





ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jo Kemp is a British author who primarily writes children's fiction. She became known for writing the original series of 'Chorlton and the Wheelies' and 'Jamie and the Magic Torch' for Cosgrove Hall Films.

She went on to write 'Boodle Books' published by Thurman of Mr. Men fame before setting up her own production company which produced the popular children's TV series 'The Raggy Dolls' as well as countless TV commercials and brand films over 25 years.

Jo is a fully fledged member of the Writers' Guild and will complete the first in a fantasy trilogy for publication in 2019.

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Children's author Jo Kemp believes not. When she wrote the original scripts for **ChorIton and the Wheelies** and **Jamie and the Magic Torch** in the late 70's she adopted a gentle, narrative style with little regard for political correctness and both series attracted a cult following. She continued in this style when she wrote Boodle Books published by Thurman who were responsible for **Mr Men**.

Fast and furious programmes then took the market and the more traditional approach to storytelling took a back seat other than timeless classics and well-marketed formulaic concepts but there was a need for something different.

Boodle Books had a temporary reprise when they were re-launched as **Hoo Ha House** but the time and circumstances still weren't right. Together with the Writers' Guild, Jo reclaimed the rights along with some **23,000 residual books** which she distributed at her own cost free of charge to local schools, hospitals and Barnados.

At her son Luke's insistence, due to his belief in the stories he'd grown up with, he convinced Jo not to leave it there and that the best vehicle to get the stories out would be via Social Media.

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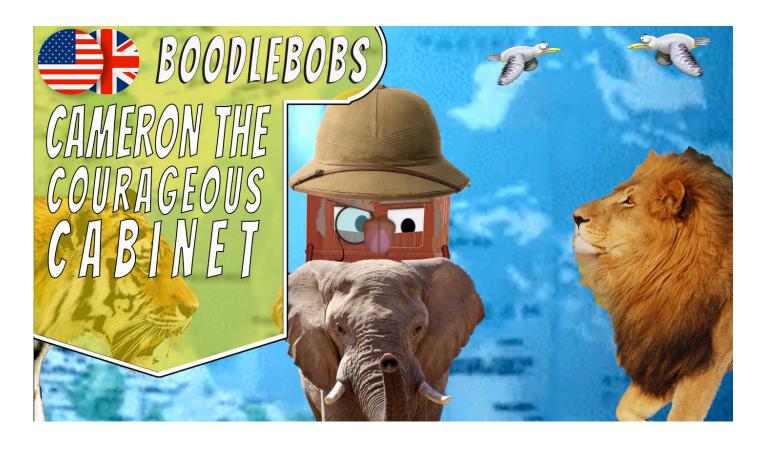
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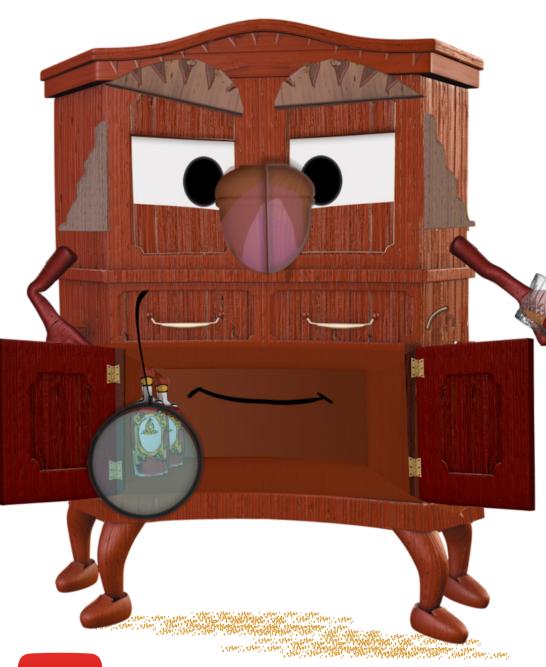
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This is a story all about Cameron and yes, he's a cabinet.

Cameron had seen better days; better days than the days he now spent in the box room.

It was like a box and full of boxes.

"See this scratch," he said and Malcolm the moth looked up from his lunch - a large blue cardigan.

"I got it in Burma.... Or was it Bermuda?"

"Bermuda?" said Malcolm brightly, "You mean like the shorts?"

Malcolm was only interested in clothing.

Cameron liked to boast he'd been everywhere and had fought lions, tigers and elephants. Malcolm knew all the tall stories and believed none of them.

"I've been around you know..." he continued. "..I've seen the world."

"I haven't." piped up a tiny voice," I've never been anywhere except this room."

"Nor have we!" chorused his friends, "We're just House Mites and that's where we stay....

...around the house!"





And it occurred to Malcolm that he'd never been anywhere either. The only thing he'd been around was a light bulb.

"We need a holiday!" he exclaimed, "And Cameron...

...you could take us.....

.....to the SEASIDE!"

"To the seaside!" sang all the House Mites, "Hello sea... with you and me we make eighty three!"



"Now hang on a moment," protested Cameron, "Fighting in the jungle is one thing but the seaside...no, I don't think so."

"Why not?" said Malcolm.

"Ummm... because I don't know the way!" he answered quickly.

Malcolm felt so disappointed, as too did the House Mites.

"It's not that simple!" protested Cameron.

"Oh go back to fighting in the jungle," muttered Malcolm.

You see, Cameron's stories were one thing but they weren't actually altogether...

...true.

But he couldn't tell them that!

Then he thought about it, "Well..." he smiled. "I suppose we could ASK someone the way to the seaside!"

"YEAH!!!!!!!" cheered all the House Mites.





The next morning, everyone awoke very early.

"All aboard!" said Cameron counting the House Mites into his drawer while Malcolm fluttered down onto his shoulder as they trundled out of the door.

But which way to the seaside?

Before they could decide, or even take a guess, Mole (who knows everything) surfaced from deep underground.



"It's that way," he said twitching his nose. "Everyone knows you just follow your nose".

So they did and in no time at all they arrived at the seaside.

"We're at the seaside!!" squealed the House Mites in delight as they buried into the sand making sandcastles.

Malcolm gazed out to sea, "Oh! Look at the boats!" he pointed and this gave Cameron another idea.

"This morning I was a cabinet and now I'll be a boat!" he laughed. "All aboard!" he called for the second time that day as he flung himself into the waves. SPLASH!







"Now all we need is a sail."

So he rummaged around and pulled out an old, not-yet-moth-eaten jumper. They found some coat hangers and soon they'd made a rather good sail.

Malcolm wasn't happy – he rather fancied having the jumper for lunch – but he soon changed his mind as the wind took them.

They went so fast!!

So there they were.

One old cabinet that was now a boat.

One old cardigan that was now a sail.

Eighty-one House Mites having the time of their life and a moth happy to have the wind in his wings.

"Can you see what I can see?" said a seagull watching from the beach.

"No," replied the seagull's friend. "
What I THINK I can see is too silly for words..."

"So I think it's best to say nothing."



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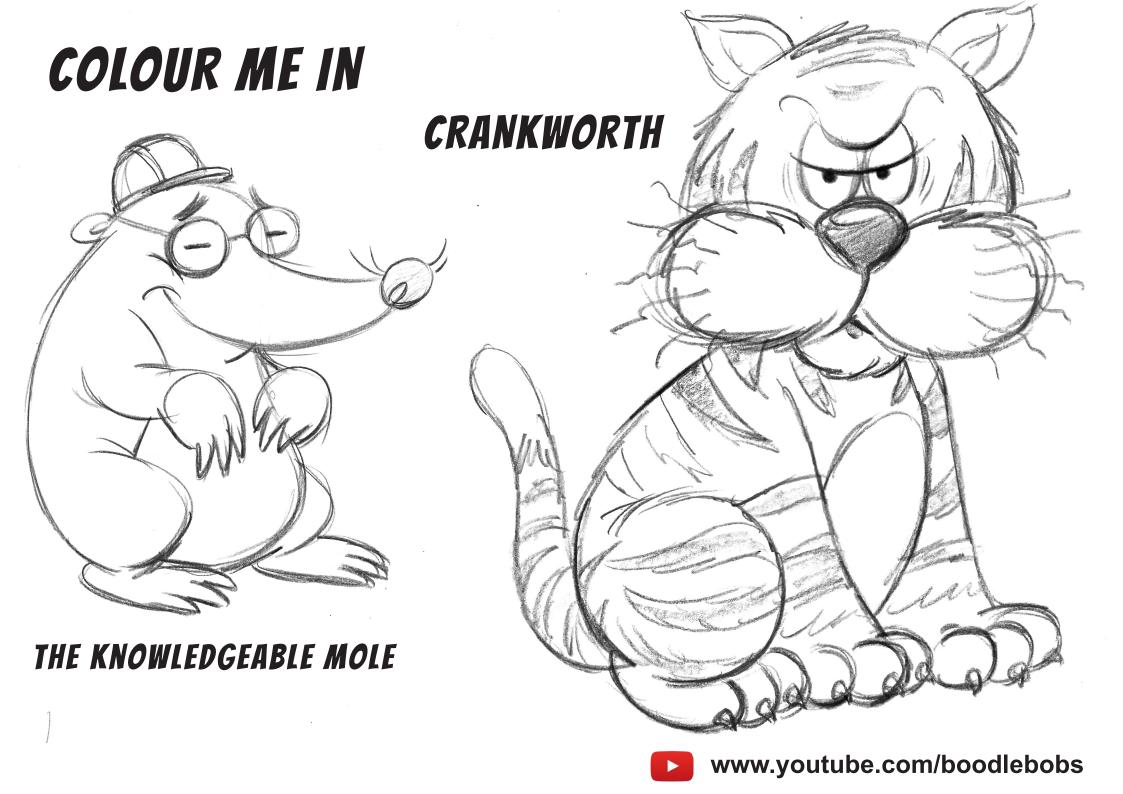
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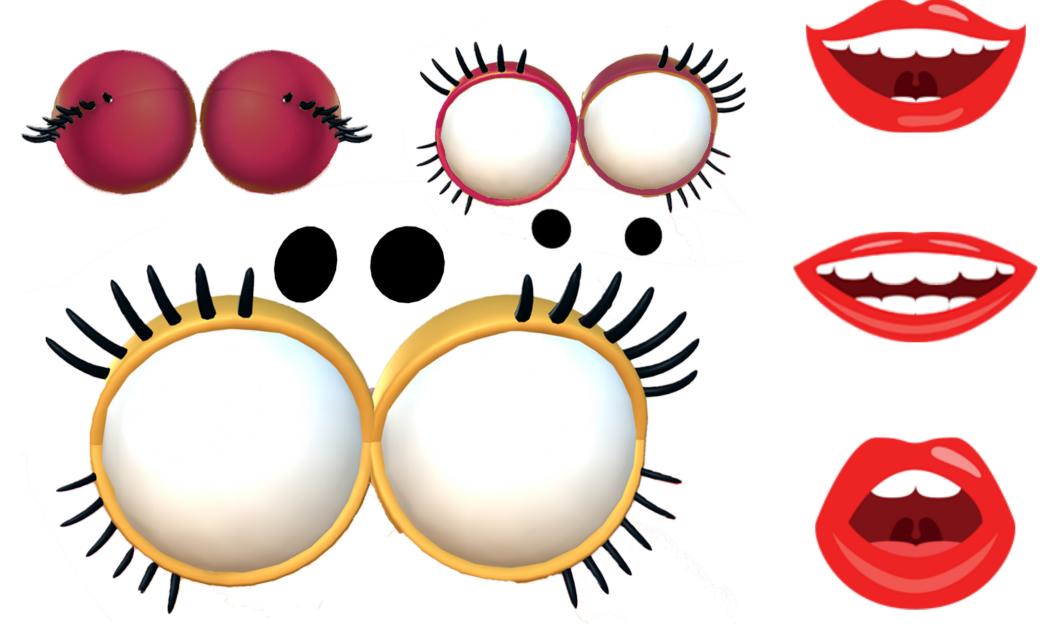




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