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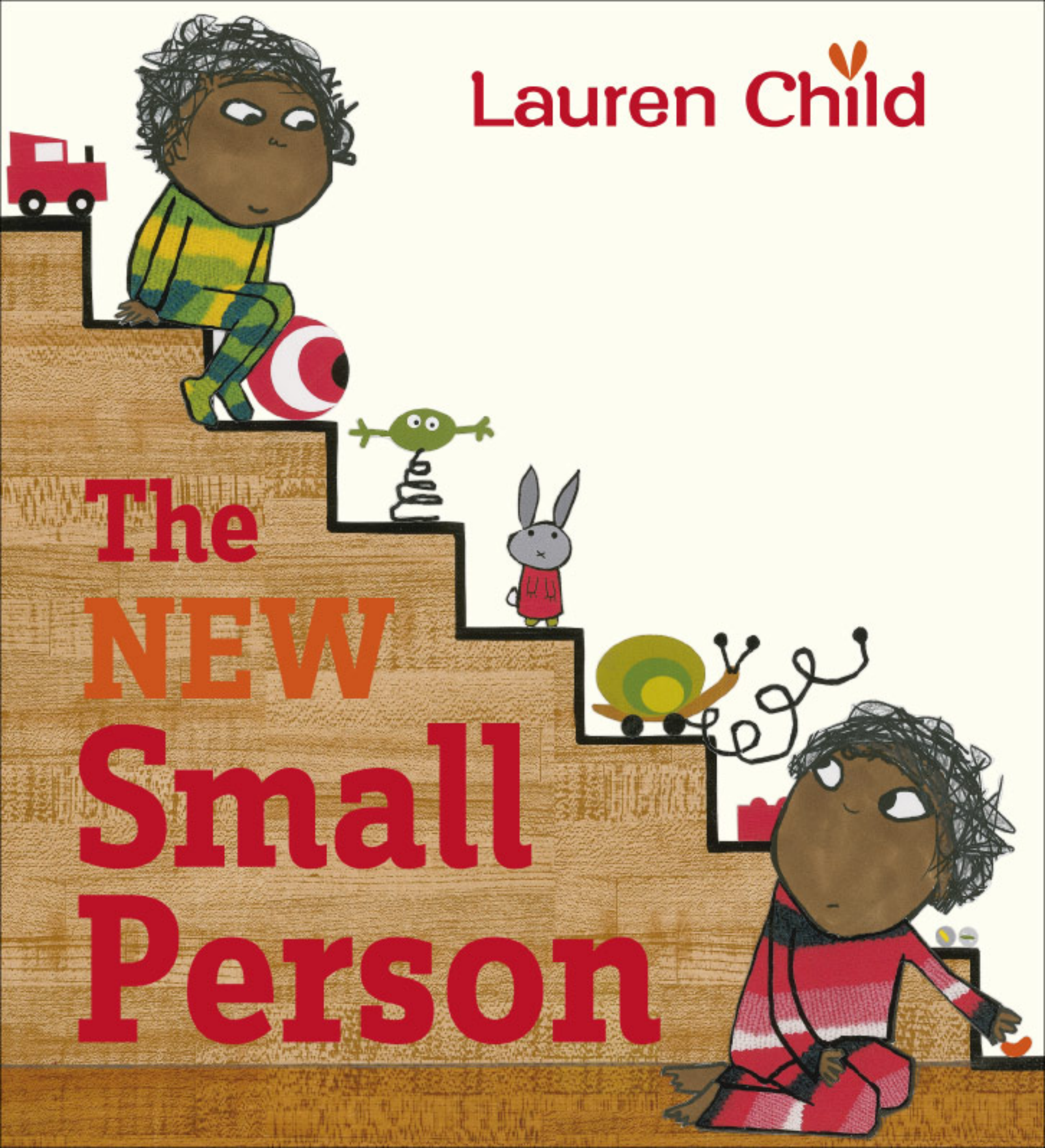
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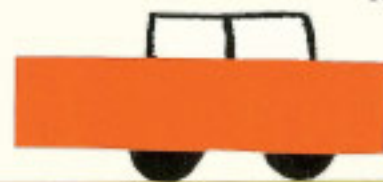
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Elmore Green started off
life as an only child,
as many children do.
He had a room all to himself,
and everything in it was his.

He was very proud
of his room.



He watched all his favourite cartoons on his own little TV set – no one ever changed the channel.

He could line up all his precious things on the floor

and
no one
moved
them
ONE
millimetre.





When his Uncle Cecil gave him a jar of jellybeans,
he could eat every single bean, all by himself –
in whatever order he liked.

There was no worry about anyone
eating the orange ones because
Elmore Green's parents
did NOT

eat
jellybeans.