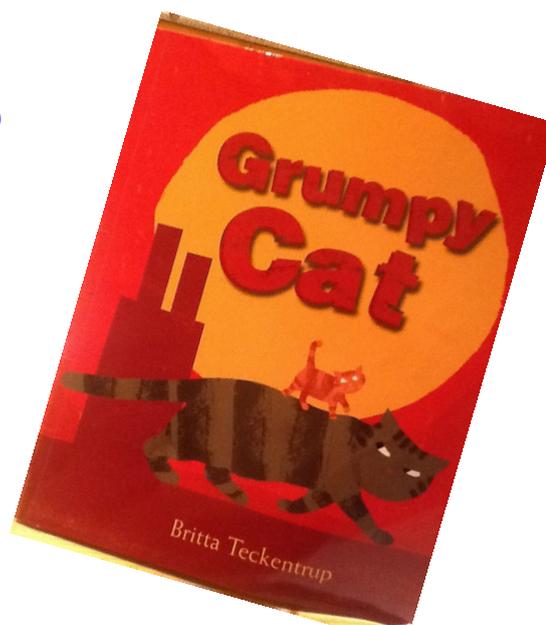
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### Grumpy Cat

Author: Britta Teckentrup

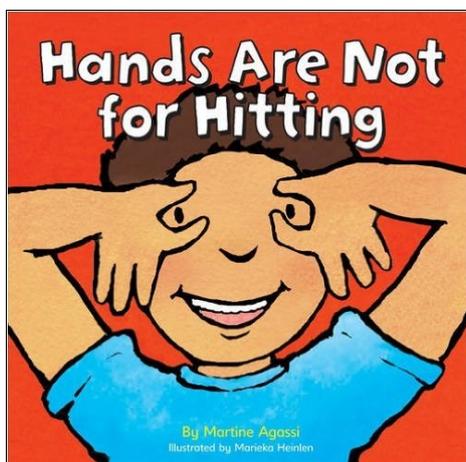
A little boy I've minded for nearly five years loves this book. He used to get me to read it every day, several times a day! His face was a picture last week when he produced a copy of 'Grumpy Cat' that he had found in the school library!

Alison Cherry, Childminder,  
Banbridge



# Hands Are Not for Hitting

Author: **Martine Agassi**  
Illustrated by **Marieka Heinlen**



Quite often I find myself buying books to help address issues I am experiencing with my minded children. This book was bought with three 2 year old children in mind.

From the outset the children loved the bright illustrations and the participation on their part to use their hands to wave, shake hands, draw, play, help etc. The emphasis is on a positive way to use our hands with the reminder now and again that '**Hands Are Not for Hitting**' (I did have to expand on this!) The children themselves would have referred to the book when playing if someone acted inappropriately. The book presents other opportunities to discuss feelings with children too.

The book includes tips for parents and caregivers.

Other books in this series include:

Feet Are Not for Kicking

Teeth Are Not for Biting

Germs Are Not for Sharing

**Karen Hanna, Childminder,  
Ballinderry**



# It's OK NOT to Share ....

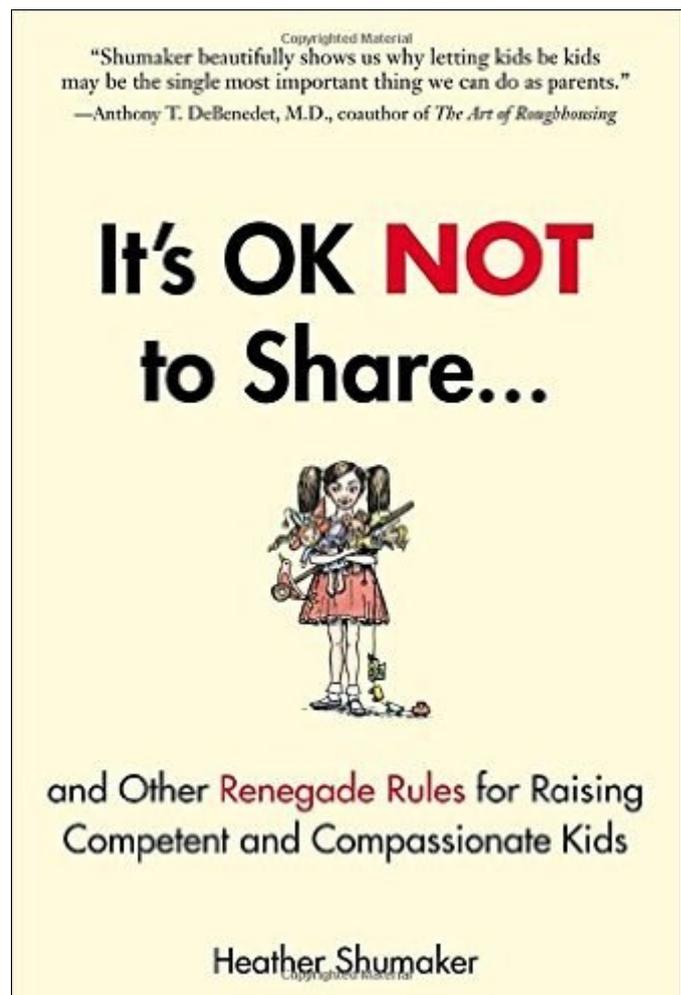
Author: Heather Shumaker

Available to download via Kindle and in hardcopy

This is a 'must buy' book and essential read for parents and childminders. It looks at how pre-school children learn through play and challenges how we handle various situations. With rules such as "It's OK it's not hurting people or property", "Kid's need conflict", "Bombs, guns and bad guys allowed", "Let your kid swear", "Boys can wear tutus" you are guided through a range of situations. With each chapter heading you will raise an eyebrow but by the end of the book you will change the way you care for children in your setting. These are not new fangled ideas, they have been tried and tested since the 1960's and they are as relevant today as they were then. I have implemented the ideas in my own setting and they do work.

This is an enjoyable, easy to read book and I'd recommend it to all childminders irrespective of how much experience or how little experience you have working with children.

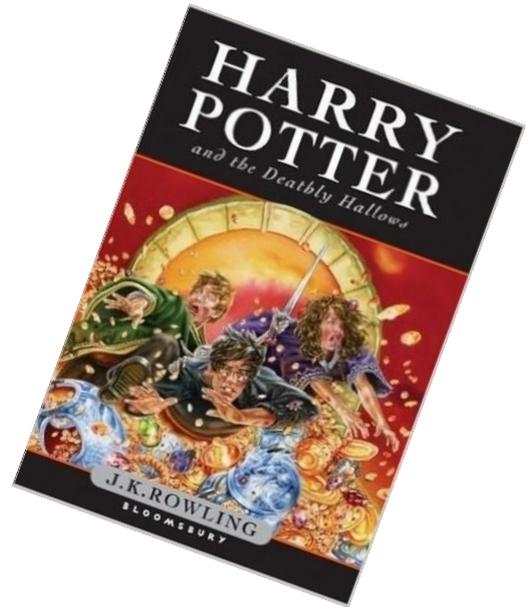
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# Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows

Author: JK Rowling

Harry, Ron & Hermione set out to complete the seemingly impossible task of finding and destroying the source of Voldemort's power and immortality, the Horcruxes. They were constantly being chased and hunted by snatchers, were-wolves and the supporters of the dark lord and even Voldemort himself. Will all three conquer this monstrous task or will they fall into darkness in one final stand against the darkness where it all began?



What made me read the book was EVERYTHING from the characters to the explosive ending.

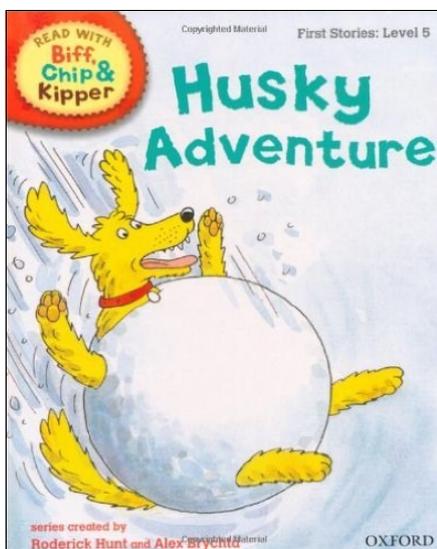
By Jordan McKibbin Aged 11

Keelin Morris, Childminder, Banbridge

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## Husky Adventure

Author: Roderick Hunt and Alex Brychta



Kipper wanted Floppy to pull the sled. Floppy was too tired. The key began to glow. It took Floppy to a snowy place. The man wanted Floppy to go faster, Floppy helped the boy to get to the hospital.

By Jane McKibbin Aged 5 years

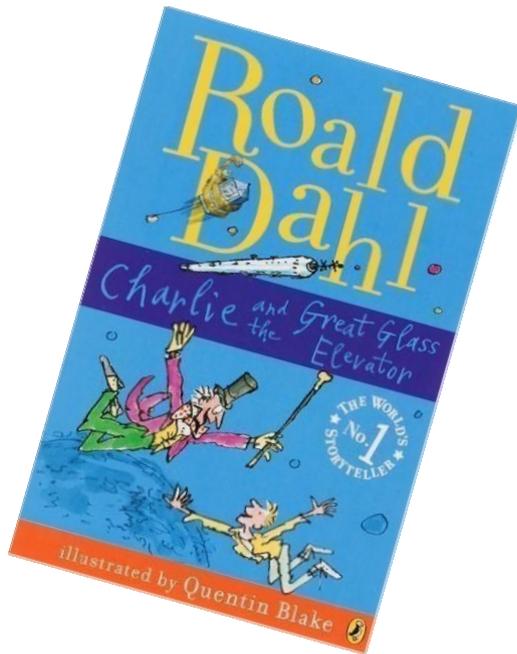
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# Charlie and The Great Glass Elevator

Author: Roald Dahl

The main characters are Grampa Joe, Charlie, Mr Wonka, Mr and Mrs Bucket, Miss Tibbs and Lancelot R.

They were 1000ft up from the earth, as they were in the sky Charlie was jumping up and down Grampa Joe was singing. Mr Wonka told the Bucket family one time he made something called a "Wonka Vite" that made people 20-years younger, Grandma Georgina wished she had one!



A couple of hours later they arrived at the famous hotel that was in space called "The space hotel." They found some Alien Worms, one of the aliens was shaped like an "S," another was shaped like a "C," another was shaped like an "R"..... and then when all of the aliens got together they spelt "S C R A M"!! Mr

Wonka and everyone ran! Charlie and Grampa Joe were invited to the White house and had many more adventures in the Glass elevator.

My favourite part was the Alien Worms spelling "S C R A M!"

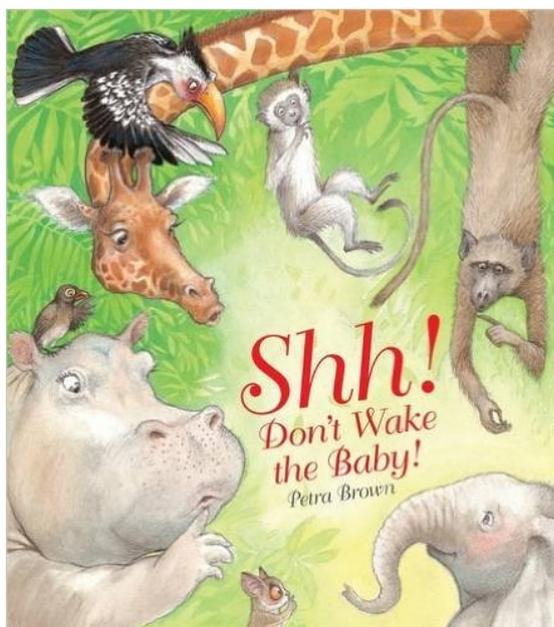
By David Kearney aged 7 years

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# Shh! Don't Wake the Baby

Author: Petra Brown



My little ones love this book as the pictures are big and bold. They love to hear the different animal voices, some quiet, some LOUD! Poor little elephant just wants to have a normal day, but everyone keeps shouting at him. But it is ok, when baby elephant wakens....or is it?

By Evan Kearney Aged 2 years; Eilidh O'Neill Aged 4 years; Caitlin O'Neill Aged 3 years

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# The Witches

Author: Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl's *The Witches* is an excellent book. It all started off when a boy called Boy was going to see his granny in Norway, when his parents die in a car crash, eventually he reaches his granny's house and she tells him about witches, what they do and what they look like. After three or four years they go to a Hotel and meet 82 witches and the leader of the witches the Grand High Witch when they were having a special 25th meeting. A meeting that they only have once a year. Boy and another boy called Bruno Jenkins get turned into mice because of a special formula called



Delayed Action Mouse Maker 81. The witches hid the formula in the chocolate, secretly. After a while Boy came up with a plan. He sneaked into the Grand High Witches room and stole the secret formula. While the witches were having a meal, Boy (still in his mouse form) swung into the kitchen using his tail, avoiding the chefs and waitresses, he pours the Delayed Action Mouse Maker 81 into the food and the witches get turned into mice!

I liked this book because of the way it was exciting and made you want to read more.

By Sarah McKibbin aged 7 years and 11 months

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