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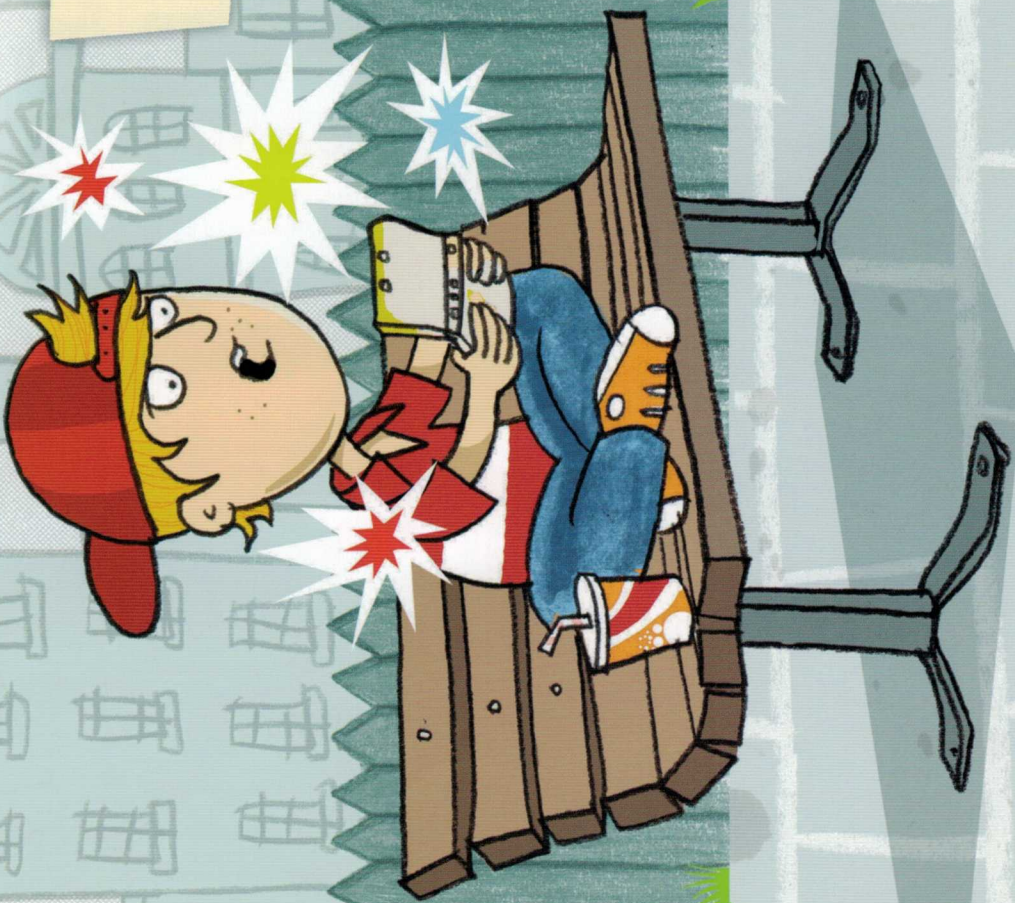
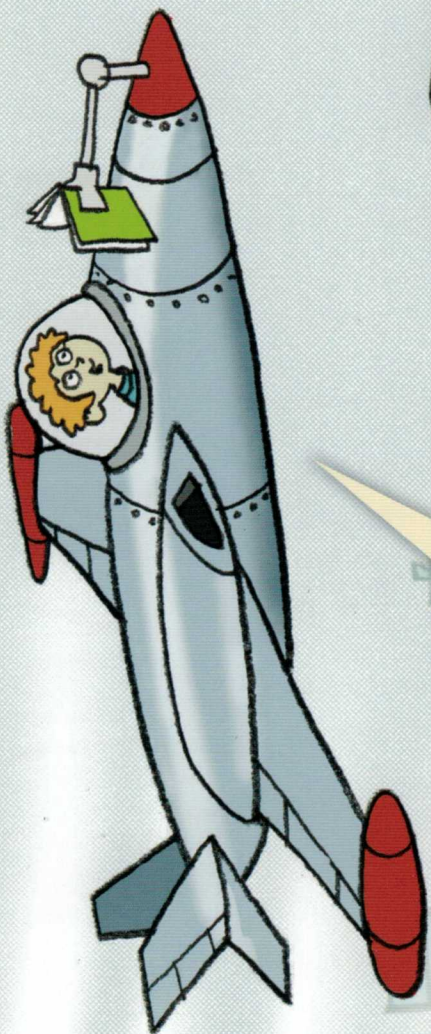
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(and other grumbles)

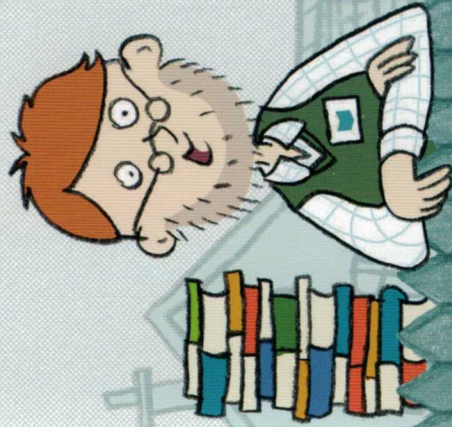
Huh! Reading's rubbish!

I love stories. You feel like you're really there.

What books have you read? There's a lot to choose from.



Come and see me in the library. Tell me what you like and I'll find something for you to try.



You don't have to read books. Comics are cool too.



I like to find out how to do stuff.



I like joke books. What do you get if you cross a sheepdog with a jelly?

The collie-wobbles!



I read on the bus.

I don't have
time to read.
I'm too busy!



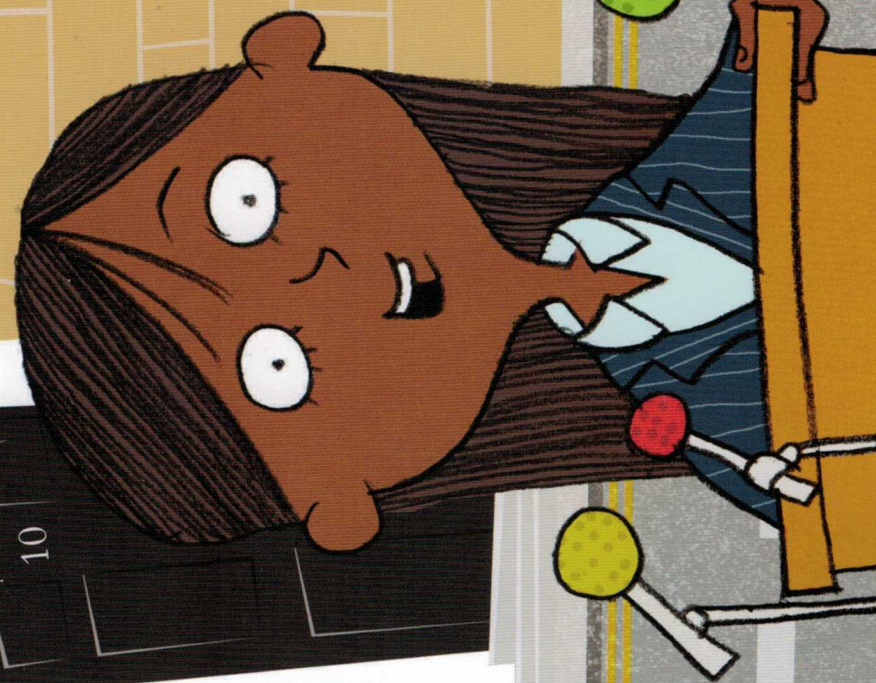
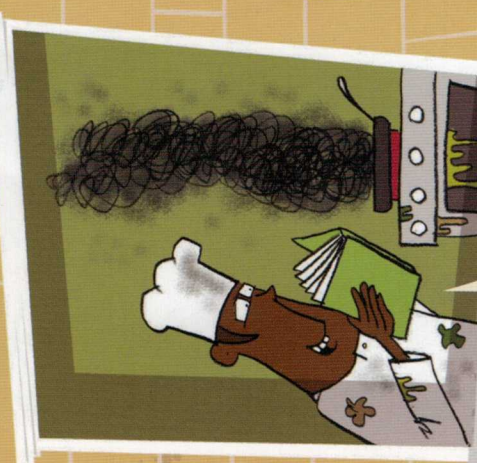
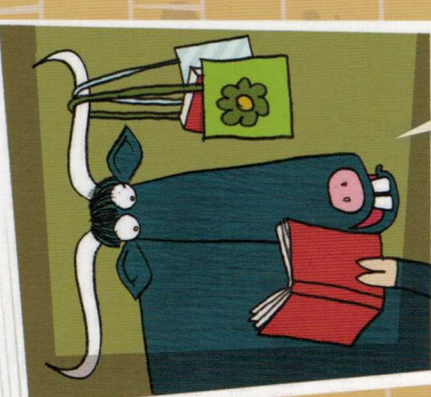
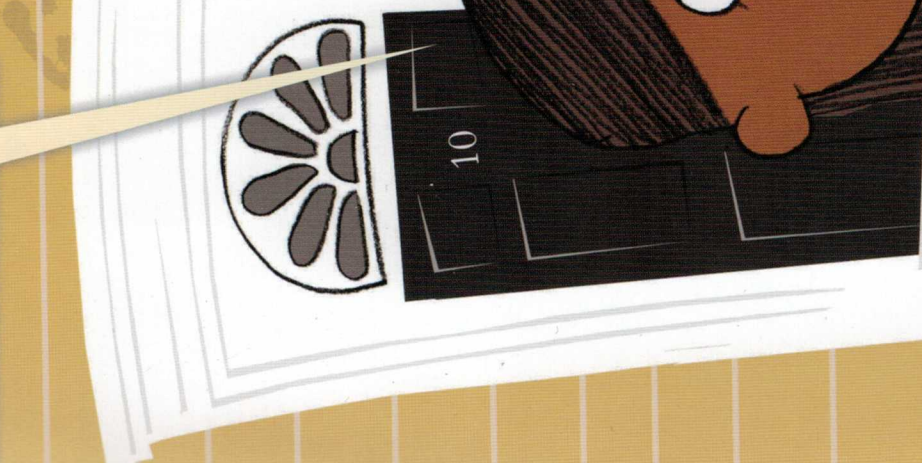
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I read in bed before
I go to sleep.

My stepdad reads in the bath.
He's in there for HOURS!

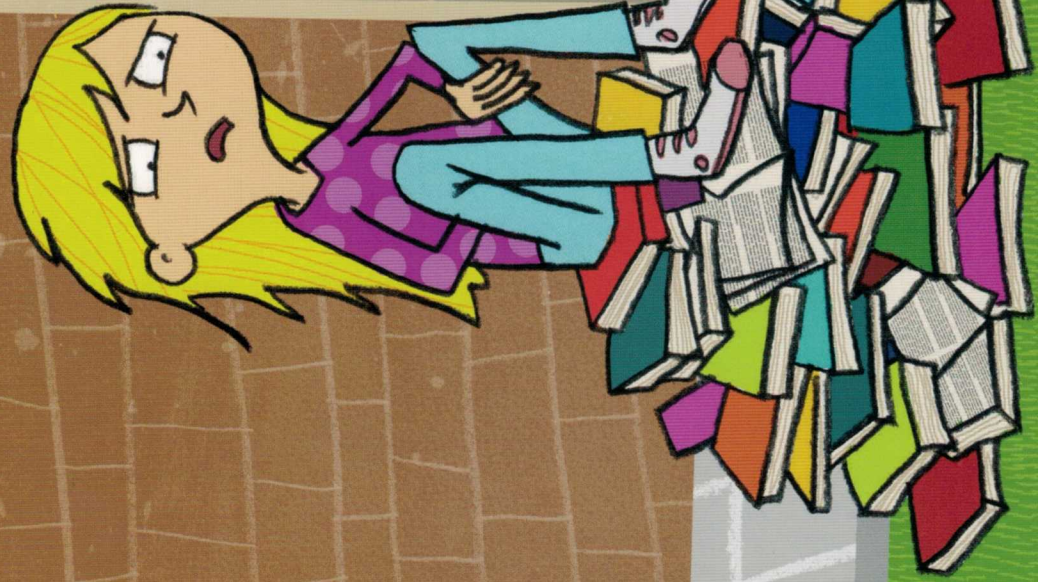
I read when I'm meant
to be tidying my room.
Don't tell my mum!



I read when I have
boring stuff to do, like
shopping with my sister.

I read while the
dinner's cooking.
Sometimes I burn
things!

I can't find a book I like.



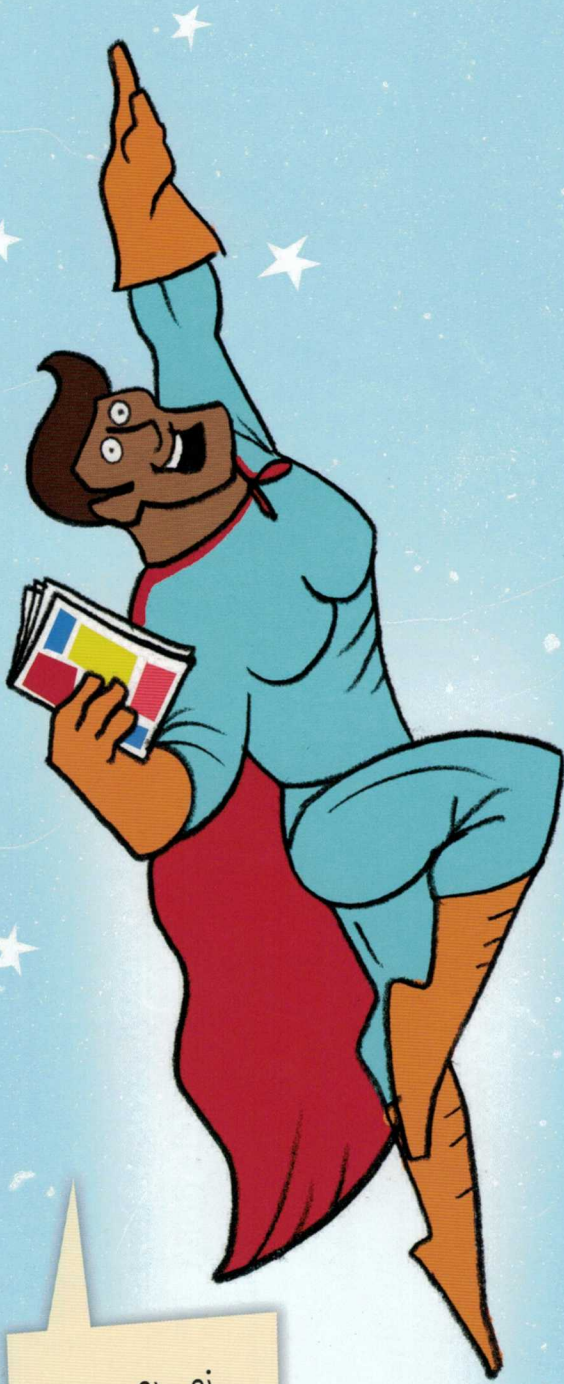
Ask a librarian!
I love helping people choose books.
Just tell me what you like.



Ask your friends what they're reading.



You don't have to read books.
Comics are cool too. Hang on! I've
said that before ... But it's still true.




Do you have a
favourite film or
show? Try reading
a book about it.



Or a favourite sport or hobby?
I like ballet dancing – and football!





I'm not reading that.
It's a girls' book!

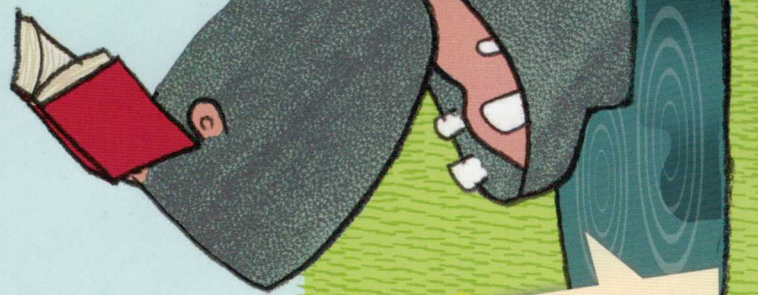
What does that
mean? Girls don't all
like the same thing.

You don't know what you're missing!

I do think the cover of
this book will put boys off.
That's a shame.

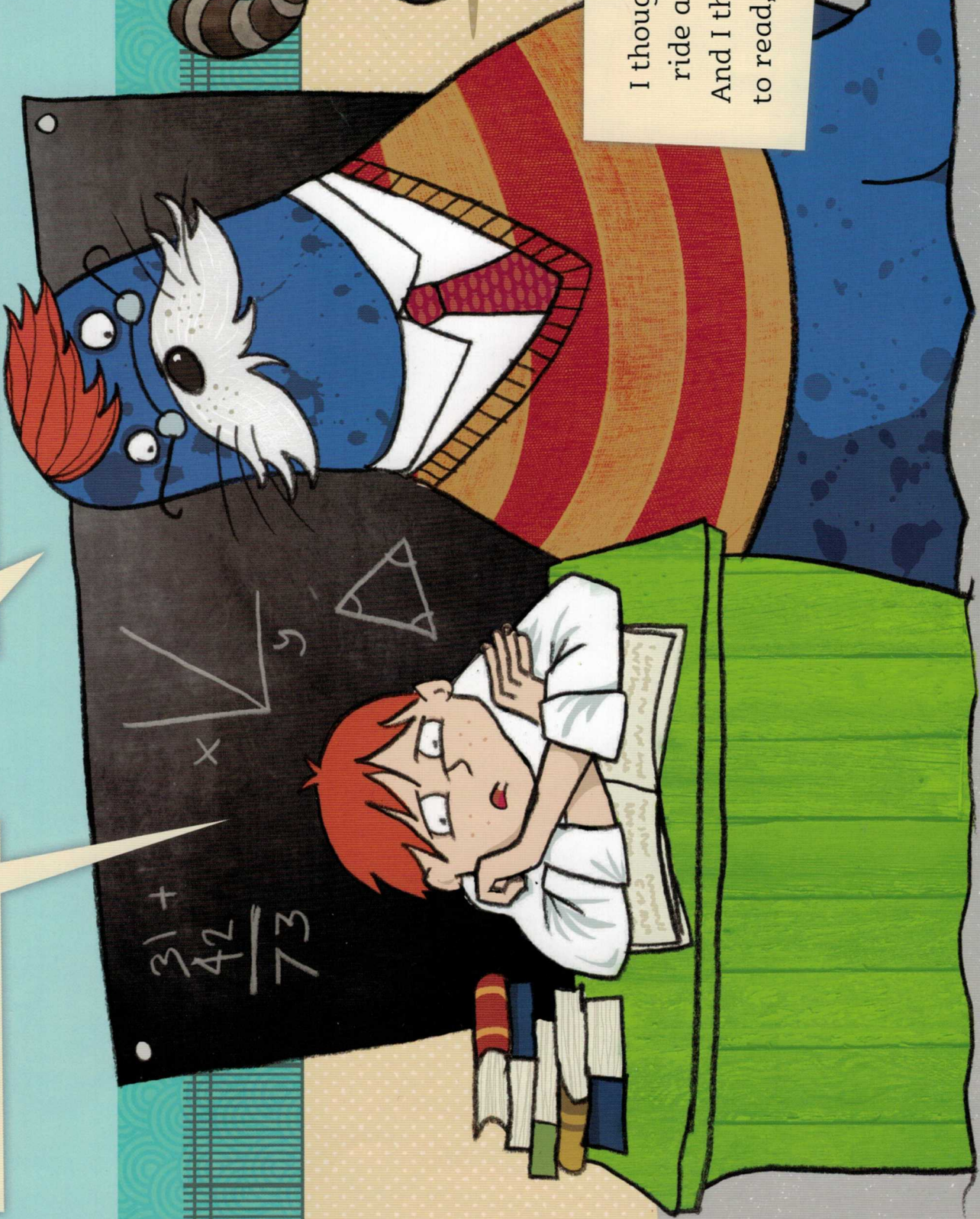
I read all my sister's books,
and she reads all of mine.

I always read a couple of
pages before I decide if a
book's for me or not.



Reading is hard ...

Reading is a very complicated thing to do.
It can take time to learn.



I thought I'd never learn to ride a bike, but now I can. And I thought I'd never learn to read, but I can do that too!

If you find a good story
it makes you want to
keep practising.

We've got dyslexia, so reading is hard.

I have
special
lessons.

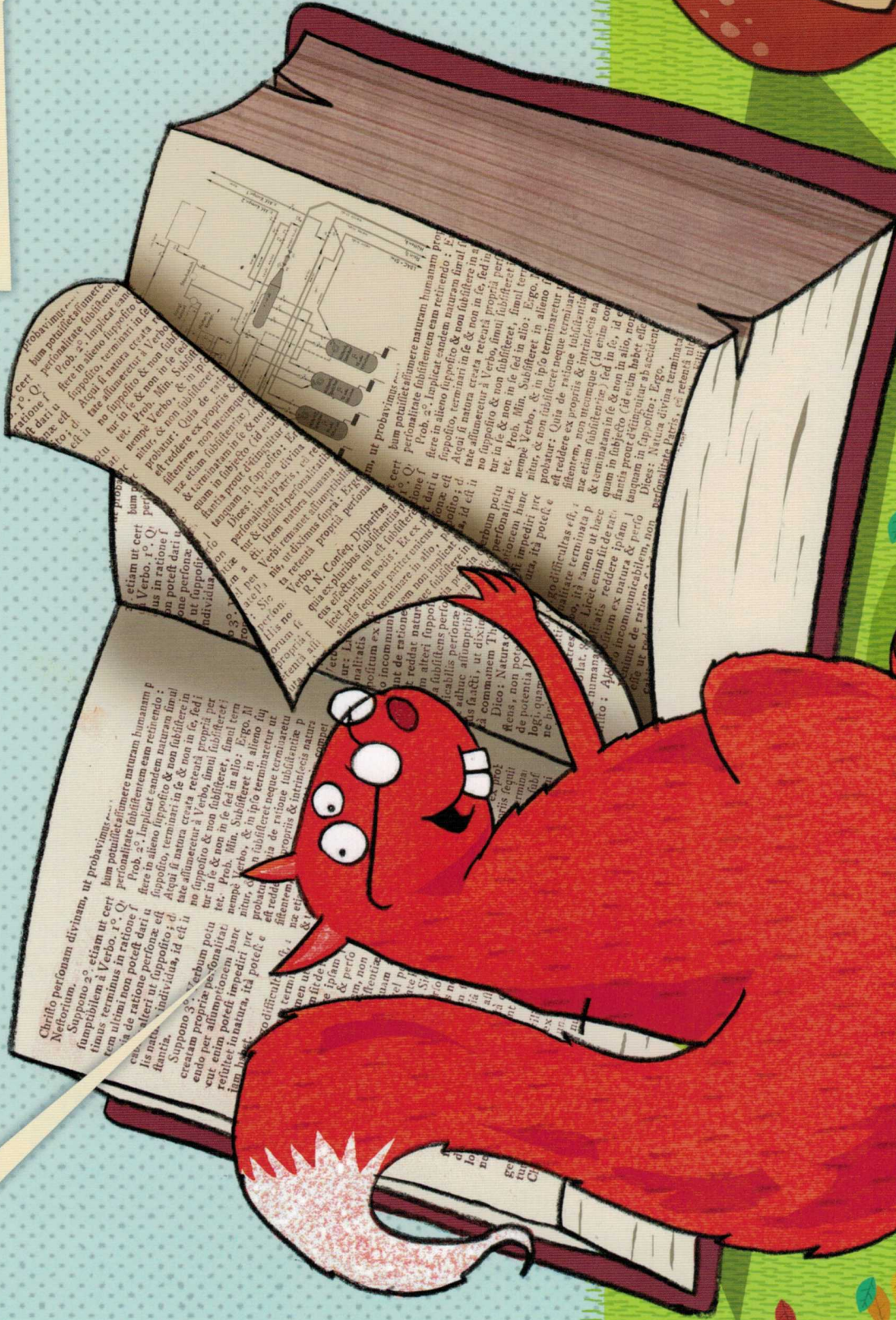
I've got special colour
glasses so my eyes don't
hurt when I read.

I love LISTENING to books! Don't let
anyone tell you that's not reading!



Clever people read big books.

Clever people read short books too!



It doesn't matter if it's short or if it's long.

What matters is enjoying it!

Reading isn't a competition! It's FUN!

If you can read one page,
you can read a hundred! It'll
just take you a bit longer!

I read eBooks. No one else
can tell how long those are!



Pictures are for
little kids.

I like pictures!

Me too!

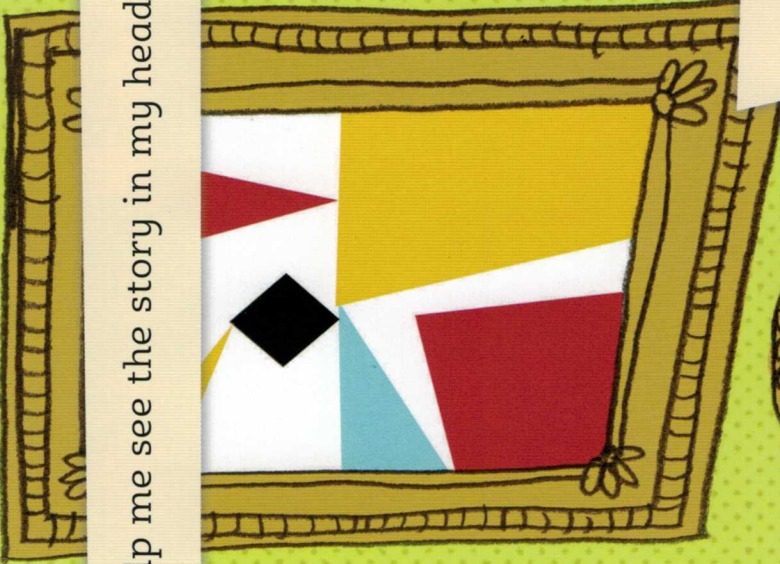
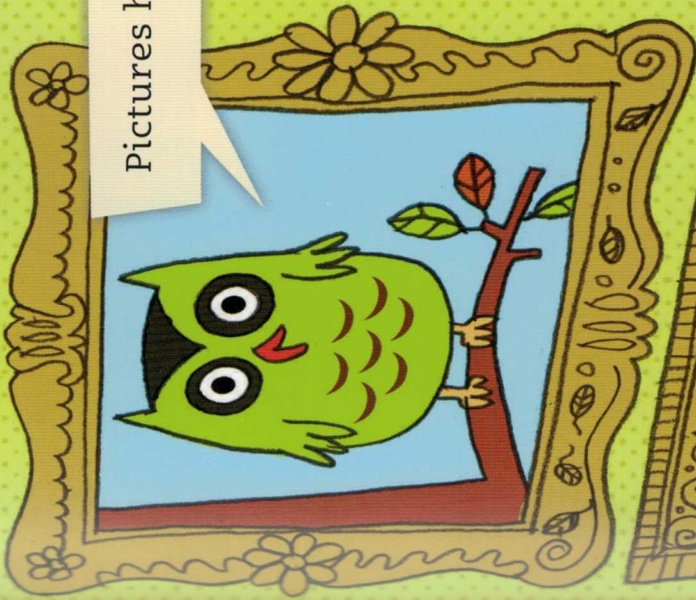
And me!

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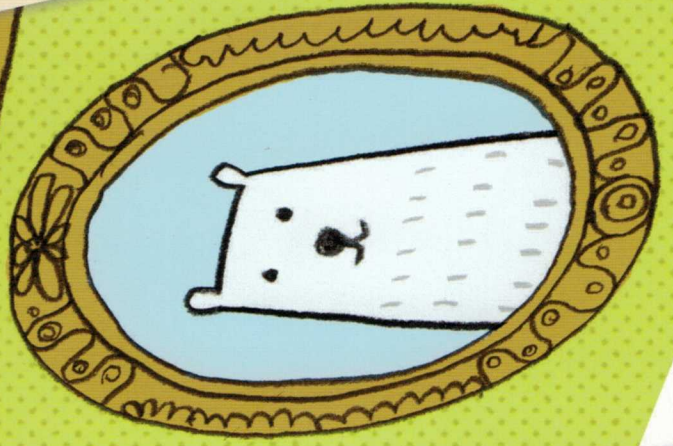
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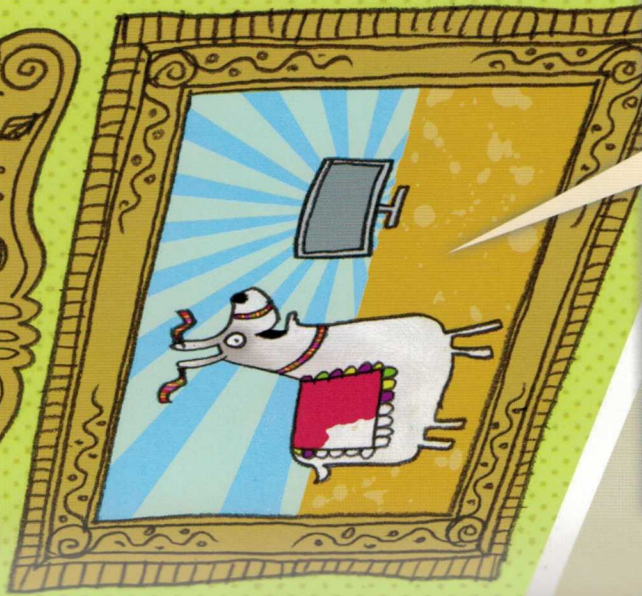
Pictures help me see the story in my head.



And - don't forget - comics have pictures!



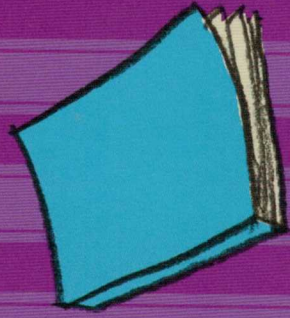
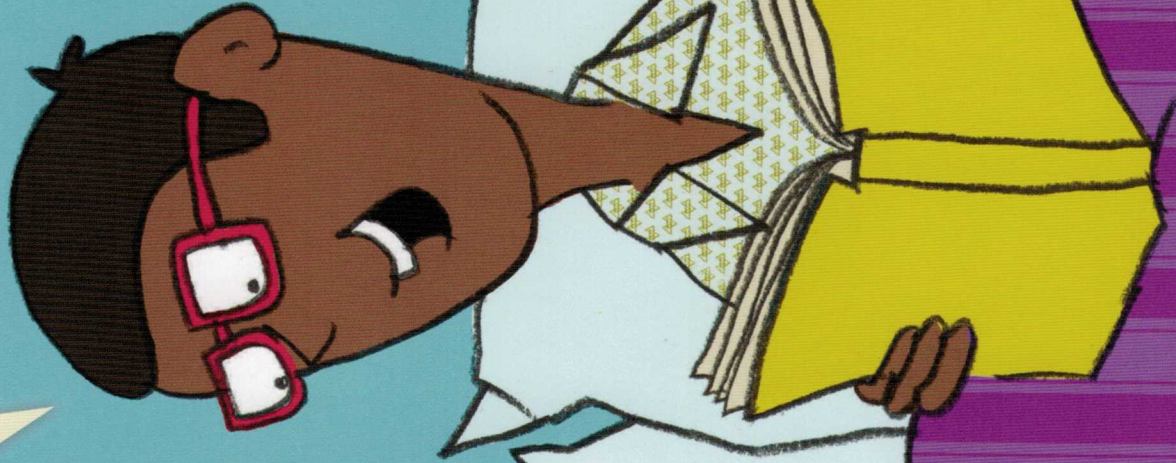
You like TV, don't you?
That's pictures!



I'm too big for
bedtime stories.

I'm not. It's one of my favourite times of day.

I LOVE stories at bedtime ...
I'll NEVER be too old!



Sometimes Mum reads to me,
and sometimes I read to her!

Even my dog likes to join in!

My dad and I both love
stories. We snuggle up to
read them together.



Reading is something you do at school.

No it isn't! I keep my best books at home!



You can read
anywhere ... It stops
you being bored.

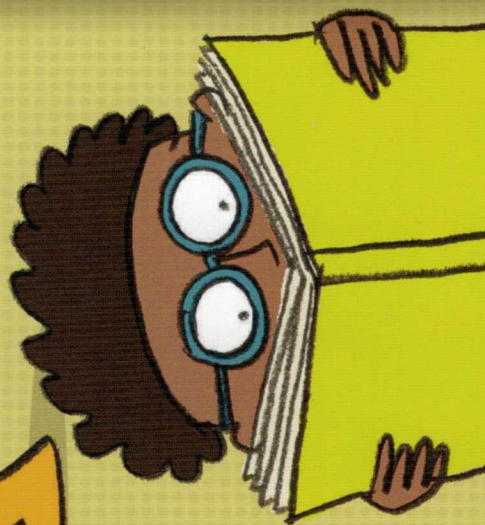
I like the school library,
and I borrow books to take
them home to finish.

I don't always like the books we have to
read in class. I like choosing my own!

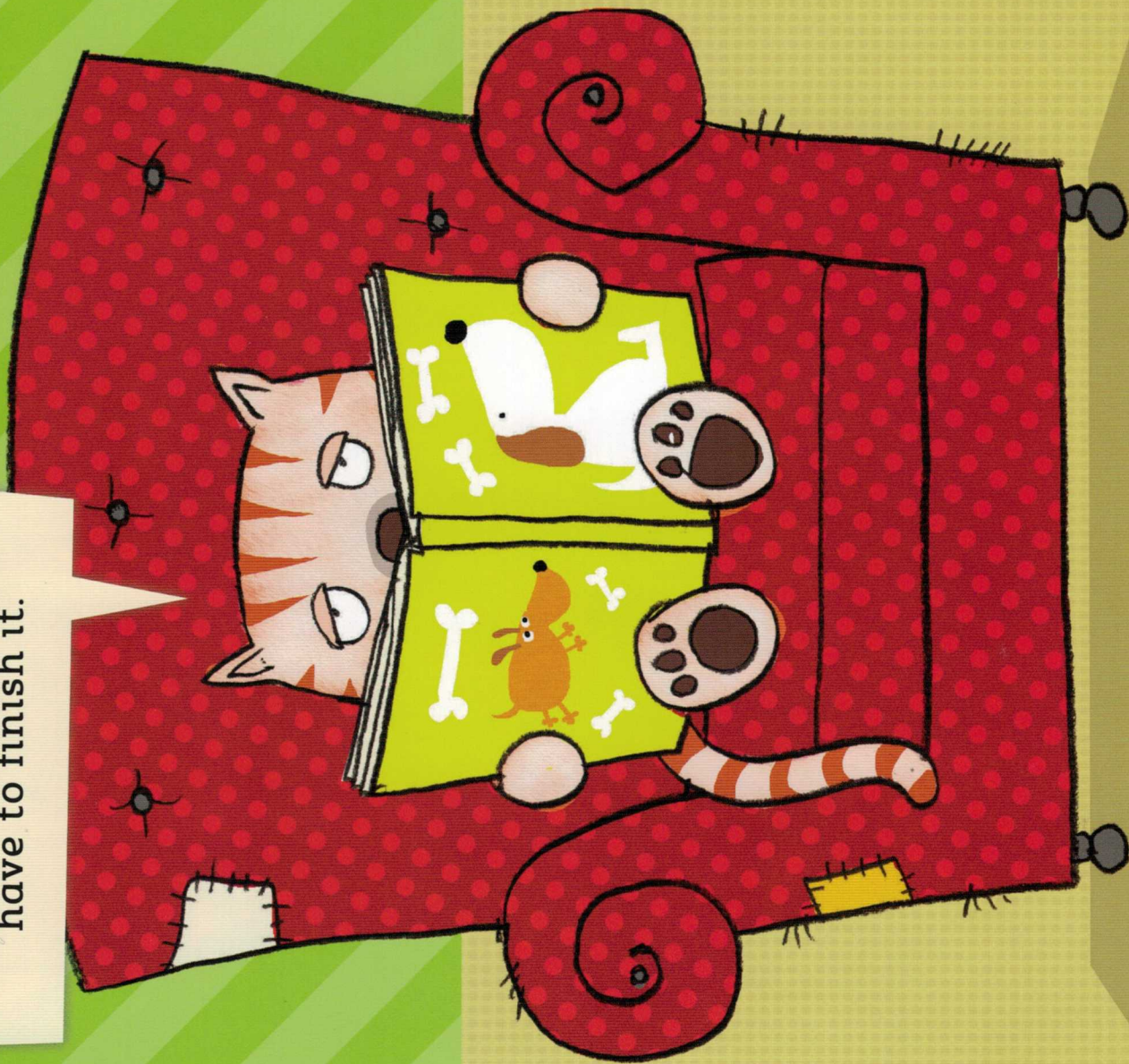


Me again! Reading isn't just about books!

You don't have to finish it! Put it down, and choose another one.



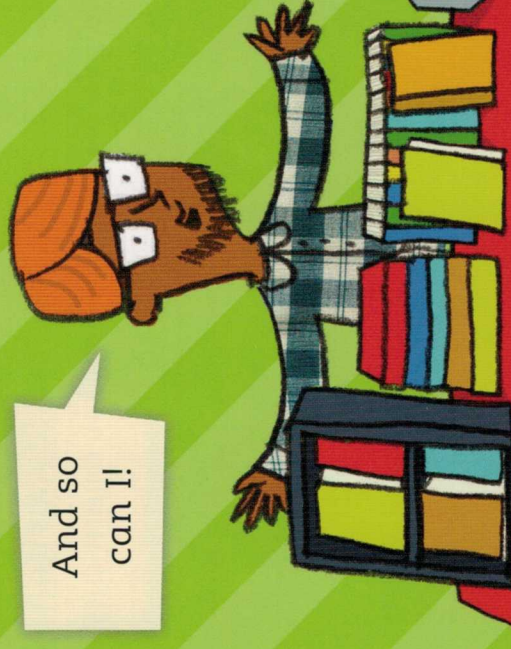
I hate this book, but I have to finish it.



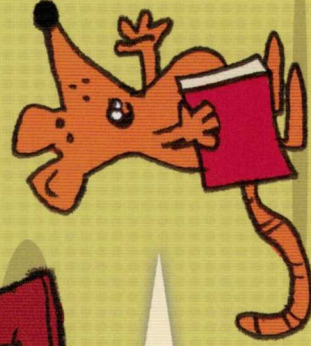
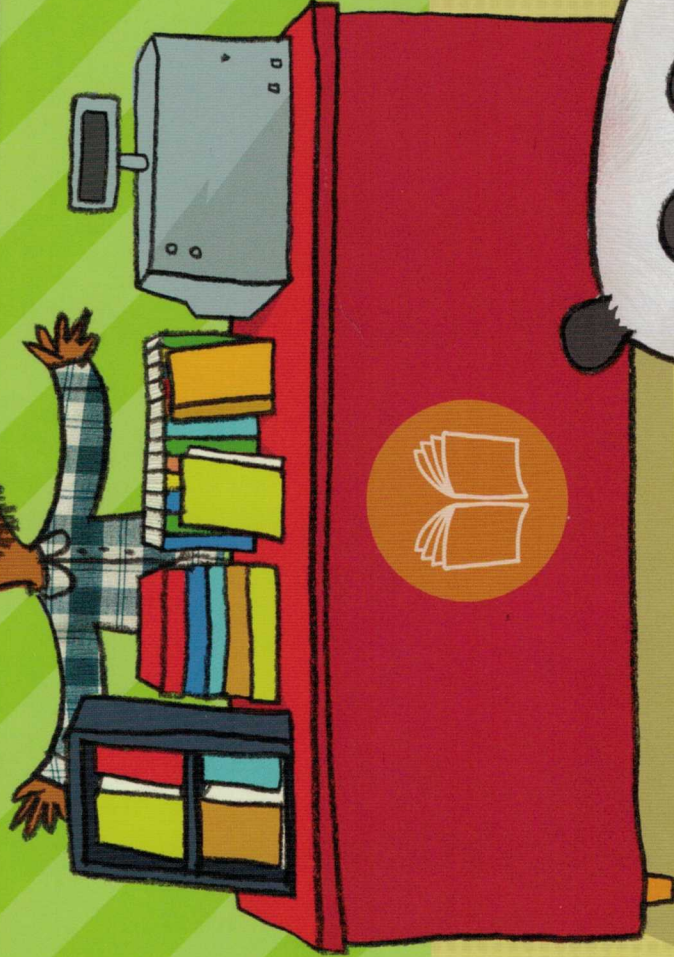
I can help you find something else.



And so can I!



I didn't finish my book. It didn't taste nice at all.

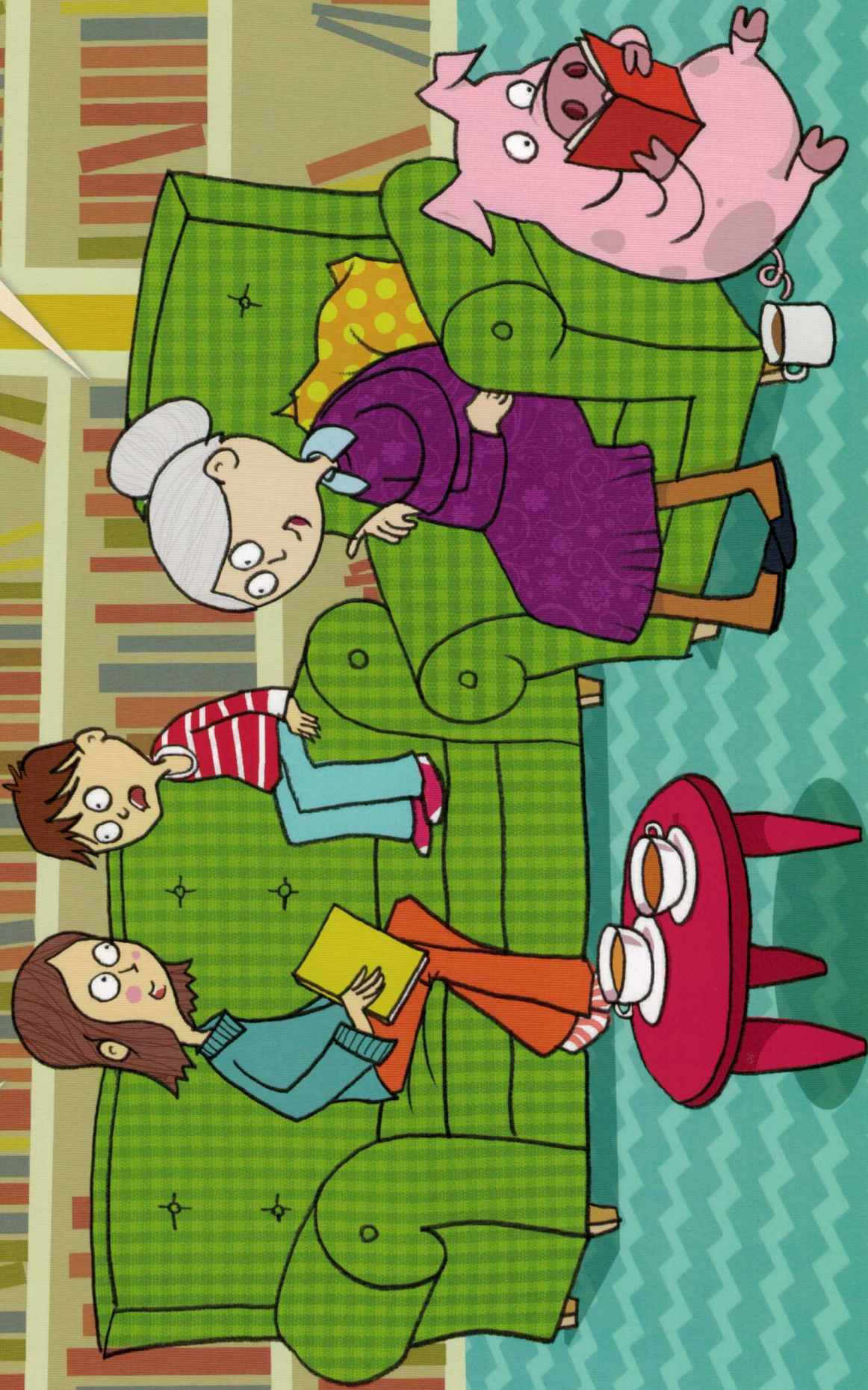


Sometimes I give a book a second chance another time.

Not that one again!

But it's my favourite. I just want to read it again and again!

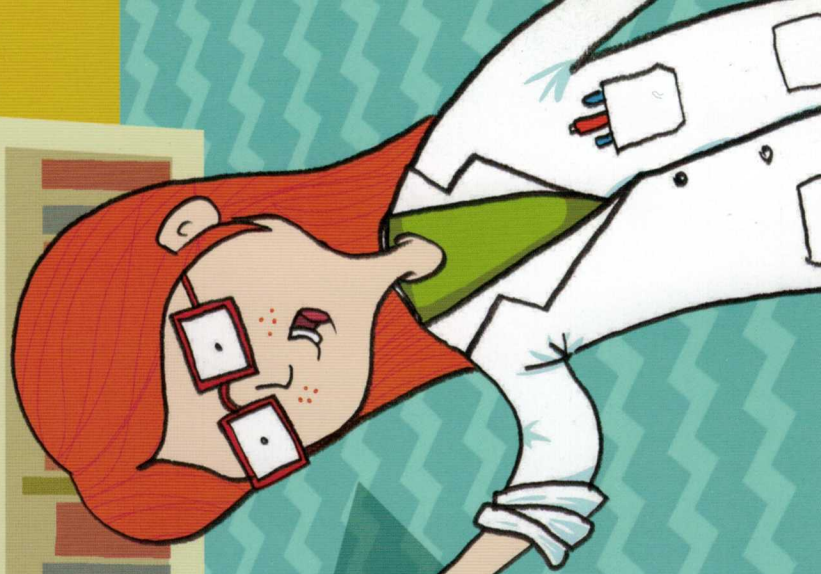
You did the same thing when you were little!




I read my favourite books over and over.

I can help you find another book like that one.


Reading the same book over and over develops your memory and understanding – well done!




It's brilliant that you like my book so much! Thank you.



There are hardly any
people in books who
look like me!

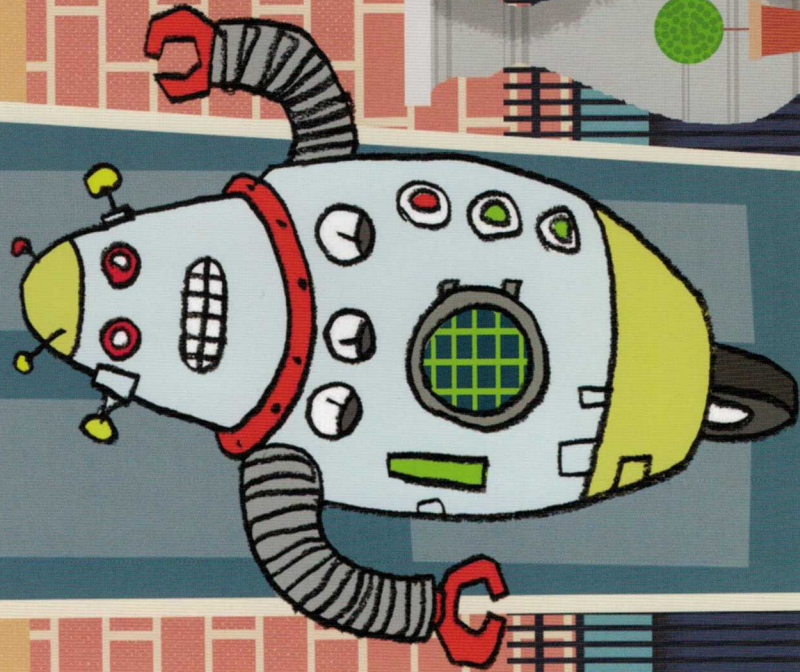


There aren't many who
look like me, either ...



Me neither!

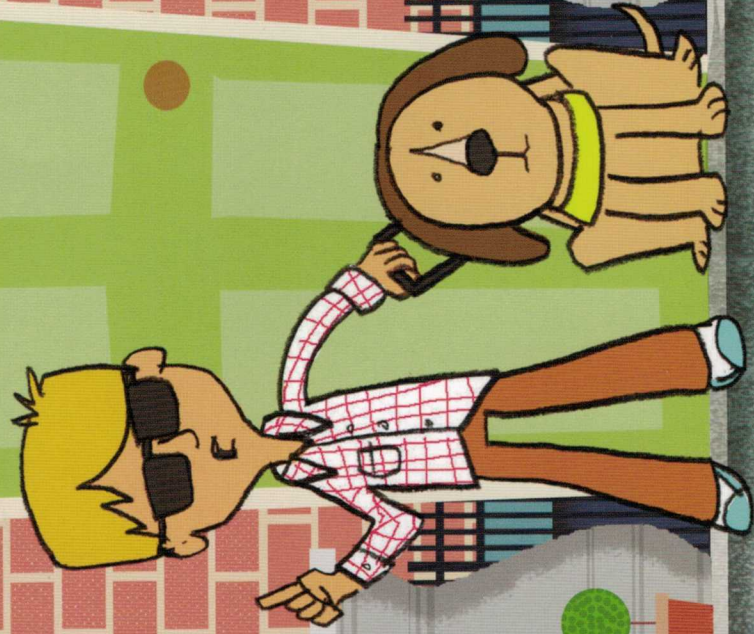
There are quite a lot
that look like me.



Families in books don't
look like my family.



We need to speak to the
people who make books.



The End ...

Nearly but not quite.

Now you've read this book,
how about you ...

Find a new book
to enjoy?

Share it with your friends?

Do something
completely different!

Read your
favourite comic?

Read it all
over again?



HAPPY READING!