

# The Billy Growing Up Series

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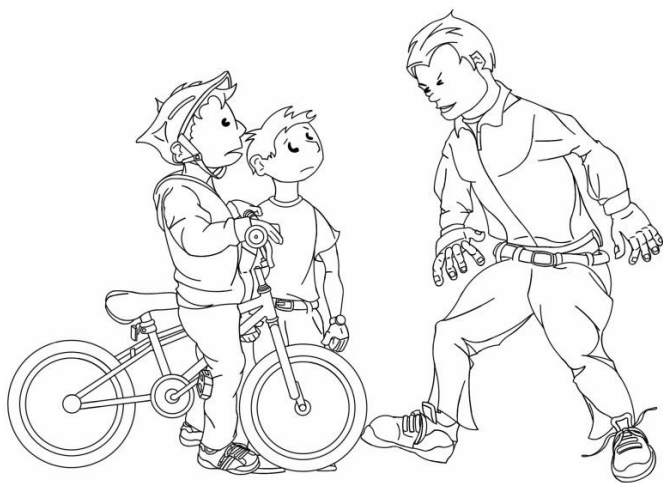


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# BOOK 1

## BILLY GETS BULLIED



## CHAPTER 1

TEN, TEN, TEN



*Jacko wants Billy to get out of bed.*

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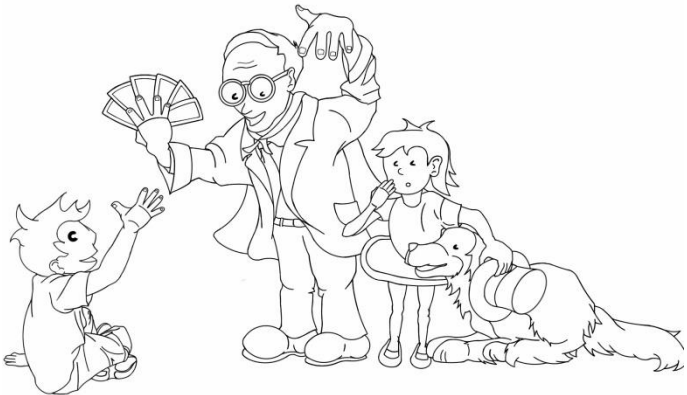
### THE DAY OF BILLY'S BIRTHDAY



*Billy examines his birthday cards trying to guess what's inside.*

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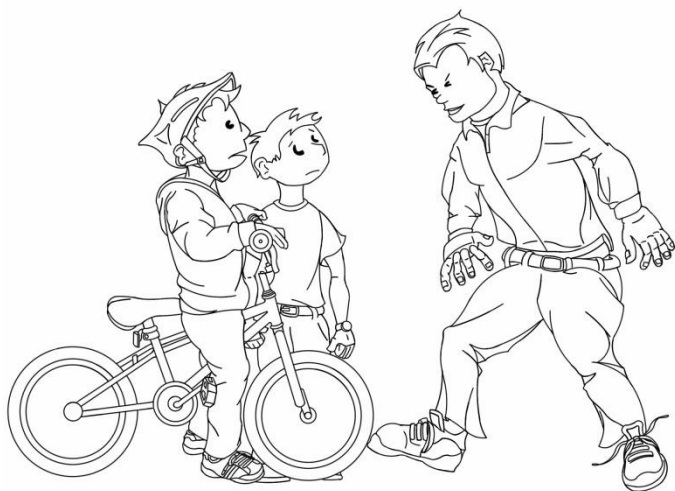
### THE MAGIC OF A BRITHDAY PARTY



*The Great Magisco with his sequined assistant  
Max.*

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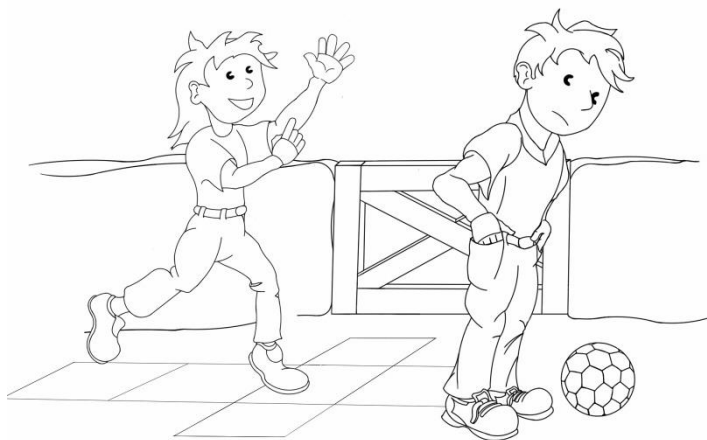
### BILLY AND ANT AT THE PARK



*Billy and Ant meet Eddy, the bully, at the park.*

## CHAPTER 5

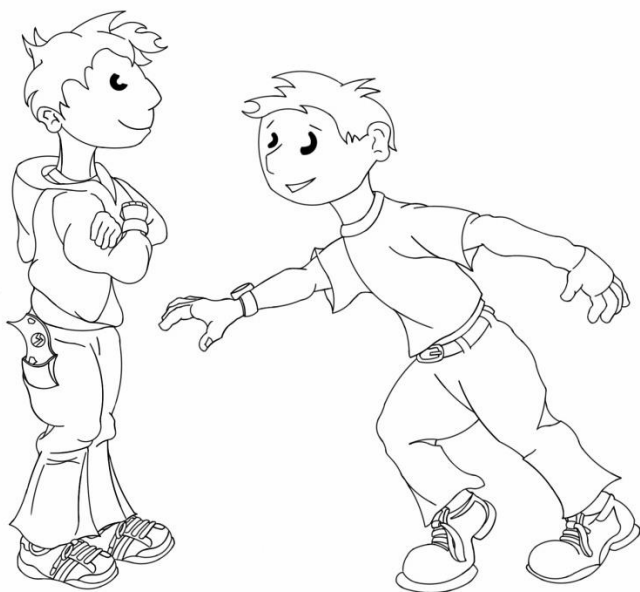
### ANT TELLS MAX



*Ant tells Max about the bully and Billy's  
twenty-pound note.*

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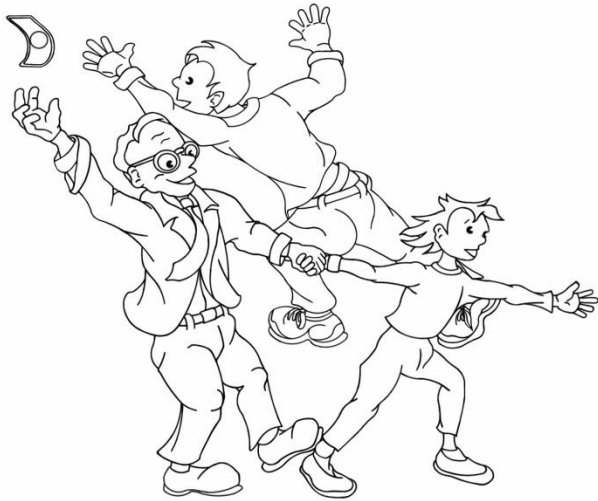
### MAX HAS ANOTHER PLAN



*Billy and Ant practice at being pickpockets.*

## CHAPTER 7

### THE GREAT MAGISCO



*Grandad and Max carry out her plan*

## CHAPTER 8

### THE WRONG TWENTY POUND NOTE



*Grandad gives Billy a new twenty-pound note.*

# BOOK 2

# BILLY AND

# ANT FALL

# OUT



## CHAPTER 1

### BILLY AND ANT FALL OUT



*Billy, Jacko and Ant reading the Boards and Bikes shop catalogue.*

## CHAPTER 2

### ANT FINDS A NEW FRIEND



*Ant enjoying spaghetti for his tea.*

## CHAPTER 3

### BILLY MISSES ANT



*Billy thinking about friendships.*

## CHAPTER 4

### BILLY LEARNS TO SKATEBOARD



*Billy takes a tumble; Dan helps him to his feet.*

## CHAPTER 5

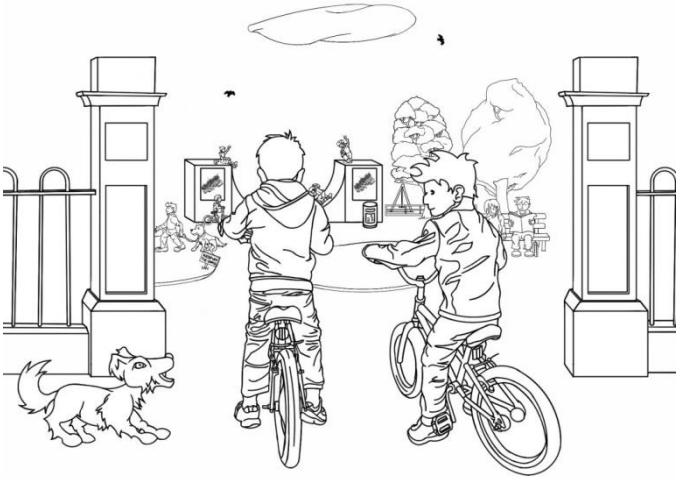
### BILLY EARNS HIS POCKET MONEY



*Billy drops the litterbins in his hurry to get his jobs done and pocket money earned.*

## CHAPTER 6

### NEW WHEEL BEARINGS



*Ant and Tom arrive at the park.*

## CHAPTER 7

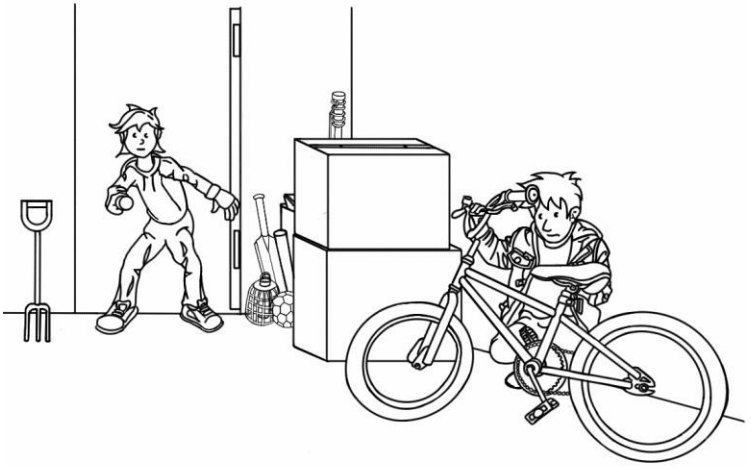
### BILLY STEALS A BIKE



*Billy nearly collides with a pedestrian.*

## CHAPTER 8

### BILLY DOES THE RIGHT THING



*Max finds Billy hiding in the garden shed.*

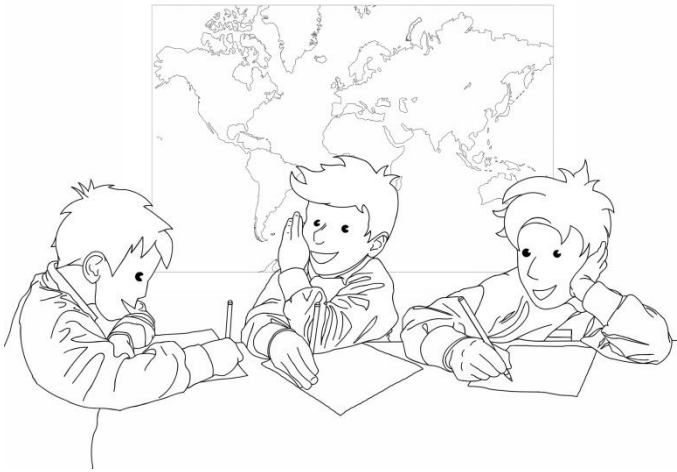
# BOOK 3

## BILLY IS NASTY TO ANT



## CHAPTER 1

### END OF TERM PROJECT



*Billy, Ant and Tom discuss the end of term project*

## CHAPTER 2

### GRANDAD HIS NAME IS POP



*Billy at his grandads watching TV.*

## CHAPTER 3

### BUT THEY... WHAT?



*Ant and Max trying to write down the words to the advert.*

## CHAPTER 4

### JACKOSAURUS REX



*Jacko is distracted and leaps off the stage.*

## CHAPTER 5

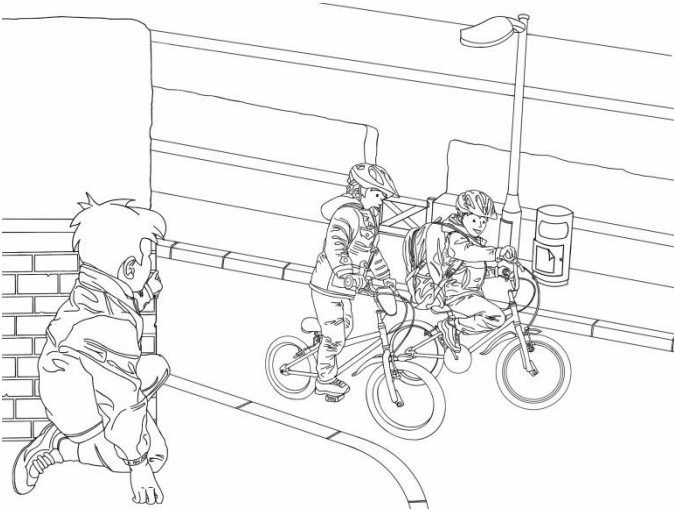
### PRIZE WINNERS



*Ant doing his snap dance.*

## CHAPTER 6

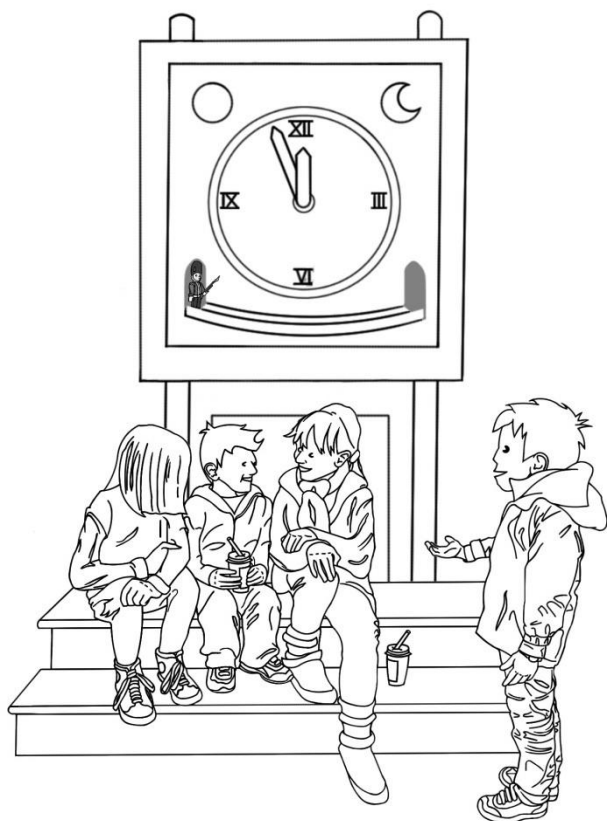
### BILLY IS HORRIBLE TO ANT



*Billy hides, not wanting to be seen by Ant and Tom.*

## CHAPTER 7

### RUMOURS AND LIES



*Tom is confused by the rumours and lies.*

## CHAPTER 8

### WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT



*After listening to his grandad, Billy makes up  
with Ant.*

# BOOK 4

# BILLY AND

# ANT LIE



## CHAPTER 1

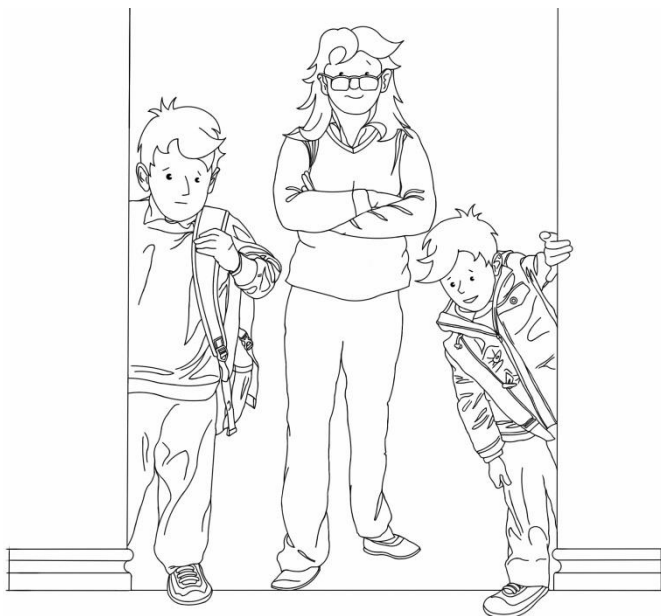
### THE JOURNEY TO SCHOOL



*Billy and Ant are knocked to the ground  
by a robber.*

## CHAPTER 2

### LATE FOR SCHOOL



*Miss Tompkins wants to know why Billy and Ant are late for school.*

## CHAPTER 3

### THE POLICE INVESTIGATE



*Mr Gupta and Inspector Grant study the CCTV.*

## CHAPTER 4

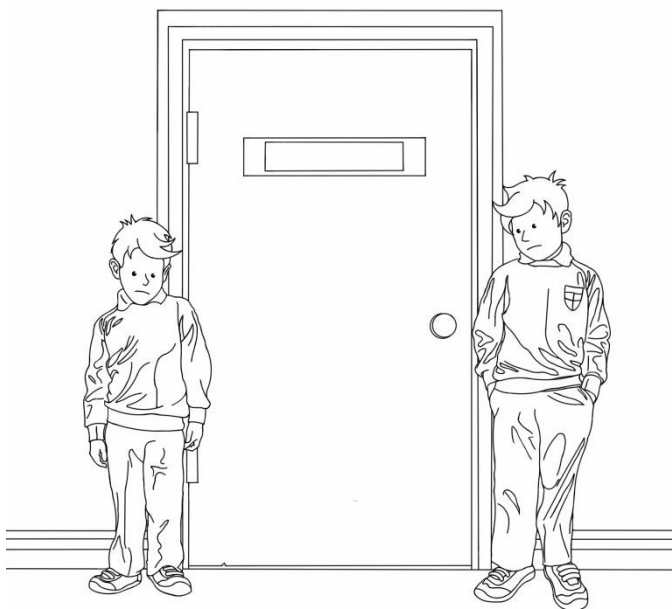
### WE GOT AWAY WITH IT



*Ant discovers he really does have a flat tyre*

## CHAPTER 5

### THE HEAD TEACHERS OFFICE



*Ant and Billy are called into the head teacher's office.*

## CHAPTER 6

### CONSEQUENCES



*Billy and Ant learn their lesson.*

# BOOK 5

# BILLY HELPS

# MAX



## CHAPTER 1

### IT'S NOT FAIR



*Billy nearly runs Ant over.*

## CHAPTER 2

### NO LONGER A PRISSY BIKE



*Max paints her bike and her hair.*

## CHAPTER 3

### YOU CAN'T LET MUM SEE YOU



*Ant and his mum are squashed under Max's bike*

## CHAPTER 4

### AT THE HAIRDRESSER



*Max is starting to like her new look.*

## CHAPTER 5

### MAX SHARES A SECRET



*Billy asks Miss about stealing.*

## CHAPTER 6

### MAX OWNS UP TO STEALING



*Max apologises to the shopkeeper.*

# BOOK 6

# BILLY SAVES

# THE DAY



## CHAPTER 1

### END OF YEAR PRODUCTION



*Khalid demonstrates his singing voice.*

## CHAPTER 2

### ‘WHAT WILL GRANDAD THINK?’



*Billy explains to his grandad how difficult it will be to learn his part.*

## CHAPTER 3

### WHO WILL BE KEYMASTER?



*Ant takes a bow after his audition.*

## CHAPTER 4

### REHERSALS



*Billy, as part of the stage crew.*

## CHAPTER 5

### ANT TRIES TO FLY



*Ant gathers speed before hitting the jump.*

## CHAPTER 6

### NO KEYMASTER



*Tom tries to get Billy to be Keymaster.*

## CHAPTER 7

### BILLY SAVES THE DAY



*Billy uses his superpowers to overcome his  
lack of self-belief.*

## CHAPTER 8

### SUPERPOWERS RULE



*Billy makes sure Ant gets to see the end-of-year-production.*

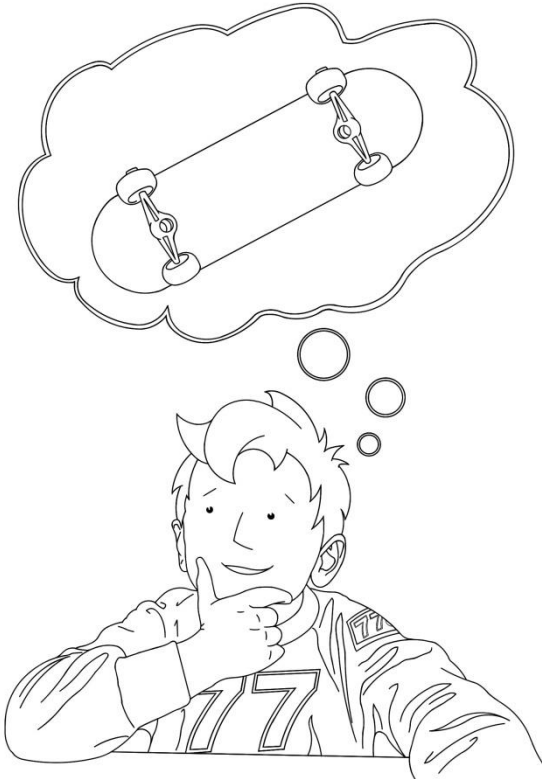
# BOOK 7

## BILLY WANTS IT ALL



## CHAPTER 1

### AT THE SUPERMARKET



*Billy dreams of owning an Element Nyjah Weaver  
skateboard*

## CHAPTER 2

### TABLET COMPUTERS FOR ALL



*Billy and Ant are excited at the idea of getting a tablet computer.*

## CHAPTER 3

### FOOTBALL AND SKATEBOARDING



*Billy tries out for the U11A mixed football team.*

## CHAPTER 4

### SKIDDING IN THE RAIN



*Billy and his mum rush to the hospital to find out about Billy's dad.*

CHAPTER 5

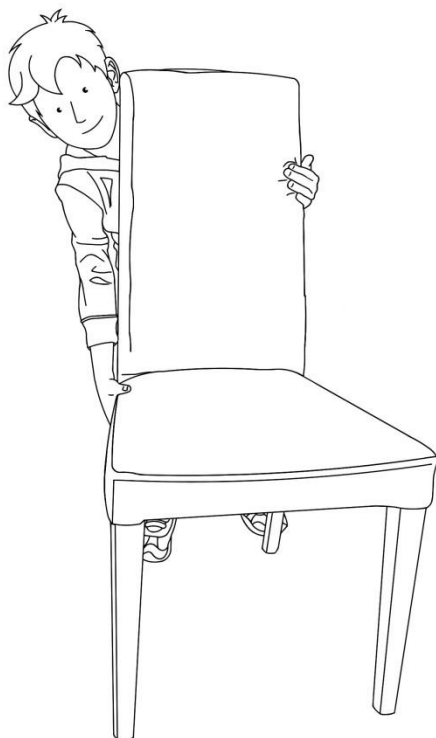
FETCH JACKO



*Billy, Ant and Jacko play a game of sticks.*

## CHAPTER 6

### BIONIC GRANDAD



*Billy's grandad moves in to their house to  
convalesce.*

## CHAPTER 7

### CATS IN DEVON



*Billy and Ant admire Tom's games controller.*

## CHAPTER 8

### TWENTY-POUND NOTE



*Billy is the youngest to take part in the under  
fifteens skateboard competition.*

# BOOK 8

# BILLY KNOWS

# A SECRET



## CHAPTER 1

### MAX'S BIRTHDAY SUPRISE



*Max tries to rescue Cinders, her rabbit, from under the hedge.*

## CHAPTER 2

### CAR CLEANING GOES WRONG



*Billy wonders if it will ever stop raining.*

## CHAPTER 3

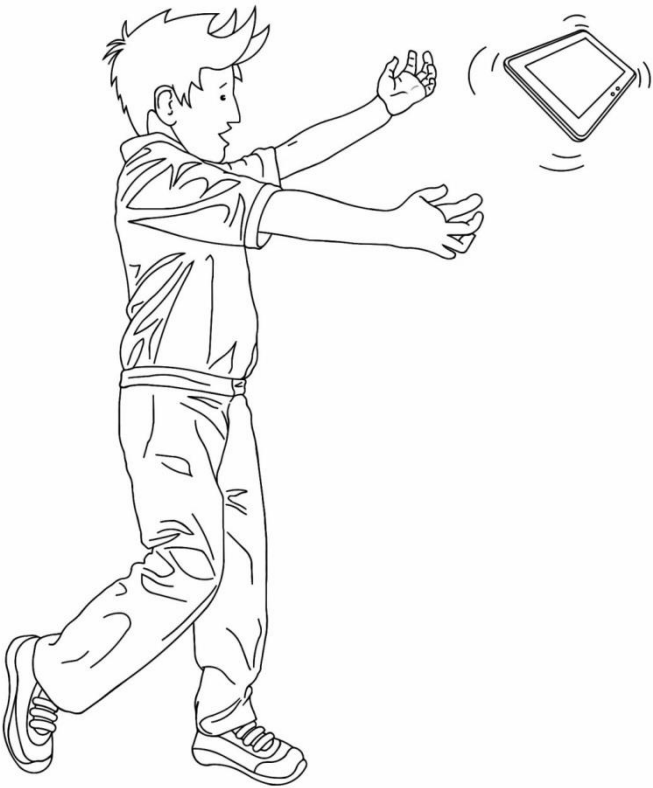
### BILLY'S NEW GAMES CONTROLLER



*Ant pretending to be reading, but being caught out  
by Miss Tompkins.*

## CHAPTER 4

### TABLET COMPUTERS AREN'T INDESTRUCTABLE



*Khalid loses grip of his new tablet computer.*

## CHAPTER 5

### ANT CAN'T KEEP A SECRET



*Ant trying to find out if Billy's dad knows about  
the scratch on the new car.*

## CHAPTER 6

### EDDY'S UNHAPPY WITH TOM



*Billy racing Jacko to the front door to see who gets the newspaper first.*

## CHAPTER 7

### TAKE IT TO THE CARWASH



*Billy's dad inspecting the paintwork on his new car.*

## CHAPTER 8

### TAKE IT TO THE CARWASH



*Ant telling Billy one of his oh-so-funny jokes – not.*

## For Parents, Teachers, and guardians: about the 'BILLY Growing Up Series

Billy and his friends are children entering young adulthood, trying to make sense of the world around them. Like all children, they are confronted by a complex, diverse, fast-changing, exciting world full of opportunities, contradictions, and dangers through which they must navigate on their way to becoming responsible adults.

What underlies their journey are the values they gain through their experiences. In early childhood, children acquire their values by watching the behaviour of their parents. From around eight years old onwards, children are driven by exploration, and seeking independence; they are more outward looking. It is at this age they begin to think for themselves, and are capable of putting their own meaning to feelings, and the events and experiences they live through. They are developing their own identity.

The Billy Books series supports an initiative championing Values-based Education, (VbE) founded by Dr Neil Hawkes\*. The VbE objective is to influence a child's capacity to succeed in life by encouraging them to adopt positive values that will serve them during their early lives, and sustain them throughout their adulthood. Building on the VbE objective, each Billy book uses the power of traditional storytelling to contrast negative behaviours with positive outcomes to illustrate, guide, and shape a child's understanding of the importance of values.

This series of books help parents, guardians and teachers to deal with the issues that challenge children who are coming of age. Dealt with in a gentle way through storytelling, children begin to understand the challenges they face, and the importance of introducing positive values into their everyday lives. Setting the issues in a meaningful context helps a child to see things from a different perspective. These books act as icebreakers, allowing easier communication between parents, or other significant adults, and children when

it comes to discussing difficult subjects. They are suitable for KS2, PSHE classes.

There are eight books in the series. Suggestions for other topics to be dealt with in this way are always welcome. To this end, contact the author by email: [james@jamesminter.com](mailto:james@jamesminter.com).

\*Values-Based Education, (VbE) is a programme that is being adopted in schools to inspire adults and pupils to embrace and live positive human values. In English schools, there is now a Government requirement to teach British values. More information can be found at: [www.valuesbasededucation.com/](http://www.valuesbasededucation.com/)

### **Book 1 - Billy has a birthday**

Bullies appear confident and strong. That is why they are scary and intimidating. Billy loses his birthday present, a twenty-pound note, to the school bully. With the help of a grown-up, he manages to get it back and the bully gets what he deserves.

### **Book 2 - Billy and ant fall out**

False pride can make you feel so important that you would rather do something wrong than admit you have made a mistake. In this story, Billy says something nasty to Ant and they row. Ant goes away and makes a new friend, leaving Billy feeling angry and abandoned. His pride will not let him apologise to his best friend until things get out of hand.

### **Book 3 - Billy is nasty to ant**

Jealousy only really hurts the person who feels it. It is useful to help children accept other people's successes without them feeling vulnerable. When Ant wins a school prize, Billy can't stop himself saying horrible things. Rather than being pleased

for Ant, he is envious and wishes he had won instead.

### **Book 4 - Billy and ant Lie**

Lying is very common. It's wrong, but it's common. Lies are told for a number of different reasons, but one of the most frequent is to avoid trouble. While cycling to school, Billy and Ant mess around and lie about getting a flat tyre to cover up their lateness. The arrival of the police at school regarding a serious crime committed earlier that day means their lie puts them in a very difficult position.

### **Book 5 - Billy helps max**

Stealing is taking something without permission or payment. Children may steal for a dare, or because they want something and have no money, or as a way of getting attention. Max sees some go-faster stickers for her bike, and she has to have them. Her birthday is ages away so she gives in to temptation.

## **Book 6 - Billy saves the day**

Children need belief in themselves and their abilities, but having an inflated ego can be detrimental. Lack of self-belief holds them back, but overpraising leads to unrealistic expectations. Billy fails to audition for the lead role in the school play, as he is convinced he is not good enough.

## **Book 7- Billy Wants It All**

The value of money is one of the most important subjects for children to learn, yet it is one of the least-taught subjects. Billy and Ant want skateboards, but soon realise a reasonable one will cost a significant amount of money. How will they get the amount they need?

## **Book 8 - Billy Knows a Secret**

If something is kept a secret, there is a reason. It is usually to protect yourself or someone else. This story explores the issues of secret-keeping, and the consequences that arise. For children, the importance of finding a responsible adult with whom they can confide in and share their concerns is a significant life lesson.

# ABOUT THE AUTHOR

I am a dad of two grown children, and a stepfather to three more. I started writing five years ago with books designed to appeal to the inner child in adults - very English humour. My daughter Louise, reminded me of the bedtime stories I told her, and suggested I write them down for others to enjoy. I haven't yet, but instead I have written this eight-book series for 8 to 11-year-old boys and girls. Each one is a traditional story dealing with negative behaviours, but with positive outcomes.

Although the main characters, Billy and his friends, are made up, Billy's dog, Jacko, is based on our much-loved family pet, which, with our second dog Malibu, caused havoc and mayhem to the delight of my children and consternation of me.

Prior to writing, I was a college lecturer, and later worked in the computer industry, at a time before smartphones and tablets, when computers were powered by steam, and stood as high as a bus.

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