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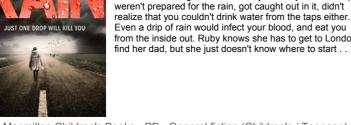
One minute sixteen-year-old Ruby Morris is having her first proper snog with Caspar McCloud in a hot tub, and the next she's being bundled inside the house, dripping wet, cold and in her underwear. Not cool. As she and Caspar shiver in the kitchen, it starts to rain. They turn on the radio to hear panicked voices - 'It's in the rain . . . it's in the rain . . . was two weeks ago, and now Ruby is totally alone. People weren't prepared for the rain, got caught out in it, didn't realize that you couldn't drink water from the taps either. Even a drip of rain would infect your blood, and eat you from the inside out. Ruby knows she has to get to London to

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"He may be small, but he's got more courage than anyone but that blasted donkey." Told some years later by the guilt-ridden Jack, a light horseman at Gallipoli in the First World War, this is the story of a little refugee boy affectionately known as Captain, and his donkey, Hey Ho. At first the small boy and his donkey are mocked by the rest of the cavalry, with their big, powerful horses, but soon they all realize that Captain and Hey-Ho have more spirit and determination than the rest of the troop put



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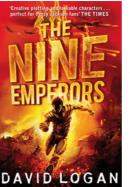
#### **Turning to Jelly**

Candy Guard

Jelly (who is wobbly only when she runs and when Roger Lovely is in the vicinity) and her geeky best friends Ruby and Myf are going to secondary school. They know it's time to be cool and stop playing with dolls in their secret club the trouble is, none of them is cool at all. Jelly's mum and stepdad are like chalk (a bit screechy) and cheese (a bit smelly) and her brother accuses her of showing off even when she's not doing anything at all. They're not helping the cool situation either, until Jelly's mum suggests a birthday party . . .

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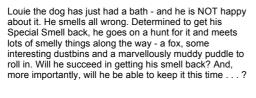
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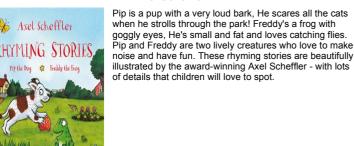
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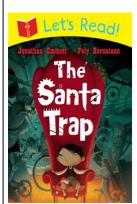
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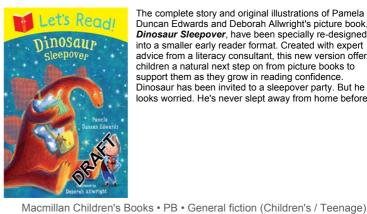
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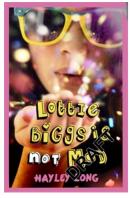
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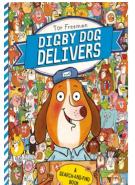


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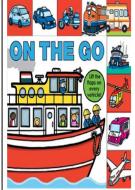
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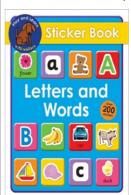
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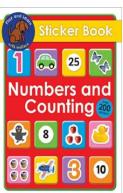


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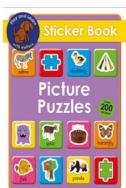
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