

Peta Coplans

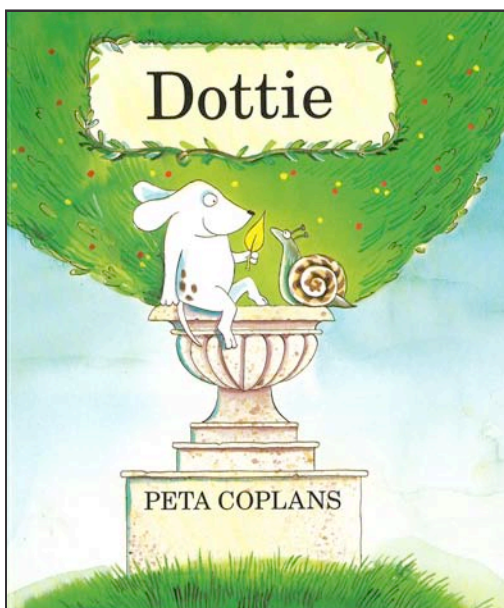
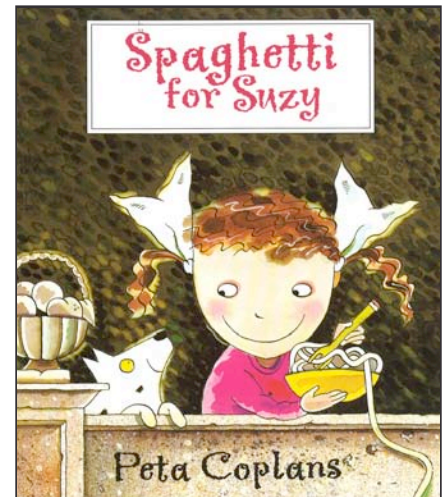
Peta Coplans has created 8 picture books for Andersen Press. Peta's use of **bright colour** and **clear line** together with her gentle humour and understanding of human situations and foibles make her books **appealing, funny yet instructive**. Rights have been sold in many countries, and one of her titles used as part of the **UK National Curriculum**.

Spaghetti For Suzy (1992)

230 x 200mm - 32pp

Suzy likes lots of things - dogs, cats, balloons and fun-fairs – but most of all Suzy likes Spaghetti. She eats it every single day, but a few clever friends show Suzy that there are other foods just as delicious to eat.

'An unusual story carried out with equal skill in word and colour. Good for story hour too.' Junior Bookshelf
'If you have a food faddist in the family, this is the book for you.' Independent on Sunday



Dottie (1993)

230 x 200mm - 32pp

Individuality triumphs again in this bright story full of fun and child appeal.

Everyone knows that dogs don't grow things, but Dottie is an exception. She tries to grow plants in the garden, in the house and even under cover of darkness, but her parents always put a stop to her messy activities - until, that is, Dottie persuades them not to ignore her talents!

'This delightful book is a treat. It makes you laugh; it makes you think.' Naomi Lewis - the Observer.

Frightened Fred (1994)

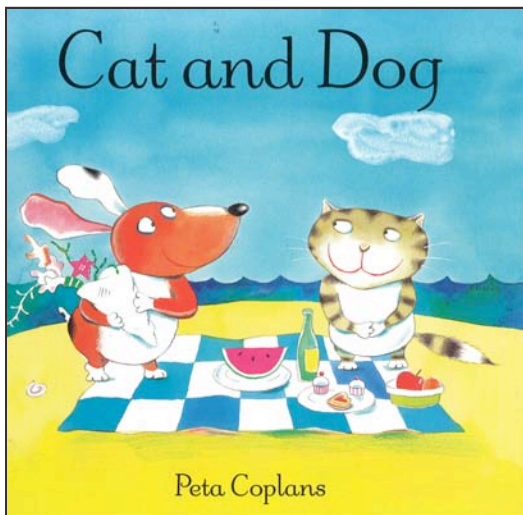
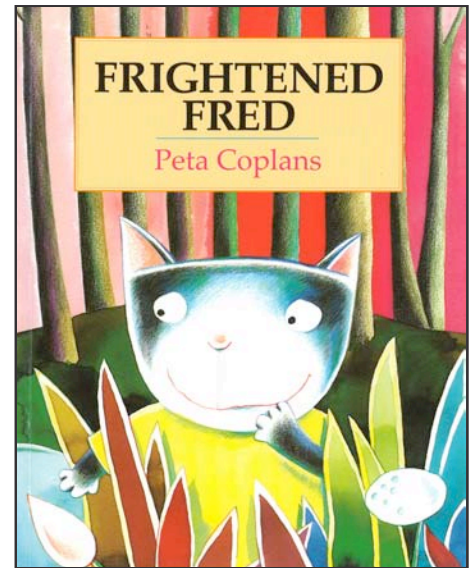
250 x 200mm - 32pp

Bright illustrations and humour accompany a story about overcoming fear. It was for many years a chosen title on the National Curriculum Reading List, Key Stage 1

Fred is a scaredy cat. He's frightened of mice and spiders and caterpillars and monsters. His cousin Jack is frightened of nothing. But when the two of them meet some big, fierce-looking cats in the park, it is Fred who stands his ground and overcomes his fear, while Jack is nowhere to be seen!

'Text and pictures, both witty and uncluttered, are well-matched.' Mail on Sunday

'Snappy dialogue and a credible hero... just right for 4 to 6 year olds or beginner readers.' Independent on Sunday



Cat and Dog (1995)

230 x 240mm - 32pp

Vibrant, summery colours combined with a rhythmic counting game make Cat and Dog an enticing and fun book for very young children. Cat refuses to share her picnic with Dog, but when Dog suggests playing a game, she is eager to join in. What she doesn't realise is that every time she answers one of Dog's counting questions, he sneakily eats the same number of items from her picnic basket!

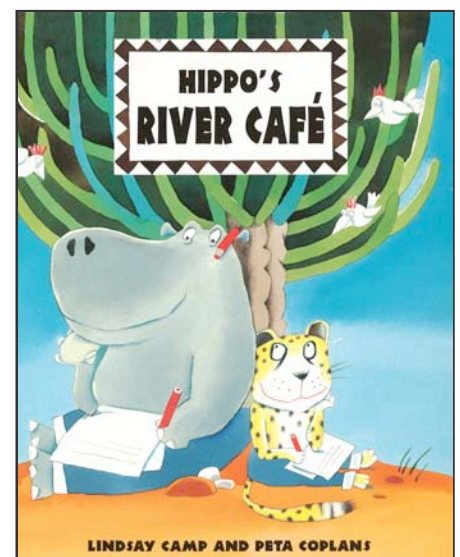
Hippo's River Cafe (1998, text by Lindsay Camp)

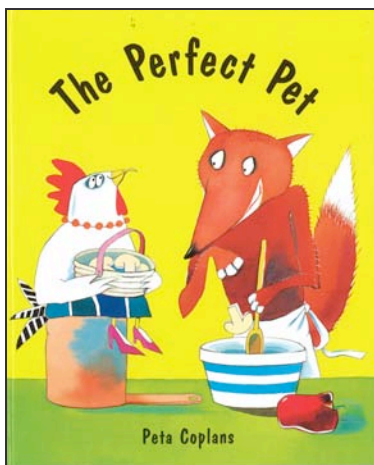
270 x 216mm - 32pp

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Avery. Avery who? Avery handsome cheetah who's come to tea.

Cheetah loved telling jokes. They weren't very funny, but Hippopotamus thought they were, and he always had time to listen to them. Then one day everything changed. . . A delightful cast of characters and stunning artwork make this new title a surefire hit with children of all ages who will love the jokes that make up the endpapers. The book combines an amusing story with an important message about friendship. Peta Coplans has captured perfectly the African landscape with vivid colours and comical animals.

'A lovely story about the importance of friendship.'
Nursery World





The Perfect Pet (1999)

260 x 210mm - 32pp

A wonderfully silly tale about obstinacy, complemented by amusing and colourful illustrations.

Hen wants a pet, so off she goes to the pet shop to buy one. The pig behind the counter has many sensible suggestions but none is quite right for the hen, who has her own ideas about what would make a good pet...

Funny Fred (2001)

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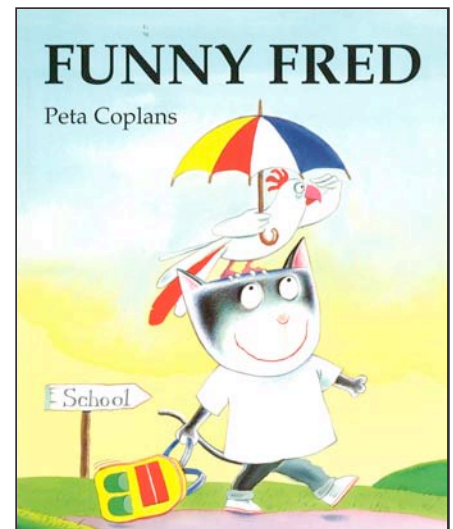
A popular starting school picture book.

Fred is about to start school - but he really doesn't know what to take with him. You would have thought that his older brother and sister could tell him; or failing them, his grandparents and his aunt. But he ends up with an impossible heap - including an umbrella, a spade, a hot-water bottle, and a parrot!

"Oh, you are funny, Fred!" said his mum. "What you need is a pencil, a rubber, and a brand new box of crayons."

Fred has already starred as the scared cat who stands up to some alarming toughs in *Frightened Fred*.

'A helpful book for children who are coming up to school age.' Daily Telegraph



Goosie's Good Idea (2004)

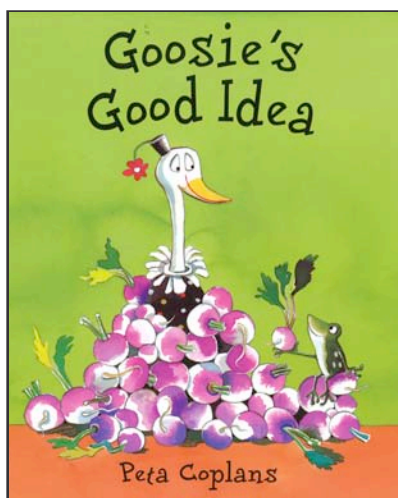
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A hilarious new picture book with a circular tale about serial swapping.

Goosie has some turnips to take to the market, so that she can buy a pot to cook in. As she journeys there, however, other animals persuade her to swap with them instead. She swaps her turnips for a small cheese, and the cheese for a sardine, and then the sardine for a cup of water. When she finally arrives at the

market, nobody wants to swap with her any more. She has to wait until the very end of the day, when she can finally trade for some turnip seeds. She can grow them and trade the turnips next Spring for a pot to cook in. Hang on! Haven't we heard her say that before?

'The comical illustrations will stimulate lots of laughs and comments.' Marianne Adeey, Carousel



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