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For Isabel and Josephine – RA

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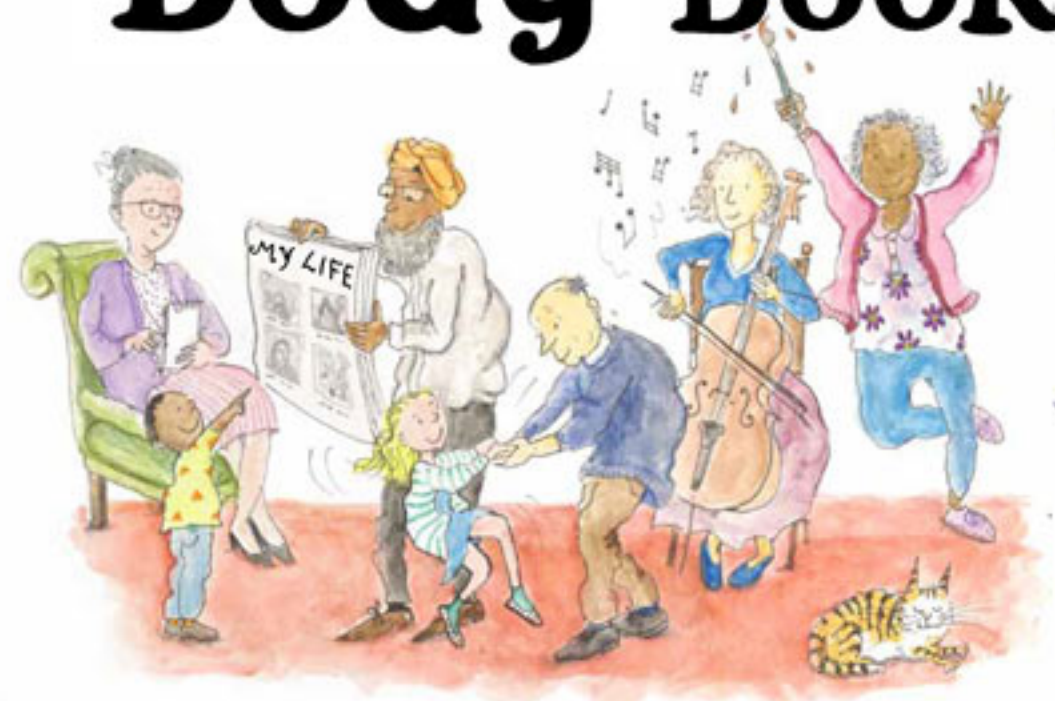
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The Great Big Body Book

Can you find ME every time you turn a page?

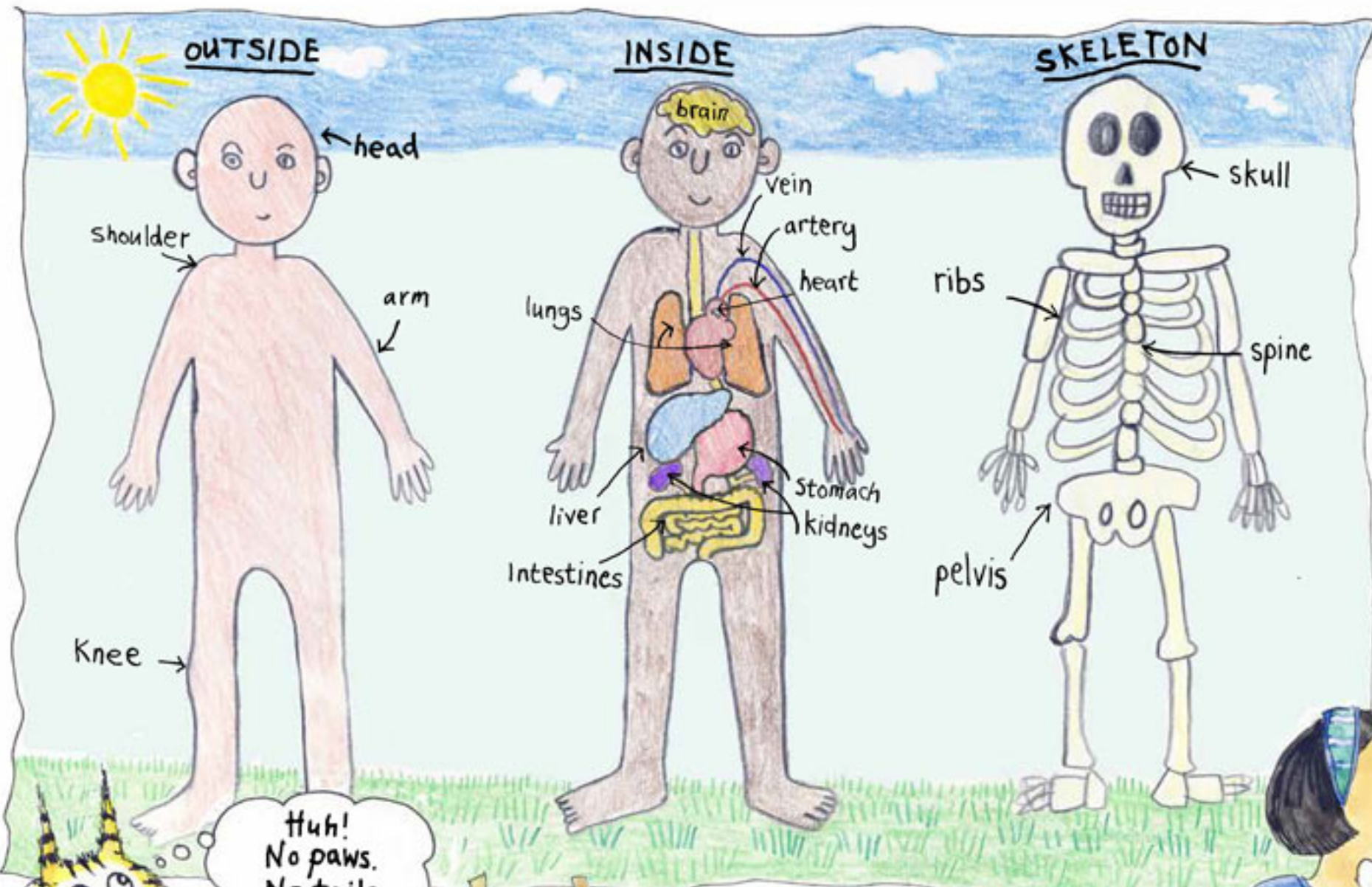


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EVERYBODY Needs SOME BODY



What is a body? Our bodies are such a large part of us we can't do anything without them.

They aren't the whole story though. You can't find our thoughts and dreams and wishes anywhere in our bodies.



Huh!
No paws.
No tails.

The surface area
of your intestines
is as big as a
TENNIS COURT!

You have over
200
bones!

Why didn't
the skeleton
go to the DISCO?

He had
No BODY to
dance with!



A NEW LIFE

Have you seen a newborn baby lately? They are really small, even the biggest ones. But some are specially tiny, if they get born early. Or if there's more than one of them born together.

New babies have almost everything they will ever need in their bodies, except teeth. And some of them don't have much hair! But most of them know how to suck milk and how to cry to get attention.

Everybody was a baby once. Even the Queen of England!



Some of us were kittens.



doctor



writer



astronaut



police officer



dentist



queen



actor



ballet dancer



school teacher



artist

And after about six weeks, babies may even smile!



scientist



bus driver

MILESTONES



If we kept growing and changing the way that babies do in their first year of life, we'd all be giants! Babies can go from needing everything done for them and not being able even to support their own heads, to being little people on the verge of walking and talking.

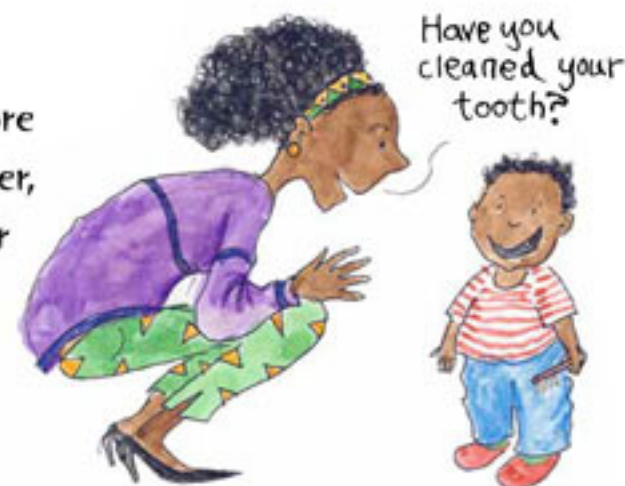
We wanted him to grow up - but not THAT big.



Kittens can walk at FIVE DAYS old...



They grow teeth - and more hair. Their bones get longer, their muscles get stronger and they crawl and toddle about.



Babies start eating more food than just milk - and make a great mess doing it till they learn not to.



She's using the potty!



Then they stop needing nappies as their bodies tell them when to go to the toilet.

