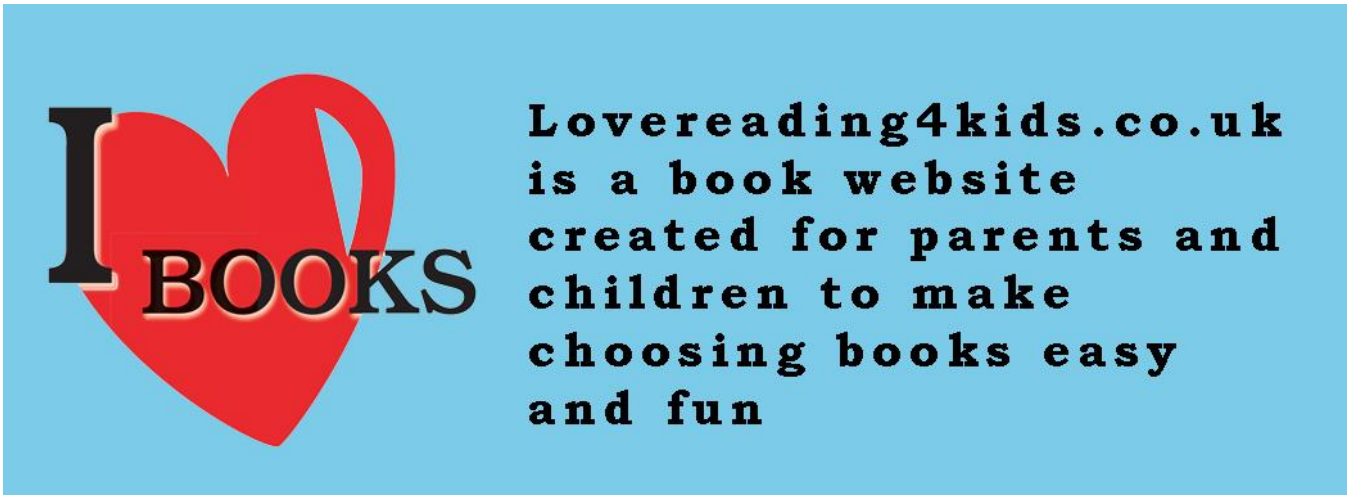


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Vicky and Bertie were twins. Every day when they came home from the village school they used to help their mother and father with all the jobs on the farm.



One evening Farmer Priddy said to his wife: "Vicky and Bertie have a long journey to and from school every day. I think they deserve a little horse of their own." Mrs. Priddy agreed.

Saturday came and Vicky and Bertie got up early to walk to the market. Their parents saw them off at the farmhouse gate.
"Come back as soon as you can," said Mrs. Priddy.
"You can't spend more than two guineas, remember," said their father, handing Bertie the two gold coins tied up in a knotted handkerchief.

