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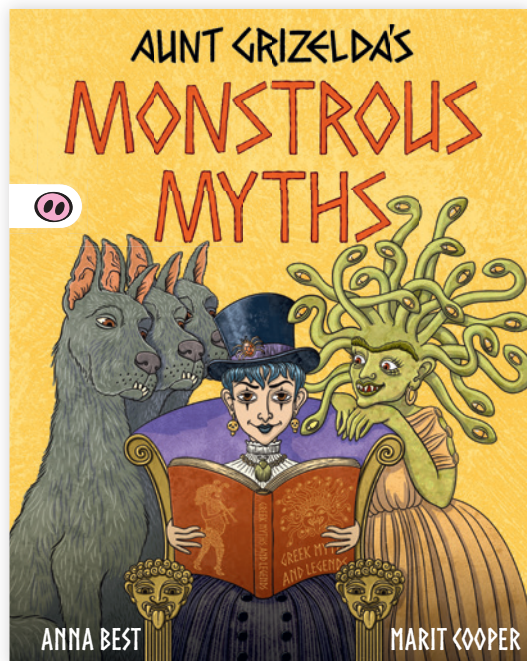
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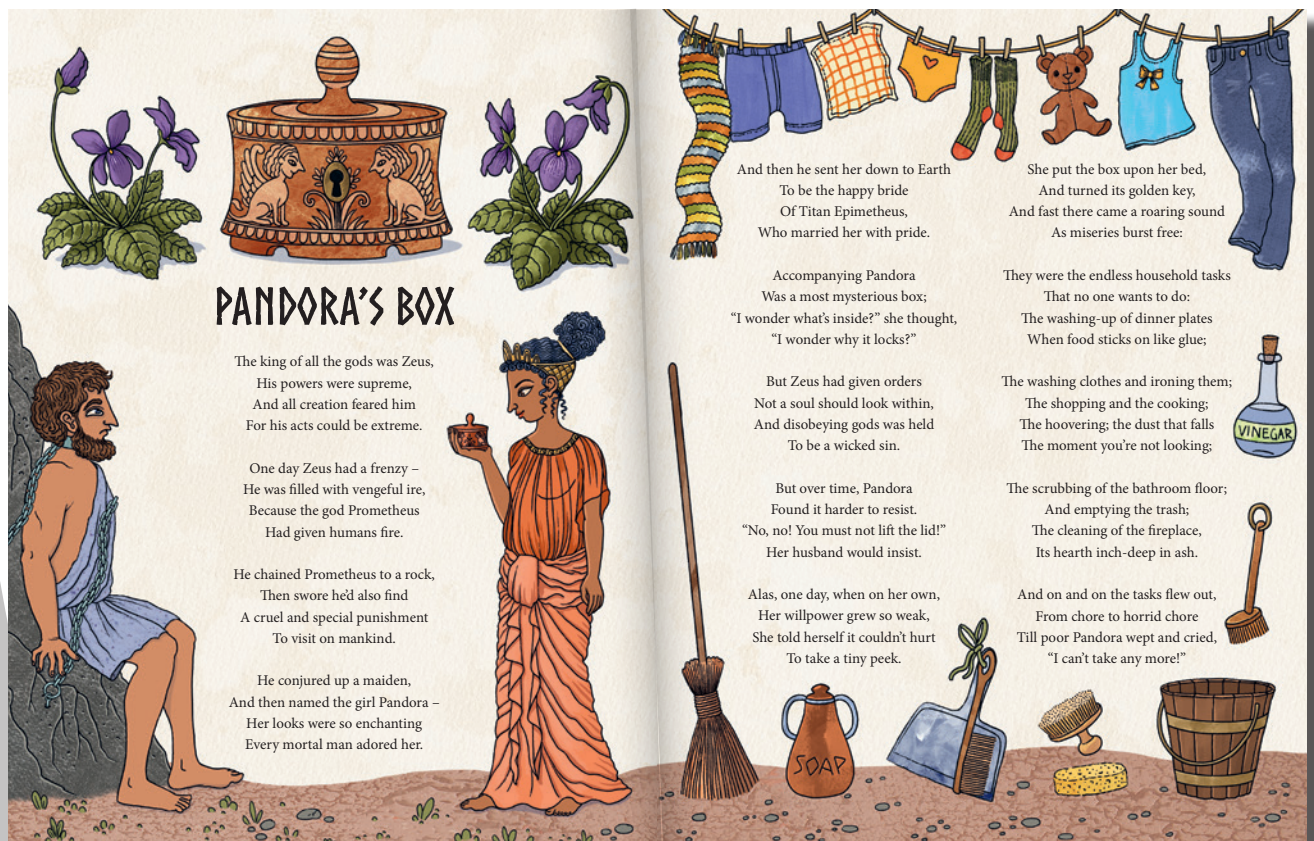
AUNT GRIZELDA'S MONSTROUS MYTHS

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Monstrous Myths is Aunt Grizelda's third title and is a humorous collection of Greek myths told in Anna Best's inimitable rhyming style. You might know each of the characters and the fates that befell them (if not, there's a useful reminder), but Aunt Grizelda tells you what she'd like to think really happened. Take King Midas – who wouldn't wish that everything they touched turned to chocolate? For this new title, Anna has teamed up with illustrator Marit Cooper.

Aunt Grizelda's Monstrous Myths title follows on from the success of *Aunt Grizelda's Fairy Tales of the Unexpected* (978-1-907432-36-1) and *Aunt Grizelda's Treasury of Grim and Grisly Rhymes* (978-1-907432-28-6), which were both selected for the Summer Reading Challenge.

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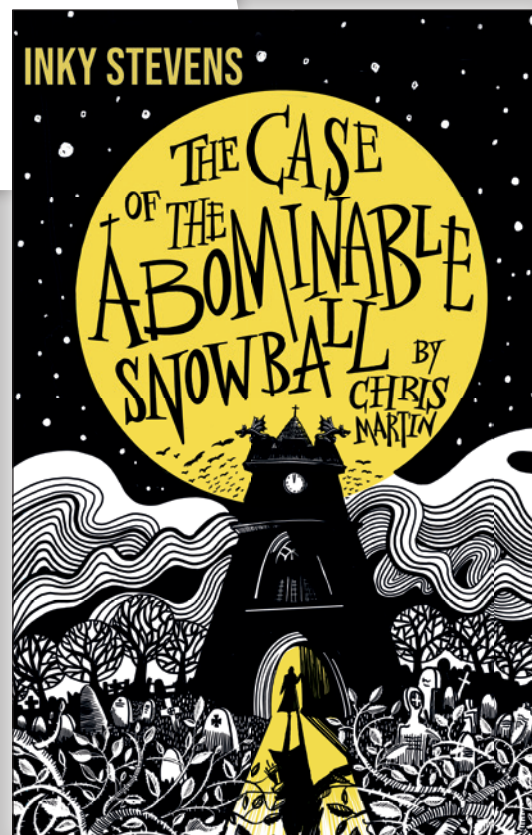
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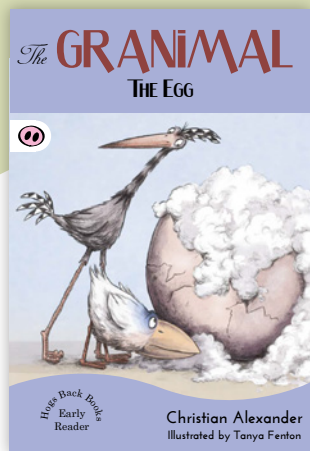
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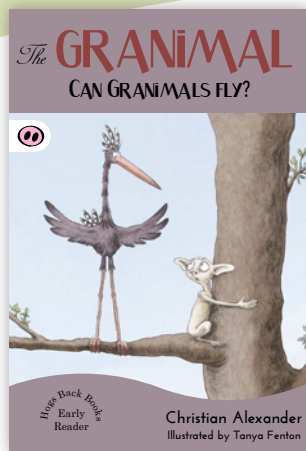


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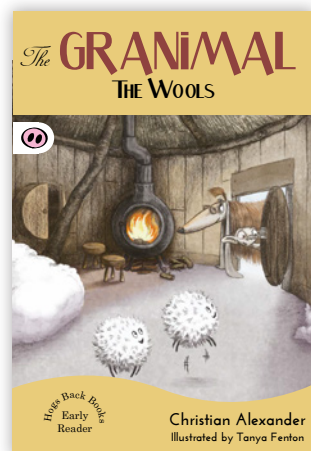
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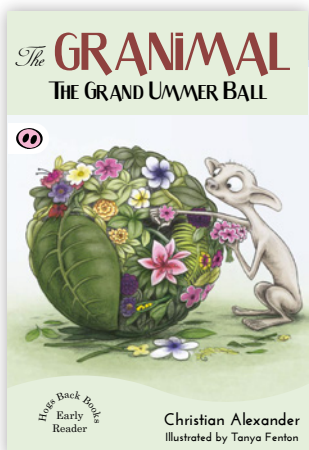
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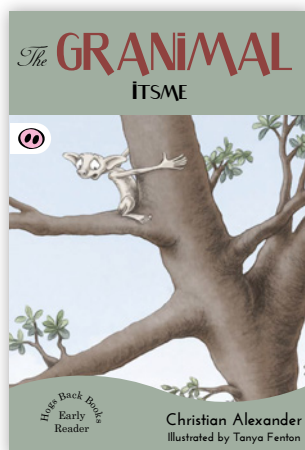
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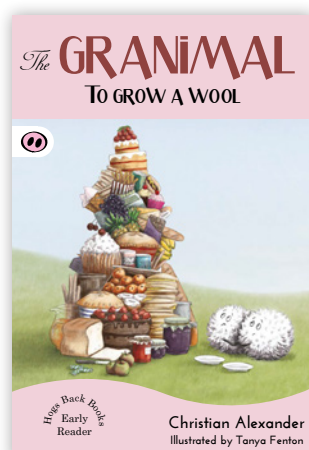
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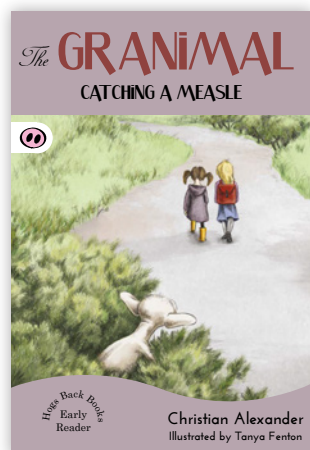
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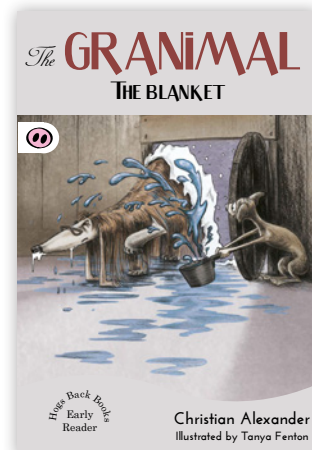
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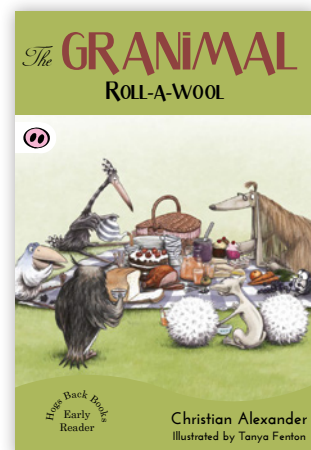
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Chapter Two – Rhyme time

The next morning, Itsme was waiting for his friends by the trunk of the old oak tree. "I have something important to say," he said, once they were all gathered. "Wordsworth is not a test to find out what words are worth; it is the name of a poet, William Wordsworth, and he was born a very, very long time ago and died a very, very long time ago."

Pongo was furious that Itsme had proved him wrong, but replied, "Oh, William Wordsworth! I knew, of course, that he was a poet, but 'wordsworth' on its own, without the 'William', is just as I described to you yesterday."



his poem. "Perfect!" he said to himself, looking forward to the next week's judging.



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Snork borrowed Pongo's dictionary and, after looking through it for words that rhymed, he quickly put together a poem that he felt sure would impress the Granimal. All Beaky wanted was to be better than Snork, so he spent two whole days writing his poem. Little Gromit didn't think that he would be any good at poetry, but worked very hard at it, spending the whole week writing

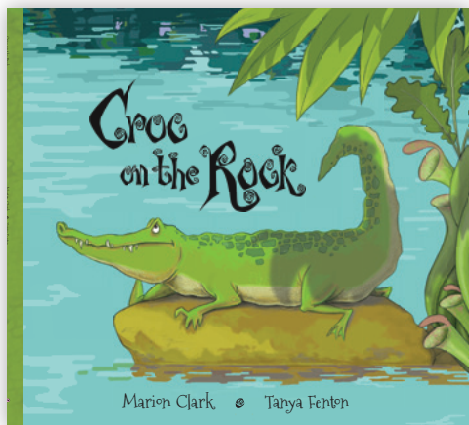
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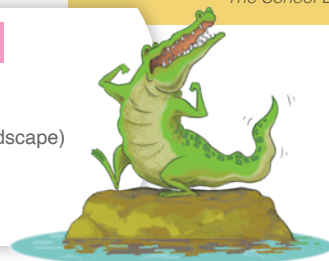


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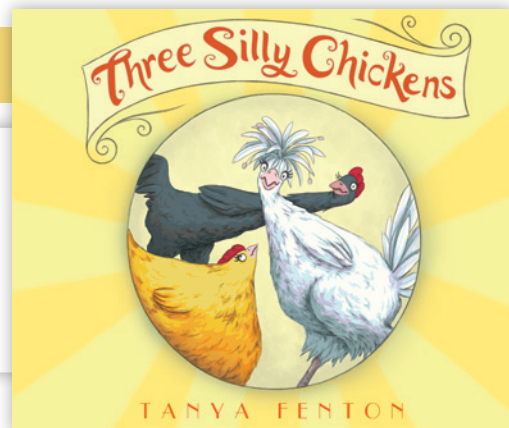
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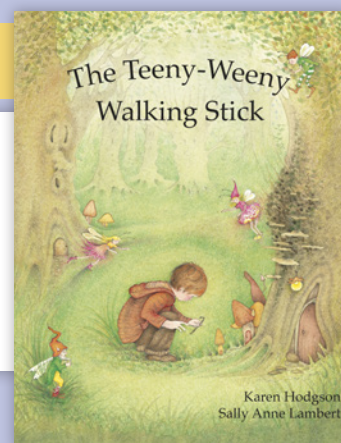
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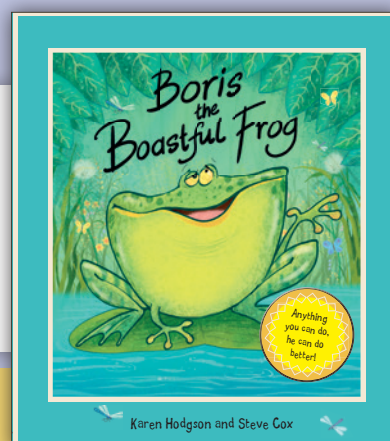


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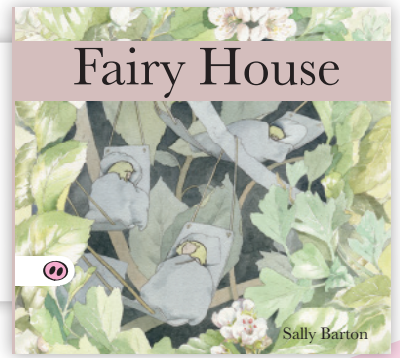


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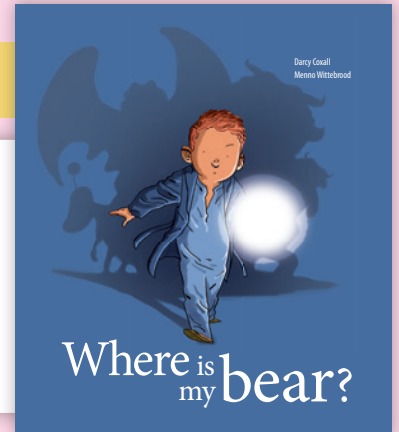
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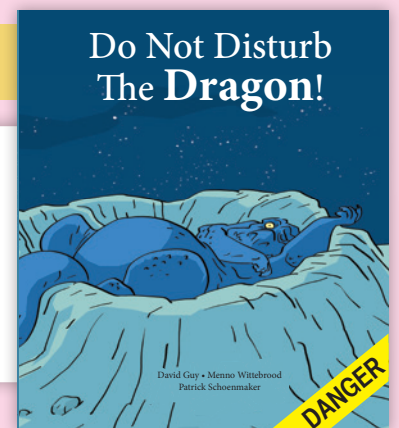
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