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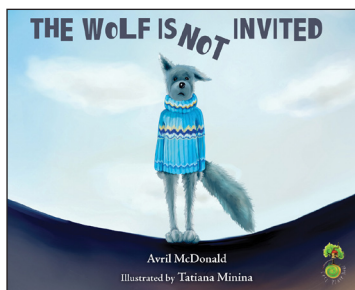
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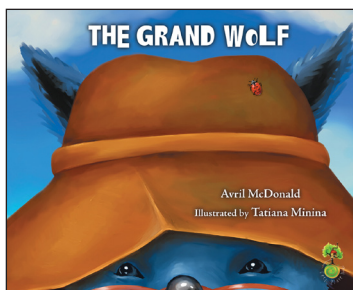
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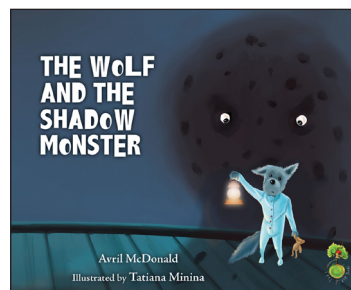
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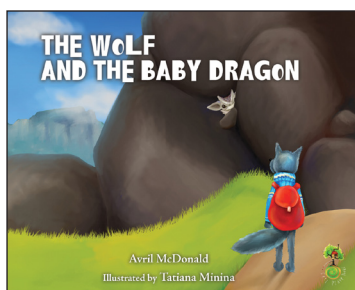
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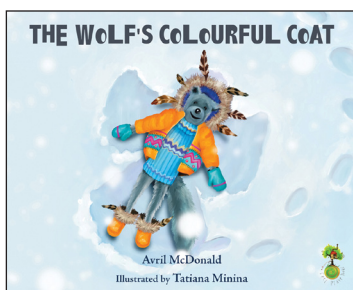
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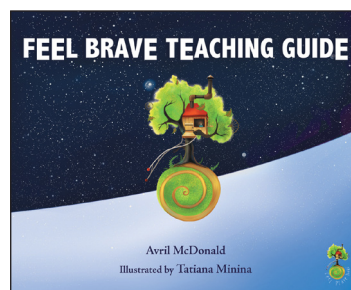
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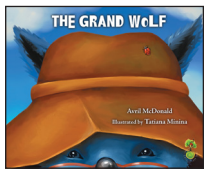
MEET WOLFGANG AND HIS FRIENDS



The Wolf Is Not Invited

Wolfgang is left heartbroken when his best friend Catreen runs off without him to play with Clarissa. Spider shows Wolfgang how to make his own fun and Wolfgang realises that there are other great friends out there just waiting to be met!

There are some situations and feelings that we cannot change and there are some that we can. Knowing the difference between the two (and some ways to make ourselves feel happy) is a great trick to have up our sleeves!



The Grand Wolf

Wolfgang and his friends love to visit The Grand Wolf but one day they arrive to find that he has gone and this makes them all feel very sad. Spider shows Wolfgang that by just seeing things a little differently he can feel happy again, knowing that true love never ends.

Our lives are in a constant state of change and only we can ever know how big each change feels to us. The more we can talk about and embrace change, the better we get at it (whatever shape or size it comes in).



The Wolf and the Shadow Monster

Wolfgang is excited to be allowed to have his friends over to stay for the whole night. They all have great fun until the lights go out and Wolfgang's secret fear of the dark is revealed. His friends laugh at him until they hear his story and see the Shadow Monster for themselves! Spider shows Wolfgang a special magic spell to make scary things go away. The magic spell is so good that all of his friends want to try it on the things that scare them too.

Life can sometimes be scary but there are some great tricks out there to make scary things not so scary anymore. You can even have a little fun with it!



The Wolf and the Baby Dragon

When Wolfgang and his friends learn about a secret cave where a baby dragon is growing they quickly run off to find it but, sadly, Wolfgang gets left behind. His bag is full of heavy worries that are making him slow and he just can't let go of them. When he trips on a rock and falls, Spider shows him how to rest his busy mind and tells them that worries aren't so bad if you share them.

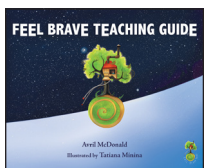
Nobody likes worries, so it's good to know how to give a worried mind a rest!



The Wolf's Colourful Coat

Wolfgang can't wait for it to get cold enough for him to wear his brand new colourful coat but when the time finally arrives, some nasty creatures make fun of it. Wolfgang feels upset and is afraid that they will hurt him again, so he hides away in the tree house. Spider encourages Wolfgang to tell someone he trusts about how he is feeling and he learns that things aren't always as they seem.

Sometimes we get hurt by others and we have to be brave enough to continue to be ourselves and to keep our hearts open. There can be some lovely surprises for us when we do!



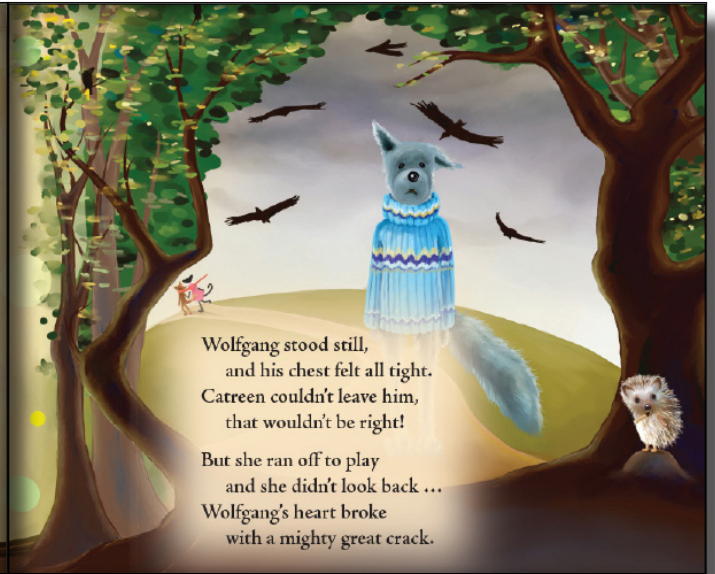
Also available *The Feel Brave Teaching Guide*. Ready-to-use lesson ideas ideal for use in the classroom. The series broadly supports the personal, social and emotional development objectives in the National Curriculum, meaning the series is not just great independent reading for children, it is ideal for use in the classroom.

TAKE A LOOK INSIDE THE BOOKS



They quickly got dressed
in their favourite clothes.
Clarissa just loved
the pink dress Catreen chose.

Then she said to them both
as she flicked back her hair,
"The wolf's NOT invited,
I don't want him there."

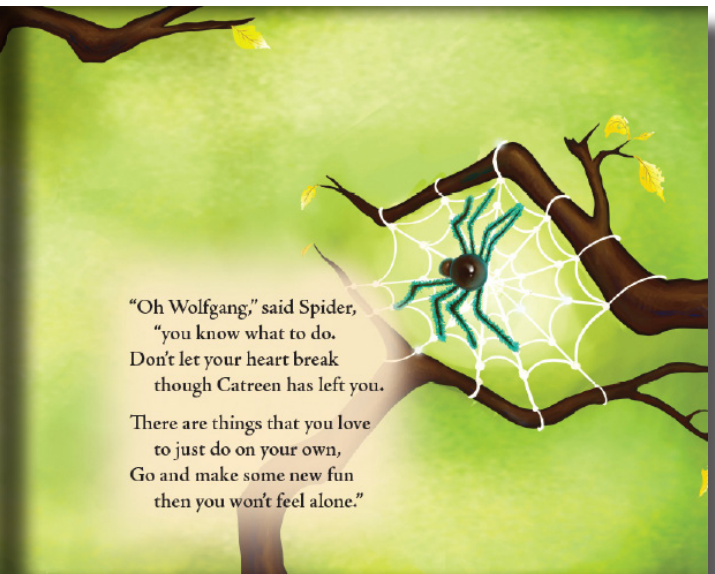


Wolfgang stood still,
and his chest felt all tight.
Catreen couldn't leave him,
that wouldn't be right!

But she ran off to play
and she didn't look back ...
Wolfgang's heart broke
with a mighty great crack.



Quietly he cried,
thinking no one could see ...
But someone was watching
from high in the tree.



"Oh Wolfgang," said Spider,
"you know what to do.
Don't let your heart break
though Catreen has left you.

There are things that you love
to just do on your own,
Go and make some new fun
then you won't feel alone."



"You love building things,"
called a voice from the sky.
"And you love to sing loud,"
said some friends, swinging by.



"Yes, I do love those things,"
Wolfgang thought with a smile.
He decided to play by himself
for a while.



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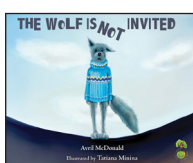
Avril McDonald had her first panic attack at the age of eight. That attack marked the beginning of Avril learning to live with anxiety disorders and it gave her an insatiable curiosity about the mind-body connection. After a successful career in the digital entertainment industry, Avril returned to her passion for writing and is determined to harness it to help young children cope with the issues most of them will face while growing up.

"I want to try and equip children with the tools they need to do this and I'm putting all of my faith in a little brave wolf with a big heart to make it happen."
- Avril McDonald

From this passion came the Feel Brave series – little stories about big feelings. This series is a collection of beautifully illustrated children's picture books designed to help children explore emotional intelligence, positive psychology and some of the real-life issues which they might face in an engaging, creative and non-threatening way.

It is such a pleasure to see Avril's work rewarded with this accolade. The People's Book Prize is a unique literary competition judged by the nation and it is the people who have read and loved this story who have awarded it this prize.

Through the Feel Brave series, Avril and her colourful, lovable characters help children learn to manage their emotions and feel brave. Our world has never needed more compassion, creative innovation and positive action to build a better future.



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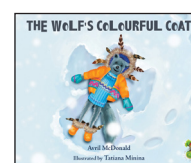
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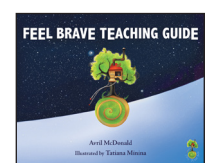
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