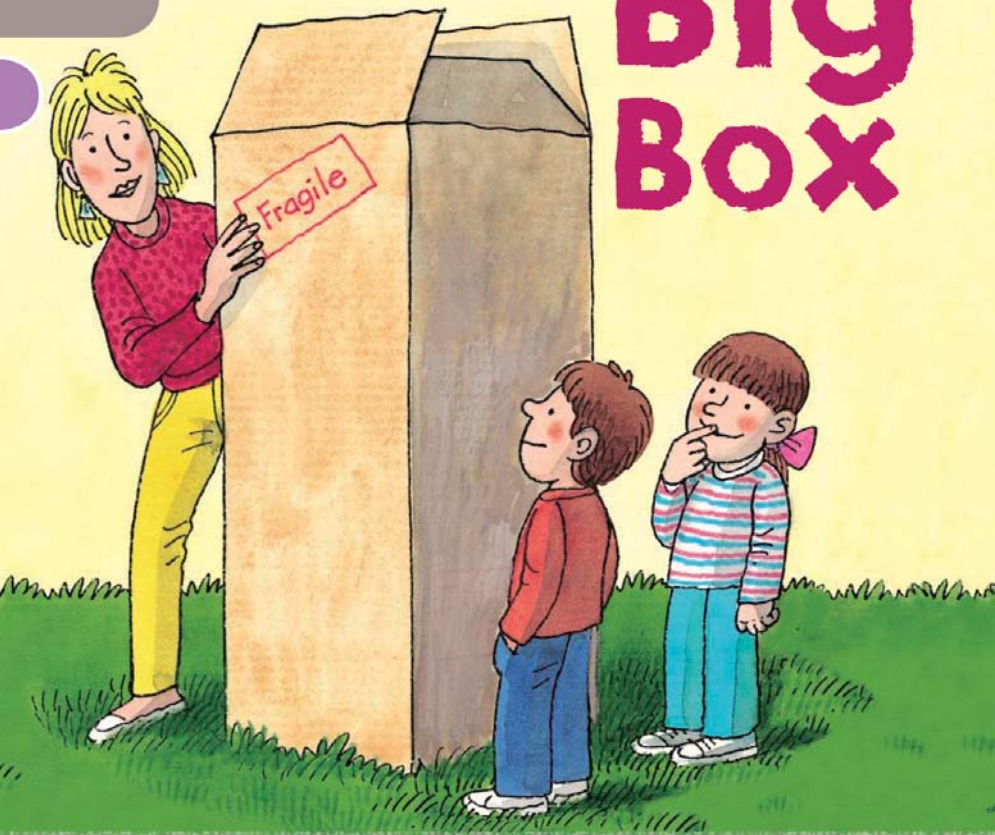


# The Big Box



Series created by Roderick Hunt and Alex Brychta



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## **BEFORE READING**

### **Talk together**

- Read the title and look at the picture.  
Guess what might be in such a big box.
- Talk about big boxes that have arrived at your home and what was in them.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

### **About the words in this book**

- Ask your child to look out for words in the pictures as you enjoy the story together. Read these words for them:

**Cover: The Big Box**

**Page 1: Fragile**

**Page 3: This way up**

**Page 4: Floppy our house**



## **DURING READING**

Enjoy the story together and encourage your child to respond to the pictures.

- Ask your child to tell you what is happening in each picture.
- Talk about what might happen next, before you turn over each page.
- Discuss anything that the story reminds your child about.

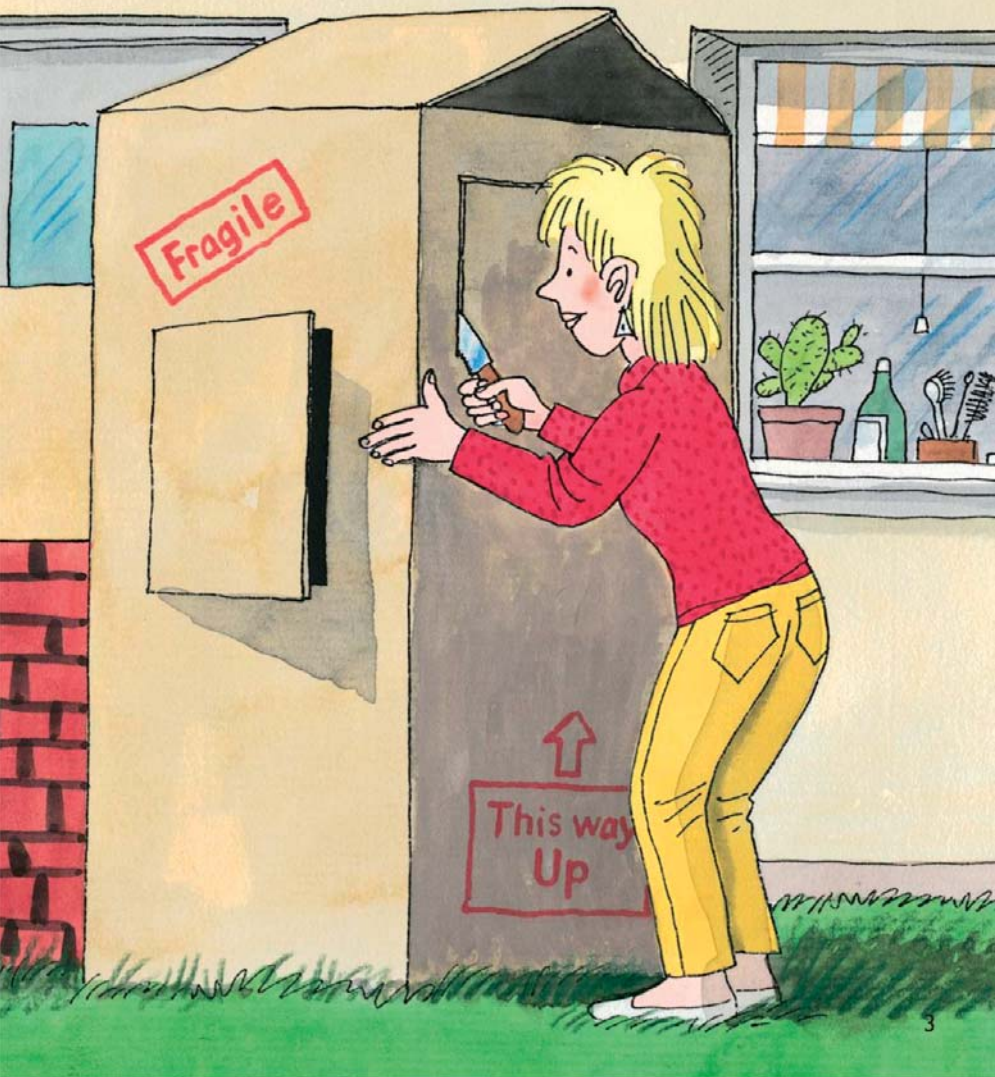


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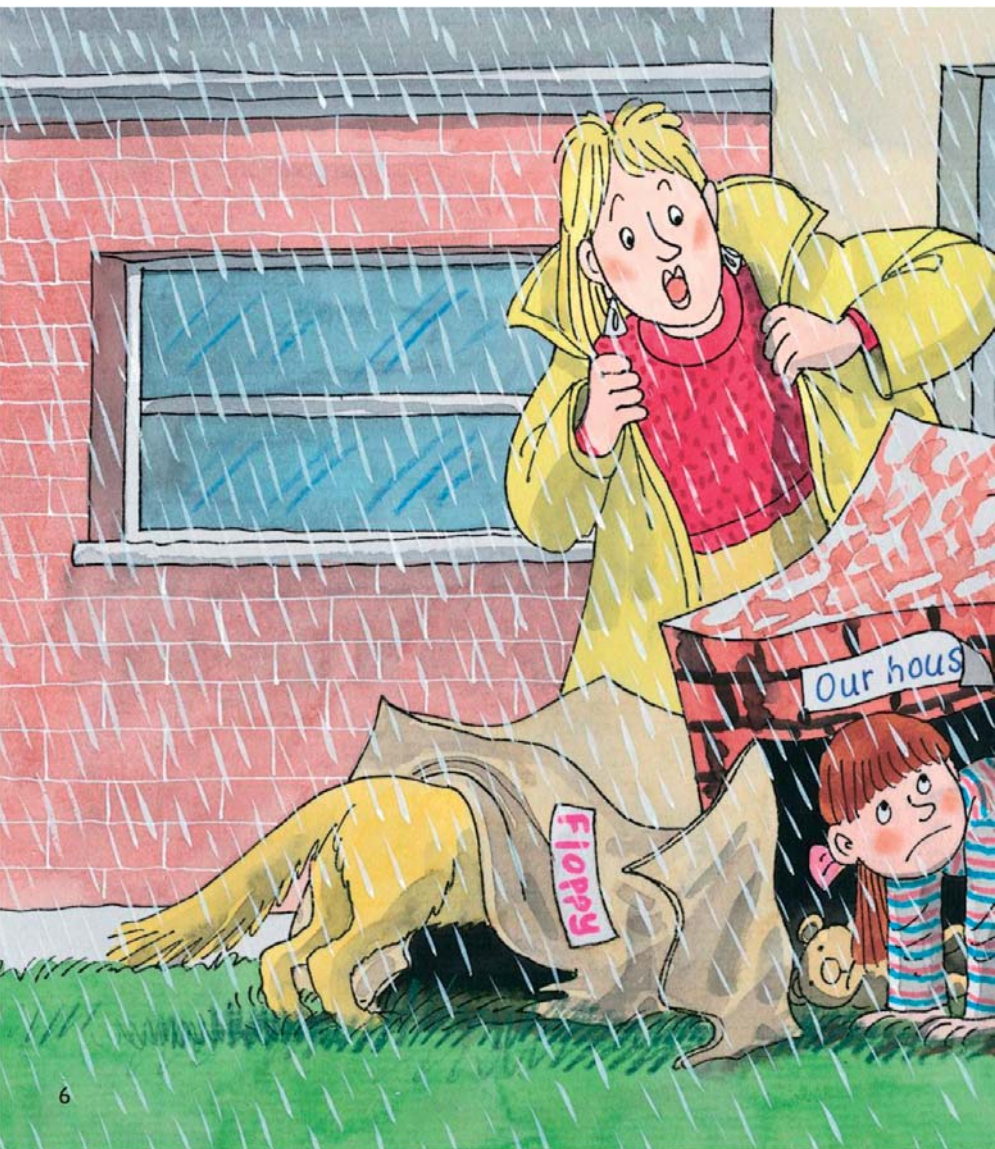


















## AFTER READING

- Talk about what happened in the story, encouraging your child to re-tell some of it.
- Ask your child to guess what the children said when their house began to collapse.
- Look at page 8. Ask: *Why is the tent better than the box?*
- Look at pages 6–7. Talk about the sounds the rain makes. Encourage your child to have a go at making some rain sounds!

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