

Helping your children choose books they will love



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

Opening extract from
**The Hog, the Shrew and the
Hullabaloo**

Written by
Julia Copus
Illustrated by
Eunyoung Seo

Published by
Faber Children's Books

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

Please print off and read at your leisure.





It was night in the village – a still, dark night –
and Harry the Hog was sleeping tight.

In her house at the foot of Piggyback Hill,
also asleep, was Candy Stripe Lil.



Now Harry the Hog was a champion sleeper:
no other hog could sleep longer or deeper.
That night, he'd finished his exercise

(two hog-jumps,



three sit-ups,



four blinks of the eyes)



and at last he was snug in his blankets again,
happily dreaming his hog-dreams when . . .

Scritch-scrump-crunⁿch-skiffle-skreeeeek-kazoo!
... he heard the most terrible hullabaloo.



“Help!” shouted Harry, at once wide awake.
“That’s the noise a MONSTER would make!”
He reached for his phone and – trembling still –
he called up his best friend, Candy Stripe Lil.

When Lil arrived, she took off her jacket:
“We’ll soon find out what made such a racket.
But for now,” she said, “we must try to rest.”
“If I *can*,” Harry said. “I’ll do my best.”



Then “*Shh!*” squeaked Lil. “I heard a scuffle.
What *is* that, making such a kerfuffle?”