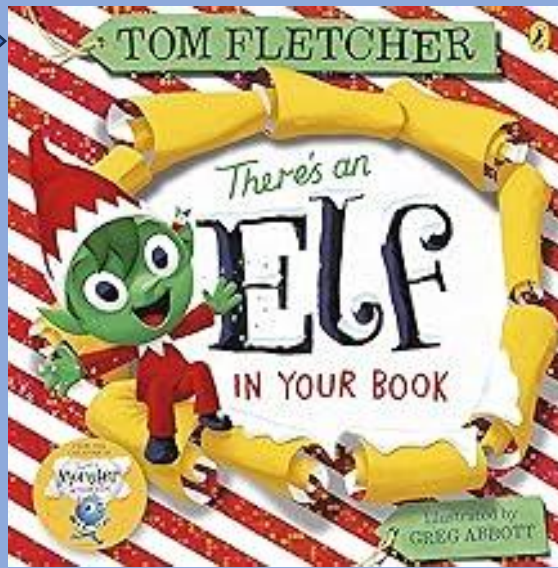


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There's an Elf in your book by Tom Fletcher

Recommended Age 3+

In this book, a little elf pops out of the pages and asks the reader a series of questions to see if they are on the nice list. The questions are all about being kind, helpful, and festive. The elf is a bit of a trickster, and the reader must be careful not to get tricked into being naughty.

The book is full of bright, colourful illustrations that bring the elf to life. The elf is a cute and mischievous character that will appeal to children of all ages. The questions in the book are exciting and get you to thinking about what it really means to be nice.

*There's an Elf in Your Book* is a great book for a Christmas read-aloud. It is a fun and festive book that will help children to get into the holiday spirit. The book is also a great way to learn about how being kind and helpful can make the world a happier place!

Fun Fact - Did you know that the author Tom Fletcher was in a band called McFly?

Listen to author Tom Fletcher read this book: [#BNStorytime: Tom Fletcher reads THERE'S AN ELF IN YOUR BOOK](#)

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### **Santa and Son by David Walliams**

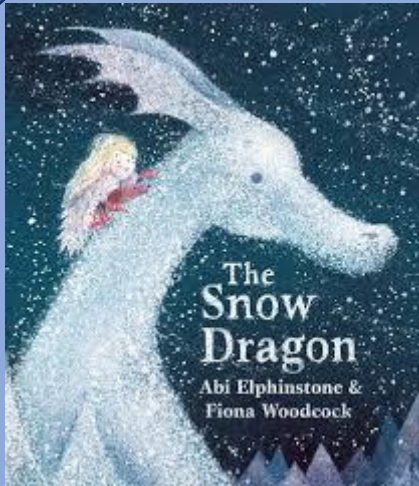
**David's first EVER Christmas book!**

Santa and Son is a lively, funny Christmas adventure that brings together the elements of mischief, mayhem and for this time of year, some festive magic. The story is set on Christmas Eve inside the world's most famous toy shop and follows Santa and his son as they find themselves accidentally locked in with a group of bumbling robbers. What unfolds is a fast-paced, comedy-packed escapade where ordinary toys become imaginative tools for stopping the baddies - think pogo sticks, slime, bubble guns and remote-controlled helicopters.

**They are about to have the adventure of a LIFETIME!**

Click here to listen to an audio book preview: [Santa & Son by David Walliams](#)  
· [Audiobook preview](#)

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### The Snow Dragon by Abi Elphinstone

Abi Elphinstone is a writer of children's fantasy stories including *The Dream Snatcher*, *Sky Song*, and *Rumblestar*. She has also written picture books, *The Snow Dragon* and *the Frost Goblin*. Many of Abi's stories are set in magical cold places inspired by growing up in the North of Scotland.

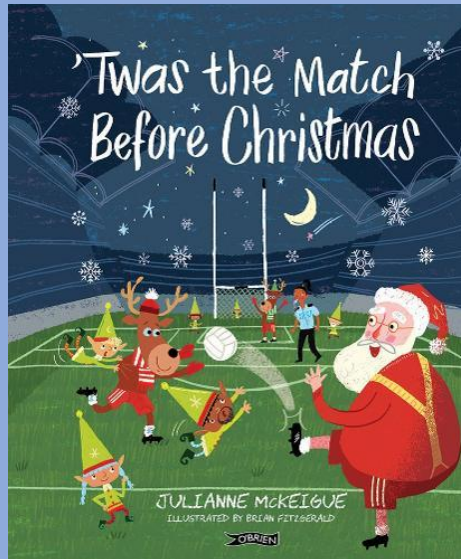
The story of the *Snow Dragon* is an enchanting adventure. In Griselda Bone's gloomy orphanage, daydreaming is banned, skipping is forbidden, and Christmas is well and truly cancelled. But for Phoebe and her sausage dog Herb, is it possible that just when things seem at their bleakest, magic awaits in the swirling, snow filled air?

This is a wonderful story about hope, believing in the miraculous, and never losing a sense of playfulness and joy.

Click here to learn how to draw a dragon: [#DrawWithRob 45 Dragon](#)



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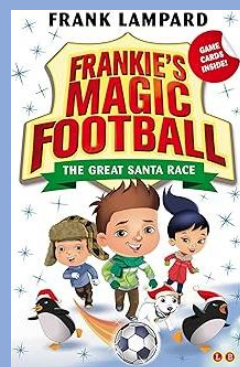
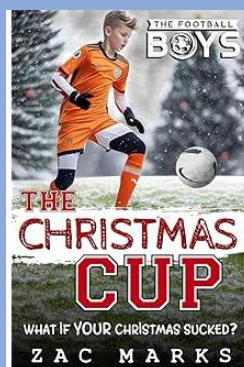
**'Twas the Match Before Christmas by Julianne McKeigue**

**'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through Croke Park,  
It was quiet and peaceful; the great pitch was dark ...**

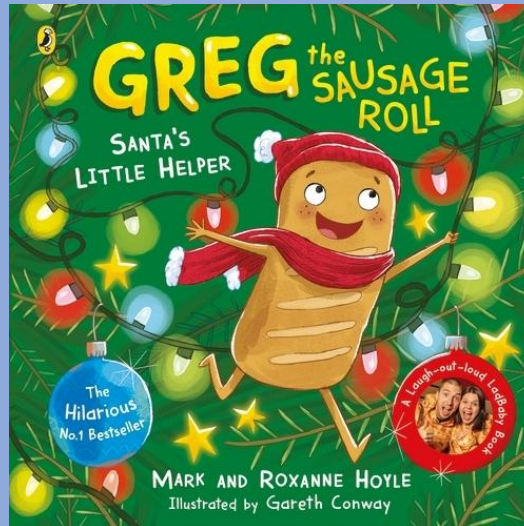
**but not for long!**

**As the clock strikes midnight, there's a magical surprise:  
Santa, his elves and reindeer arrive for a night of mischief,  
mayhem, and football.**

**Here are more football themed Christmas books:**



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## Greg the Sausage Roll – Santa's Little Helper

By Mark and Roxanne Hoyle

The tinsel is up in the bakery, the lights are twinkling, and the mince pies are sold out. It's Christmas Eve, Greg the Sausage Roll is so excited he could burst.

And when he's scooped up as a last-minute treat for Santa, he's catapulted into a magical festive caper beyond his wildest dreams.

Other books in the series:



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## What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas

By Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks

In a big old house, the ladybird is visiting her friend the spider for the festive season. But those two bad men, Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len, are up to no good again. They have a devious plan - to steal the children's Christmas presents from their stockings! It's a good thing that the clever little ladybird has overheard their awful plotting and she has a cunning plan to make sure they don't get away with it.

A fun rhyming story with bright and beautiful illustrations!

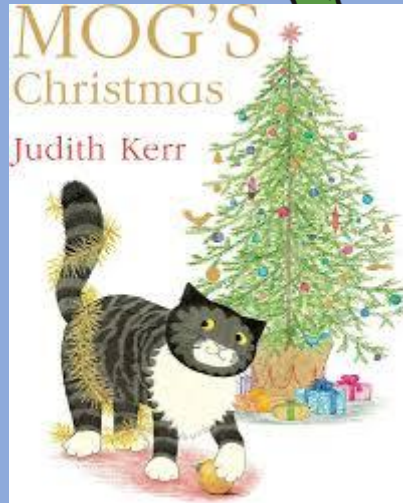
Can you spot the glittery ladybird on every page?

Click here to listen to Mrs Bastin read the story:

<https://youtu.be/rSinKo3VGtQ>



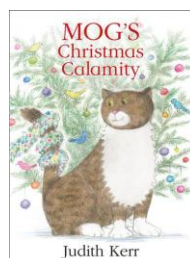
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### Mog's Christmas by Judith Kerr

A sweet and funny Christmassy adventure starring our favourite forgetful family cat. Everyone knows that Christmas is coming – everyone, that is, except Mog. No one has warned her, and she is baffled by the interruption to her comfy routine. The house is full of strangers, everything is noisy, and when she sees a spiky tree walking and talking it's the last straw! Mog heads to the roof to hide from all the turbulence.

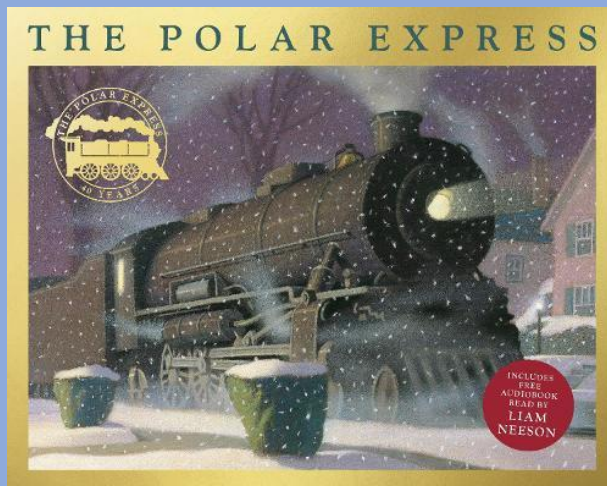
In 2015 Judith Kerr wrote another book in the series called Mogs Christmas Calamity. She partnered with Sainsburys to raise money for charity.



Click here to watch an animated version of the book: [Watch Mog's Christmas](#)  
[| Stream free on Channel 4](#)

Click here to watch Mog's Calamity Christmas advert: [SAINSBURY'S: Mog's Christmas Calamity \(Best Christmas Ads of All Time\)](#)

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### The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg

You may have watched the film, but the book is even more magical.

All aboard the Polar Express to the North Pole!

On Christmas Eve a boy excitedly waits to hear the sound of Santa's sleigh bells. Instead, the sound of hissing steam announces the arrival of the Polar Express outside his house. Aboard are excited children in their pyjamas all bound for the North Pole where people are gathering to see Santa give the first gift of Christmas. The boy is offered anything he desires yet simply asks for a bell from the reindeer's harness which proves to be the most precious of gifts.

This is an enchanting Christmas story, beautifully written and illustrated with pictures full of warmth and light evoking the excitement and magic of a childhood Christmas.

Celebrate 40 years of *The Polar Express* with this special gold-foiled edition containing a free audiobook narrated by Liam Neeson!

Click here to listen to the author read his story: [#BNStorytime: Chris Van Allsburg reads THE POLAR EXPRESS!](#)

Click here to listen the story being read by Liam Neeson: [Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg & read by Liam Neeson](#)





### Sausage Dog Santa by Bella Swift

Stanley the sausage dog puppy can't wait to spend his first Christmas with his new family, even grumpy old cat Cleo. But he can't believe it when Cleo tells him that Santa doesn't bring presents to animals.

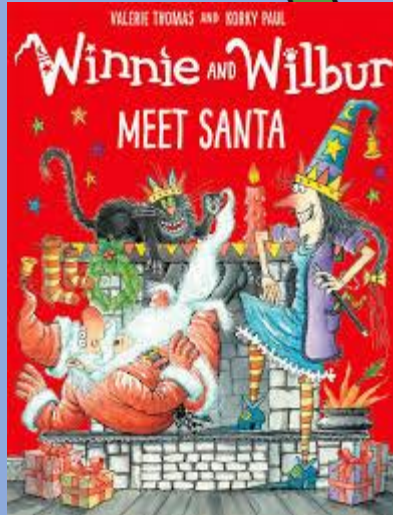
Stanley is determined to make his new friends' Christmas wishes come true - from a cosy nest for Rosie the robin, to a messy mud bath for Florence the dalmatian. No wish is too small for the Sausage Dog Santa!

But who will grant Stanley's own wish to make friends with Cleo in time for Christmas?

Sausage Dog Santa is the first book in the 'Sausage Dog Series'. Others include Sausage Dog Surfer, and Spooky Sausage Dog.

Click here to listen to an audio preview of this book: [Sausage Dog Santa: Book 1 by Bella Swift · Audiobook preview](#)

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**Winnie and Wilbur meet Santa by Valerie Thomas**

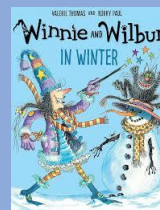
**A jingle-all-the-way Winnie and Wilbur adventure!**

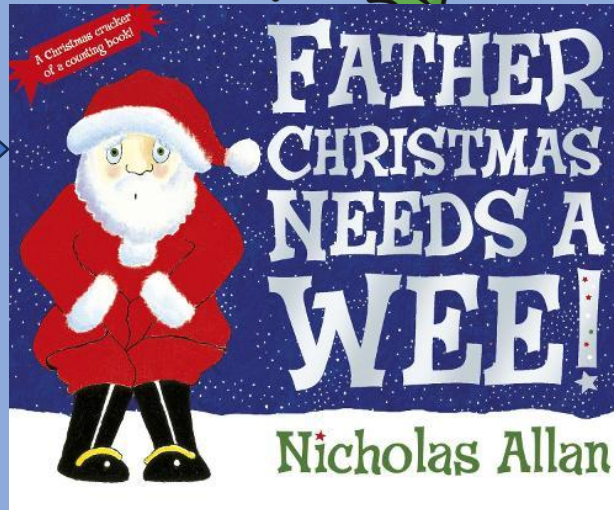
When Winnie and Wilbur write their letters to Santa, they never imagine that they are actually going to meet him on Christmas Eve! After the crisis of Santa getting stuck in their chimney, Winnie and Wilbur join him on his sleigh in a desperate race against time to make sure children everywhere wake up to stockings filled with presents on Christmas morning. What a magical memorable night!

**A fabulously festive story with a spectacular pop-up ending!**

Click here to listen to an audio preview of this book: [Storyteller videos: Winnie and Wilbur - Oxford Owl for Home](#)

**Other books you might enjoy**





### Father Christmas Needs a Wee by Nicholas Allan

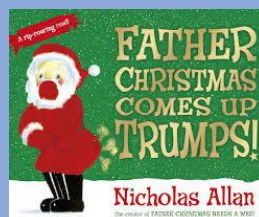
"Father Christmas needs a wee.

He's been drinking drinks since half past three . . ."

At each different house that he visits Father Christmas drinks and eats all the goodies left out for him. Before long he really, really, really needs a wee! So much so that he even forgets to leave the presents behind. But he dashes back, delivers all the presents, and flies home at high speed to avoid an embarrassing accident. There's just one tiny problem . . . he's lost his house key!

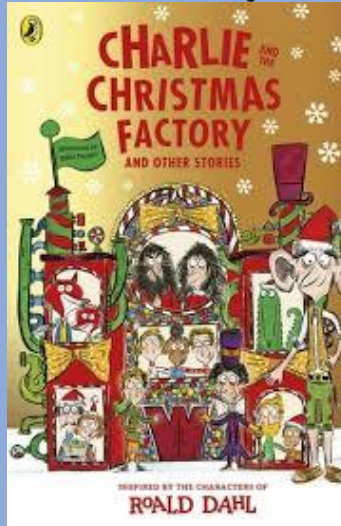
Find out what happens in this brilliant and fabulously funny counting book from the talented author/illustrator Nicholas Allan.

You may also enjoy this story





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### Charlie and the Christmas Factory, and other stories

A star-studded cast of authors including Pamela Butchart, Hannah Gold, and Adam Kay deliver twelve brand new stories inspired by the great Roald Dahl's incredible characters in this Christmas collection that will delight readers age 8-12 years.

Why is Matilda worried about being on the naughty list?

What happens when years after the creation of his original marvellous medicine George's granddaughter Gigi decides to make her own potion?

And how does Charlie plan to celebrate Christmas at the chocolate factory?

Perfect for Christmas, this magical and hilarious collection features 12 brand-new short stories based on their author's favourite Roald Dahl characters.

Click here to listen to a preview of the book: [Charlie and the Christmas Factory by Roald Dahl · Audiobook preview](#)