

The Water Horse Dick King Smith

The large young Shire horses made the retired seaside donkey's life unpleasant until the night she saved them from being rustled and made into horse pies.

A hair-raising cross-country adventure as Lubber the dog and Squintum the cat join forces with a racing pigeon and an Irish setter to search for Lubber's home. Winner of the Children's Book Award.

Rural life both past and present has never been depicted with such perfectly matched pictures and words.

Flightless, helpless and often, more than a little silly, chickens are no match for the cunning, merciless foxes stalking their coop. Or are they? Thanks to a careless farmer and generations of determined foxes, the chickens on Foxearth Farm have evolved into quick-witted, long-legged, high flying fox dodgers. Then, just a week after a vicious fox ambush in the water trough, three sisters are hatched. And Ransome, Sims and Jefferies are no ordinary chicks: they grow up determined to fight back. They are the legendary Fox Busters . . . From the number one author for animal magic comes this wonderful new edition of a much-loved classic.

A beautiful story for older readers written almost twenty years ago in which bestselling author Dick King-Smith creates a fascinating picture of rural life at the time of the Second World War. Discovered as a foundling in a lambing pen, Spider Sparrow grows up surrounded by animals. From sheep and horses to wild otters and foxes, Spider loves them all, even the crows he must scare away from the newly sown wheat. Crowstarving was the idea job for Spider - he was on his own, yet never alone for all around him were animals of one sort or another. Amazingly, every animal who meets Spider implicitly trusts the young boy. This magical rapport is Spider's unique gift, but nothing else in his tough life is so easy. This tale follows the fortunes of the Bone children after the death of their parents on the 'Titanic'. Young Binnie is left to bring up her brothers and sisters, with the help of her grandparents. When war arrives, her brothers and her sweetheart - the local vicar - go off to the front.

From the king of animal stories for children and one of the national's most beloved writers, a very funny and heart-warming story. Harry isn't very pleased when he inherits a parrot from Great-Uncle George, but Maddison is no ordinary parrot. Not only can he talk, but you can have conversations with him and he and Harry quickly become great friends - but then Maddison is stolen ... Will he and Harry ever be reunited?

Set in 1842, this story is about the adventures of Jackson and Bunny, a pair of mischievous rabbits who stow aboard a ship bound for Australia.

BAD-TEMPERED RUNAWAY CAMEL. Funny, fast, and satisfying--a hilarious yarn from the "master of animal stories."* Tired of his lonely life at the zoo, Hezekiah--an ornery, very hairy Bacrian camel--busts out and heads across country. His adventure leads him to an eccentric (and equally hairy) aristocrat, a new life at a wildlife park, and company in the form of a female camel. Laughs, action, short chapters, and a genuine appreciation of the animal world make this a satisfying choice for newly independent readers. Nick Bruel's antic black-and-white drawing add to the fun. *The Guardian (London)

Water Horse is Elric meets The Fisher King with the vividly drawn inhabitants of this universe seamless fusions of Elf & Dwarf: how life might have been in Moria or Erebor, with water & wood to leaven stone and original magic.

When Old Smelly the tramp meets Eric Stanley Pigeon, it's his lucky day! Old Smelly loves to bet on the horse races, but he never has much luck - until he meets Eric Stanley Pigeon, that is. For this young bird has a very unusual talent ... Old Smelly dreams of winning a fortune, but will his dreams come true?

Three mice brothers ignoring the class system separating the four clans of rodents in their farmhouse, befriend a lower class mouse and form a team to fight cats.

A wonderful animal adventure from master storyteller, Dick King-Smith. Flora was born on the first day of term in the new school year, which might be why she's a very special mouse indeed - a mouse who has taught herself to read! Flora lives in a classroom, and is determined to learn all sorts of things that no mouse has ever learned before. Her family is horrified at first, but then Flora's reading saves their lives ...

Meet Ace, Babe's great-grandson, who also gets a new cover from Knopf Paperbacks this season. " A Horn Book Fanfare Honor Book An IRA/CBC Children's Choice A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year.

George is a baby who learns to speak (in a totally grown-up and even pompous manner) at the unusually early age of 4 weeks. George and his older sister Laura try to keep this talent a secret from the rest of the family, but their parents soon find out.

A candid and very funny memoir from beloved children's book author Dick King-Smith. Before he was a children's book author, Dick King-Smith was a soldier, a farmer, a salesman, a factory worker, and a teacher. But he was always a devoted family man who loved the countryside he lived in and the animals he kept. In this insightful memoir, Dick King-Smith recounts the joys and failures of his life with equal humor and candor. And he remembers a delightful cast of animal characters--from Anna, the dachshund who turned out to be just stubborn, not deaf, to the 600-pound pig Monty, who liked to be scratched on top of his head, to Wilhelmina, a pet badger who was fond of love bites. As readers delight in recognizing the inspiration behind many of Dick King-Smith's books, they'll also see how a collection of experiences made a man a writer.

When Mrs Buzzard tries to get rid of Smasher, the huge, clumsy puppy that is always getting into trouble and breaking things, it is up to Farmer Buzzard to save him.

Aristotle, a little white kitten, goes to live with Bella Donna, a witch in an old cottage, where he finds so many opportunities for risky adventures that he soon has only one life left. 15,000 first printing.

Omnibombulator is a very small beetle - so small that his parents give him a really long name to make him feel important. It doesn't seem to help. Earwigs and woodlice still push poor Omnibombulator around, and snails walk across him, making him all slimy. Then, one day, Omnibombulator sets out to see the world - and discovers just how useful being really small can be. It all begins when he crawls into the toe of a huge old boot for the night, and a tramp with very smelly feet finds the boot...

Now in paperback! From the award-winning author of Babe: The Gallant Pig comes the story of how the Loch Ness

