



THE TINY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 4 – APRIL 2016

"The naked earth is warm with Spring,
And with green grass and bursting trees
Leans to the sun's kiss glorying,
And quivers in the sunny breeze."
- Julian Grenfell

Spring is here! The weather has finally turned warmer and we can start keeping our heavy winter clothing into storage. The cherry blossoms are blooming, and it's such a beautiful sight to see pink and white everywhere.



Here are 5 fun facts about Spring:

- 1. What does vernal equinox mean?** "Vernal" is the Latin word for spring and "equinox" is the Latin word for "equal night." It's one of two days in the year where there is nearly 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness, but this event doesn't always coincide with the first day of spring.
- 2. Does the first day of spring occur in the same day?** No. The first day of spring changes because there are 365.242 days in the Gregorian calendar. Sometimes, spring falls on March 20, like in 2016. Other times it falls on March 19 or 21. These dates are true for the northern hemisphere. The seasons are flip-flopped in the southern hemisphere.
- 3. Is there a spring goddess?** In ancient Greece, the Greeks named Persephone as the goddess of spring. She oversaw growth and rebirth. During the winter, she would go underground and was known as the Queen of the Underworld. But every spring, she would return.
- 4. Was it always called spring?** The first season of the month used to be referred to as Lent or Lenten until the 16th century.
- 5. What are common spring flowers?** Lilacs, tulips, lilies, iris, dandelions and daffodils are all associated with spring.

Updates

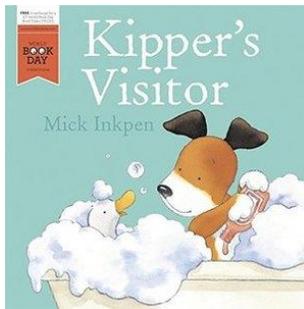
1. New membership type – Monthly Membership 月々別プラン

There were some enquiries by interested parties if they could borrow different number of books each month and not borrow on some months. It seems that more flexibility is required, so I have set up a new membership type – Monthly Membership. Members who join this will need to pay the annual membership fee of 540yen, but they will only need to pay dues on the months they borrow. They are also able to borrow more books they want at an additional cost. If you have friends who might be interested, please share this information with them! More details can be found at: <http://tinybooksfortinyfolks.com/pricing/signup-monthly/>

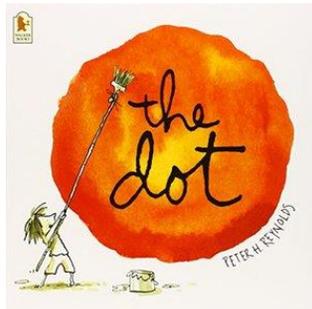
2. New books

We have added some books from famous children's books illustrators this month. These books have beautiful artwork and lifelike characters and I'm sure you will enjoy them!

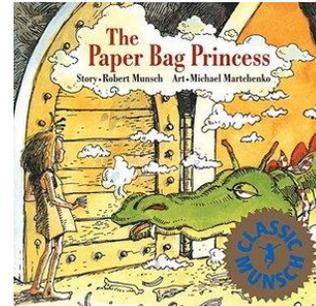
Mick Inkpen



Peter H Reynolds

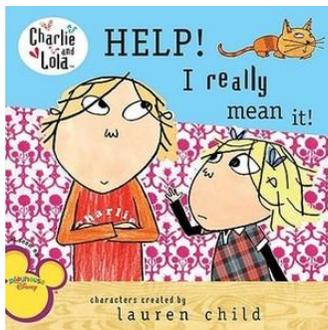


Robert Munsch



Monthly Book Shoutouts

1. HELP! I REALLY MEAN IT! (by Lauren Child)



For ages 5-8.

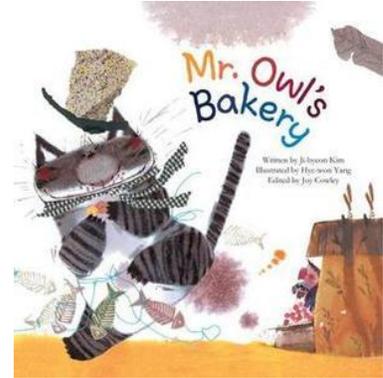
This is the book version of the same story from the popular British children's series "Charlie and Lola". It's similar to "The boy who cried wolf", where Lola keeps calling for Charlie's help and each time, a concerned Charlie rushes in only to find that there is no real problem. Now that Charlie's on to Lola's game, he refuses to answer her calls. But what will Lola do when she really does need Charlie's help? This book teaches children not to yell "Help" for entertainment unless in a real emergency.

The animation for this book can be viewed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5WCCTa54el>

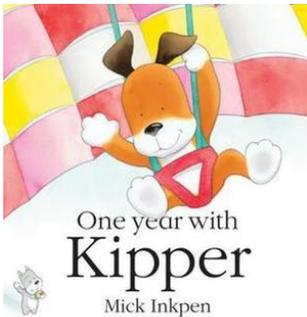
2. MR OWL'S BAKERY (By Ji-Hyeon Kim)

For ages 6-9.

This book is beautifully illustrated and teaches children how to count in groups. Mr Owl keeps losing pastries and he checks how many he has by counting them daily. Learn how to count and names of pastries while finding out who stole the pastries!



3. ONE YEAR WITH KIPPER (By Mick Inkpen)



For Preschool – Kindergarten.

This book introduces the 12 months of the year.

This wonderful picture book explores the fun that Kipper and Tiger have every month of the year, through pictures Kipper take. The book looks like an illustrated version of a scrapbook Kipper created with his photos and children gets to experience the seasons and festivals with Kipper and Tiger when reading the book.

Spring holidays are ending and I hope you had meaningful experiences. I spent some time recharging under the cherry blossoms and it felt good to have warmer weather again! It's time to go full steam ahead for the new school and working year for 2016, so all the best everyone!

Tiny Books for Tiny Folks.