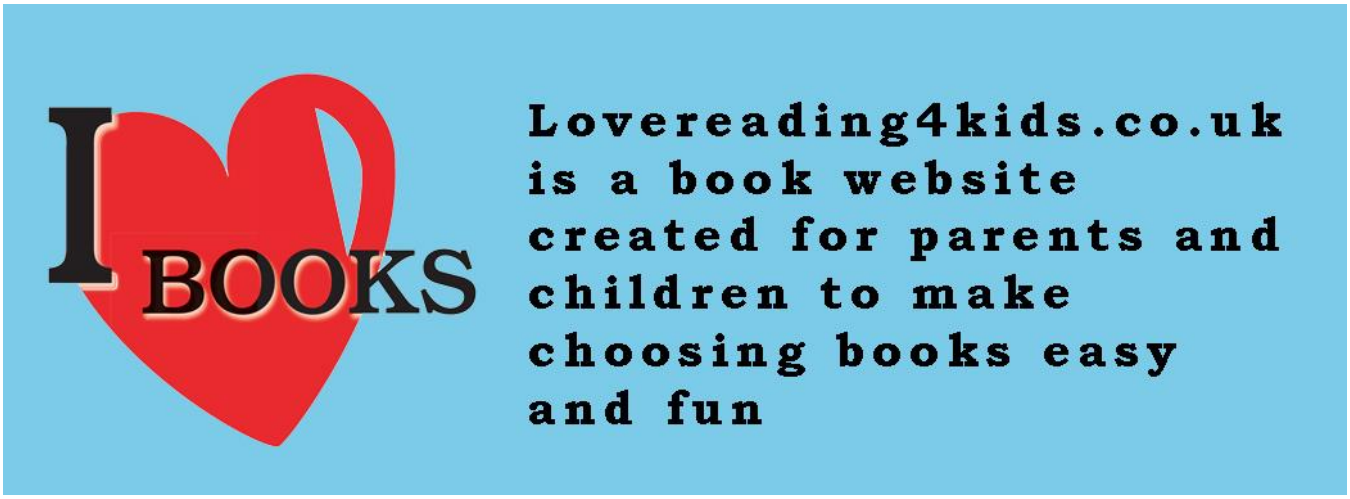


Opening extract from

The Christmas Fairy

Written by

Anne Booth

Illustrated by

Rosalind Beardshaw

Published by

Nosy Crow Ltd

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

Please print off and read at your leisure.



To the lovely Haynes family – Emma, Stuart, Amy, Charlie, Saffron and Theo, and in loving memory of Hattie – A.B.

To Elsa, Ella and Maria. Love from Rosi B x

First published in 2016 by Nosy Crow Ltd
The Crow's Nest, 10a Lant Street
London SE1 1QR
www.nosycrow.com

ISBN 978 0 8763 111 3 (HB)
ISBN 978 0 8763 765 1 (PB)

Nosy Crow and associated logos are trademarks and/or registered trademarks of Nosy Crow Ltd.

Text copyright © Anne Booth 2016
Illustrations copyright © Rosalind Beardshaw 2016
The right of Anne Booth to be identified as the author of this work and of Rosalind Beardshaw to be identified as the illustrator of this work has been asserted.

All rights reserved.

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, hired out or otherwise circulated in any form of binding or cover other than that in which it is published. 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 prior written permission of Nosy Crow Ltd.

A CIP catalogue record for this book is available from the British Library.

Printed in China by Imago
Papers used by Nosy Crow are made from wood grown in sustainable forests.

1 3 5 7 9 8 6 4 2 (HB)
1 3 5 7 9 8 6 4 2 (PB)



The Christmas Fairy

Anne Booth

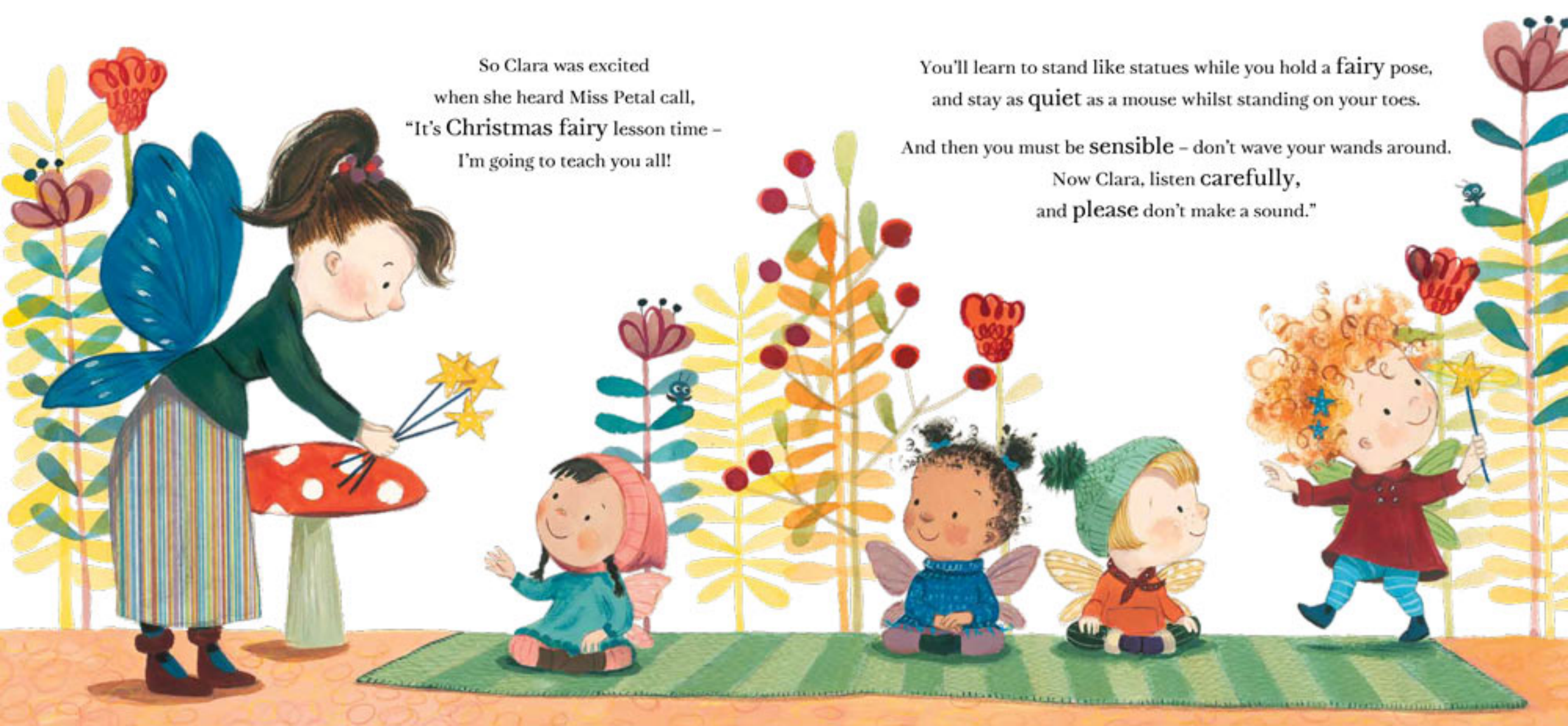
Illustrated by
Rosalind Beardshaw

nosy crow



Clara was a chatterbox,
a fairy full of fun.
She loved to sing and dance
and bring a smile to everyone.

And every day at fairy school
she wished that she could be
a proper Christmas fairy
on a sparkly Christmas tree.



So Clara was excited
when she heard Miss Petal call,
"It's **Christmas fairy** lesson time –
I'm going to teach you all!

You'll learn to stand like statues while you hold a **fairy** pose,
and stay as **quiet** as a mouse whilst standing on your toes.

And then you must be **sensible** – don't wave your wands around.
Now Clara, listen **carefully**,
and **please** don't make a sound."

"We'll practise hard all term
and then you'll show me what you know.
And afterwards I'll take you to
a **special** Christmas Show.



You'll see a bluebird singer with a **lovely** cheerful song,
and some **very** funny penguin clowns are going to come along.

Next a **graceful** ballerina swan will dance and pirouette.
I'm sure the Christmas Show this year is one we **won't** forget!"

"But first," Miss Petal said,
"you'll practise standing in your pose.
Remember to stay very still
and not to scratch your nose."



So Clara balanced on one leg,
but gave a little **giggle . . .**





. . . which turned into a **wobble** and
became a **great big wriggle!**

"Now fairies," said Miss Petal,
"stay as quiet as can be.
And think how **happy** you will feel
when you are on a tree."





So Clara tried her **very** best, but somehow it went wrong . . .
Her quiet happy thoughts became a **hum** and then a **song**!