

The Fair Factor by Anita Kelly Gaunt



About the Author

There's something magical about opening a book and entering the world of a child, to see through their eyes, believe in magic and imagine without limitations.

With my background in early childhood education, I like to write stories that inspire, teach and entertain children. I fill the pages of my books with rhyme and alliteration, to make reading fun and the learning natural. With my keen interest in early literacy, I'm developing my Literacy Tales series to help children build confidence around the alphabet by exploring letters and sounds. I also think it is important for children to be able to explore ideas, values and concepts relevant to childhood and growing up.

To make my books effective as a teaching tool in home or school environments, I include a quiz at the end, which encourages children to engage in discussions, recollect details and reflect on elements of learning within the story. Activity suggestions also provide an avenue for extended learning.

I am a self-proclaimed book worm. I live in Cambridge and work as an early childhood teacher and full-time mum.

Bibliography:

The Spirit of the Ninja – Literacy Tales series, 2017

The Fair Factor – Literacy Tales series, 2017

Wolf's Wishing Well – Literacy Tales series, 2016

The Cat who Couldn't Cook – Literacy Tales series, 2015

About The Fair Factor

Two misbehaving children get more than they bargain for when a fairy turns up out of the blue and decides to give them a taste of their own medicine. The youngsters wake up the next day and discover that they've become fully grown adults! And their parents? Well, they're not so big anymore ...

Follow along with Fiona and Finn on this very grown up adventure as they take a walk in someone else's shoes.



Activities

Fiona and Finn's quiz



- How do your parents/caregivers encourage good behaviour at home? What happens if you misbehave?
- What are some things that you do at home to help your parents/caregivers?
- If Frances the fairy turned YOU into an adult, what things would you do?
- What lesson do you think the children learnt?
- Where did Frances the fairy keep her wand?
- Frances the fairy didn't look like a typical fairy. She was dressed as an umpire. Do you know what an umpire is and what they do?
- What words can you use to describe how Fiona and Finn might have felt while trying to look after their parents?
- At the start of the story, what had Fiona done to Finn's robot that upset him?
- At dinner time, what kind of food was Dad flinging with his fork?
- What food was Mum refusing to eat? What were they going to miss out on if they didn't eat their dinner?

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Activity Ideas

- Families are really important and each one is different. Can you draw the people in your family?
- Theadora creates my main characters with writing across their body/clothes. The words always relate to what the character is passionate about or learning about. Fiona and Finn's words relate to parenting and challenging behaviour. Choose a buddy and draw their picture. Now write down words to describe their personality and interests.
- Write your own story about what would happen if you swapped places with YOUR parents for a day. Theadora's illustrations are a mixture of drawings and collage. Try to illustrate a page of your story in this same style.
- Look at the cover of the book. Does it give you any clues about the story or how the characters might be feeling?
- Explore old photographs of your family, perhaps from when your parents were little. Encourage families to bring in albums for children to share with the class. Try using them to make a family tree to see how you're all connected.
- Role play – in groups, encourage children to participate in family play, selecting the role they would like to act out. What does the interaction look like? Explore and discuss the differences in the roles between adults and children, mums and dads.
- Get arty and create your own Frances the fairy. Add some sparkles and glitter to really make her look magical!
- Discuss ways you can be more helpful at home. Make your own chore chart, put your ideas on it and bring it home to put into practice!
- Origami means folded paper. Find and fold your own origami creations and display them around the class. Or fold some paper planes and see how well they can fly!

Take photos of your amazing *The Fair Factor* work and share them with me - I would love to see them!

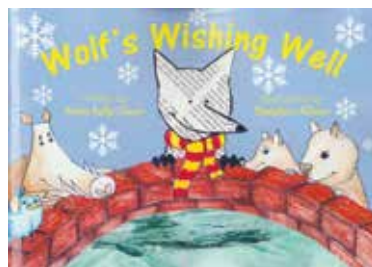
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The Cat who Couldn't Cook
(Book C)

Clawdius cat loves to cook - there's just one problem, he seems to be rather terrible at it! Read along as Clawdius cat perseveres in the kitchen despite one cooking disaster after another!



Wolf's Wishing Well (Book W)

Read about an impatient Wolf who wants nothing more than a white winter wonderland in the heat of summer.

He enlists the help of a wishing well to speed things along - but will this be the answer to Wolf's problem?



The Spirit of the Ninja explores the virtues children learn through studying a martial art in a traditional Japanese dojo. In the story each virtue is personified as an animal training with the children. The idea is that these virtues are life skills that will stay with a child their whole life, contributing to the kind of adult they will grow up to be - having self-confidence, being resilient and having a good heart. The book is in English and Japanese.