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**The Day the Crayons Came Home**

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The DAY  
the CRAYONS  
came HOME



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One day, Duncan and his crayons were happily colouring together when a strange stack of postcards arrived for him in the mail . . .



Dear Duncan,



Not sure if you remember me. My name  
is MAROON CRAYON. You only coloured  
with me once, to draw a scab, but whatever.  
Anyway, you LOST me TWO years ago  
in the couch, then your Dad SAT on me  
and BROKE ME IN HALF!

I never would have SURVIVED had  
PAPERCLIP not NURSED me back to  
Health. I'm finally better, so come and  
get me! And can Paper Clip come too?  
He's really holding me together.

Sincerely,  
Your marooned crayon,  
MAROON CRAYON



BELFAST



DUNCAN

Duncan's Bedroom

UPSTAIRS

THIS House



A MODERN SUPER-HIGHWAY  
THRU THE GRANDEUR OF AUTUMN

Dear Duncan,  
No one likes peas.  
No one even likes the colour  
PEA GREEN. So I'm changing  
my name and RUNNING away  
to see the WORLD.

Sincerely,  
Esteban... the MAGNIFICENT!  
(the crayon formerly known as PEA GREEN)

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DUNCAN  
DUNCAN'S BEDROOM  
UPSTAIRS  
THIS HOUSE



