Helping your children choose books they will love

I reading

Lovereading4kids.co.uk is a book website created for parents and children to make choosing books easy and fun

Opening extract from

The Dragonsitter's Party

Written by

Josh Lacey

Published by

Andersen Press Ltd

All Text is Copyright © of the Author and/or Illustrator

Please print off and read at your leisure.

Lovereading4kids.co.uk

First published in 2015 by
Andersen Press Limited
20 Vauxhall Bridge Road
London SW1V 2SA
www.andersenpress.co.uk

2 4 6 8 10 9 7 5 3 1

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form, or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise, without the written permission of the publisher.

The right of Josh Lacey and Garry Parsons to be identified as the author and illustrator of this work has been asserted by them in accordance with the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act, 1988.

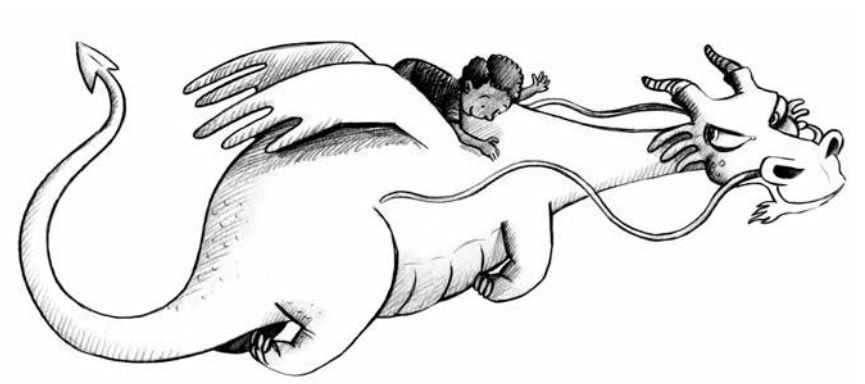
Text copyright © Josh Lacey, 2015
Illustrations copyright © Garry Parsons, 2015

British Library Cataloguing in Publication Data available.

ISBN 978 1 78344 229 4

Printed and bound in Great Britain by
CPI Group (UK) Ltd, Croydon CR0 4YY

The Dragonsitter's Party



Josh Lacey

Illustrated by Garry Parsons

Andersen Press
London

ABRACADABRA! KAZAM KAZOOM!!

PREPARE TO BE AMAZED!!!

The world-famous master of magic

Mister Mysterio

will be appearing at Eddie's birthday party

COME AND SEE HIS INCREDIBLE TRICKS

YOU WILL NOT BELIEVE YOUR EYES!



At: Eddie's house

On: Saturday 25th March From: 3pm to 5pm

Please RSVP to: Eddie's mum

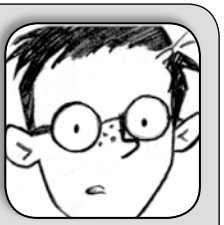
From: Edward Smith-Pickle

To: Morton Pickle

Date: Monday 20 March

Subject: My party

Attachments: Mister Mysterio



Dear Uncle Morton

Did you get my invitation?

I just wanted to check because you're the only person who hasn't RSVPed.

I hope you can come. It's going to be a great party. We're having a magician.

Love from

your favourite nephew

Eddie

From: Morton Pickle

To: Edward Smith-Pickle

Date: Tuesday 21 March

Subject: Re: My party



Dear Eddie

I would have loved to have come to your party. There is very little that I enjoy more than the work of a good magician.

Unfortunately I have already promised to stay in Scotland and help on the farm with Mr McDougall, who is a man short this weekend.

That man is, of course, our mutual friend Gordon, who is very excited about coming to see you. He talks about nothing else.

I can hardly believe that he only met your mother a few weeks ago. He already seems to know much more about her than I do, and I've known her for an entire lifetime.

Mr McDougall only agreed to give Gordon the weekend off if I would work in his place. It is the lambing season here and the farm has never been busier.

He will be bringing a small birthday surprise for you.

With love from

your affectionate uncle

Morton

From: Edward Smith-Pickle

To: Morton Pickle

Date: Wednesday 22 March

Subject: Your surprise

Attachments: Emily



Dear Uncle Morton

Thank you for the surprise. I can't wait to see what it is.

Mum is very excited about Gordon coming to visit. She keeps buying new dresses, then taking them back to the shop because they're not quite right.

I'm sorry you can't come to my party. I know my friends would like to meet you. Will you come next year instead?

I'll send you some pictures of Mister Mysterio sawing someone in half.

Apparently that's the best bit of his act.

I am going to suggest he does Emily.



She said, "That's not funny," and I said I wasn't trying to be funny. I just thought the house would be a bit more peaceful if I only had half a sister.

Love from

Eddie