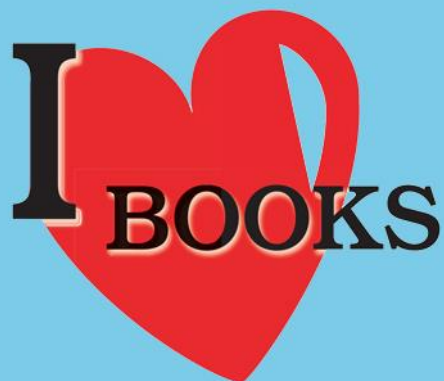




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**Attention kids! Now, listen up –
OFFICIAL PUBLIC WARNING:**

A mighty tricky, sticky thief
was spotted just this morning.
One hundred thousand chocolate bars
are offered as reward,
to anyone who helps retrieve
this chocolate monster's hoard.

The Chunk: he's silent, like a cloud.
He walks on tippy-toes.
His hands and feet are HUGE!
He has a bulbous,
twitching nose.

His purple fur is
streaked with pink,
it hides his
gleaming eyes,



And though he's eight
feet high, The Chunk's
a master of disguise.



The Chunk prowls round the neighbourhoods,
sniffing out his booty.



Chocolate's what he's after,
so we need you all on duty.

Keep watch, and close
all cupboard doors.
No chocolate bar's secure.



If left at large, The Chunk will soon
swing by YOUR house, for sure.