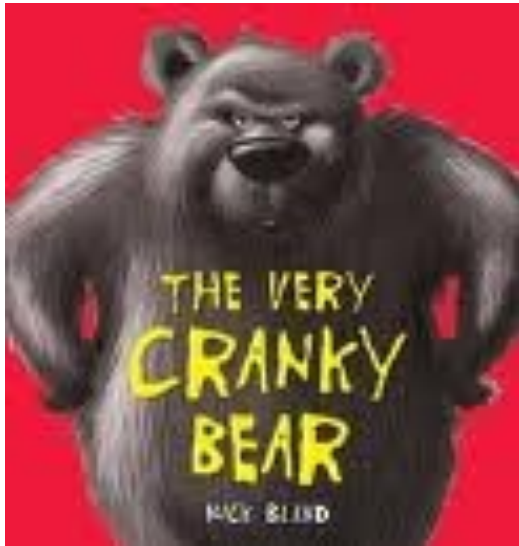


The Very Cranky Bear by Nick Bland



"In the Jingle Jangle Jungle on a cold and rainy day,
four little friends found a perfect place to play.

Moose had marvellous antlers, and Lion, a golden mane.

Zebra had fantastic stripes and Sheep . . . well, Sheep was plain."

But the friends' cosy place to play is already inhabited by a very cranky bear. How can they cheer the bear up so he will let them in his cave?

Moose, Lion and Zebra all think they know how to cheer him up. But it is plain, boring Sheep who has the answer!

This delightful book has a charming and quirky style. It is giggly funny with a great ending and gorgeous illustrations. It's one of those books where the pace and rhythm just seems to "work".

Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

The witch and her cat fly happily over forests, rivers and mountains on their broomstick:

"The witch had a cat and a very tall hat,

And long ginger hair which she wore in a plait.

How the cat purred and how the witch grinned

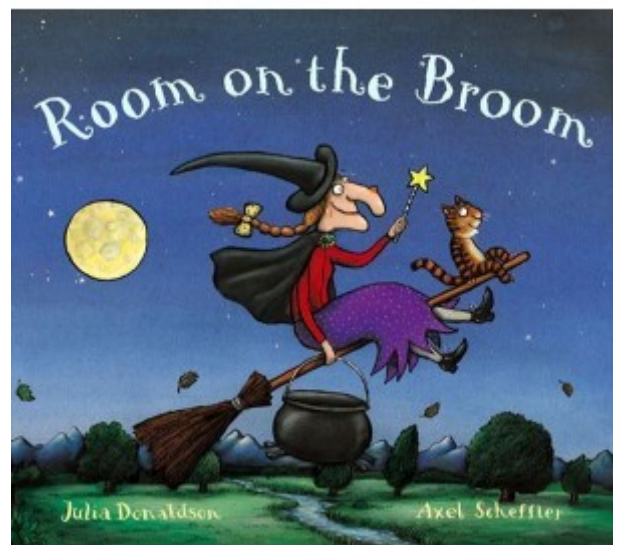
As they sat on their broomstick and flew through the wind."

Then a stormy wind blows away the witch's hat, bow and wand.

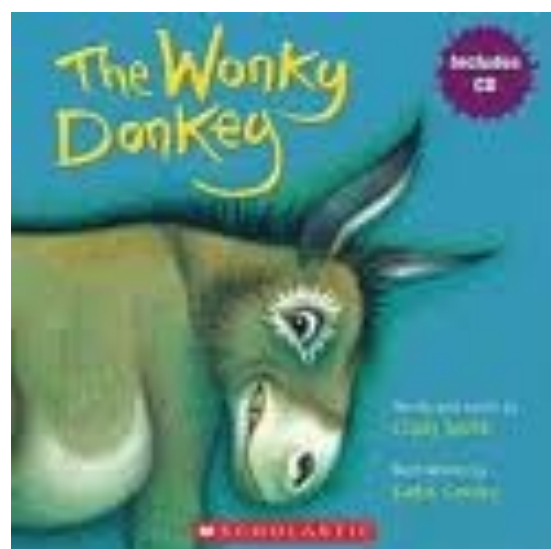
They are retrieved by a dog, a bird and a frog, and each animal asks for a ride on the broom. But how many passengers will one broomstick take? And what about the dragon who fancies

"witch and chips" for tea?.

This book comes from the same duo that brought us the award winning book "The Gruffalo" and they've created another fantastic story with this one. The repetition and wording appeals as does the beautiful illustrations. Little one's will all cheer as the witch and her friend's get the better of the hungry dragon and join in with



The Wonky Donkey by Craig Smith



What has three legs, one eye and smells really, really bad? Why it's the Wonky Donkey of course!

This book reads a little awkwardly at first, although the lovely pictures and very funny text is apparent from the start. But this book really comes into it's own when you hear the accompanying CD. The song is hilariously funny and will have everyone falling over with laughter as you try to keep up.

This book is aimed for a slightly older age group, as some of the words.. like lanky, spunky, honky-tonky etc will leave the little one's bewildered but with the book and song everyone can enjoy... particularly Mum and Dad.