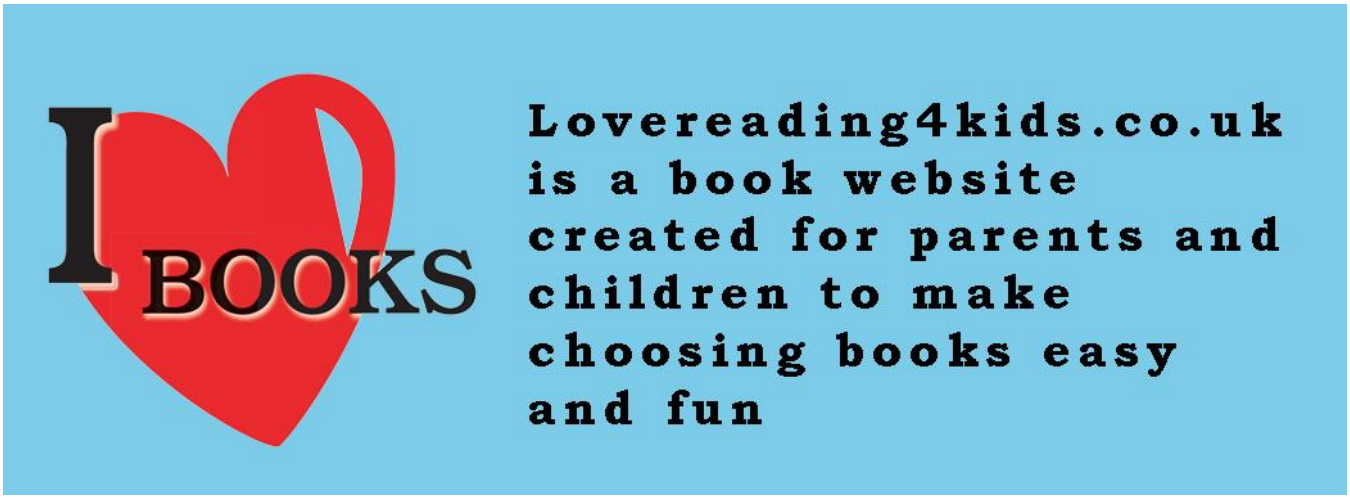


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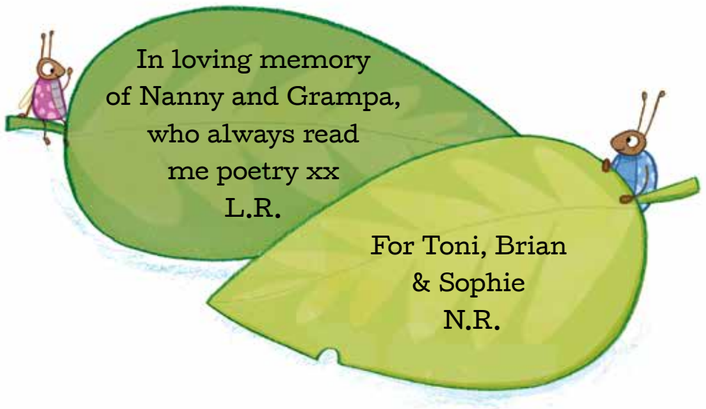
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Once there was a gecko
and she lived inside a cave.
She was very very small
but she was also really brave.

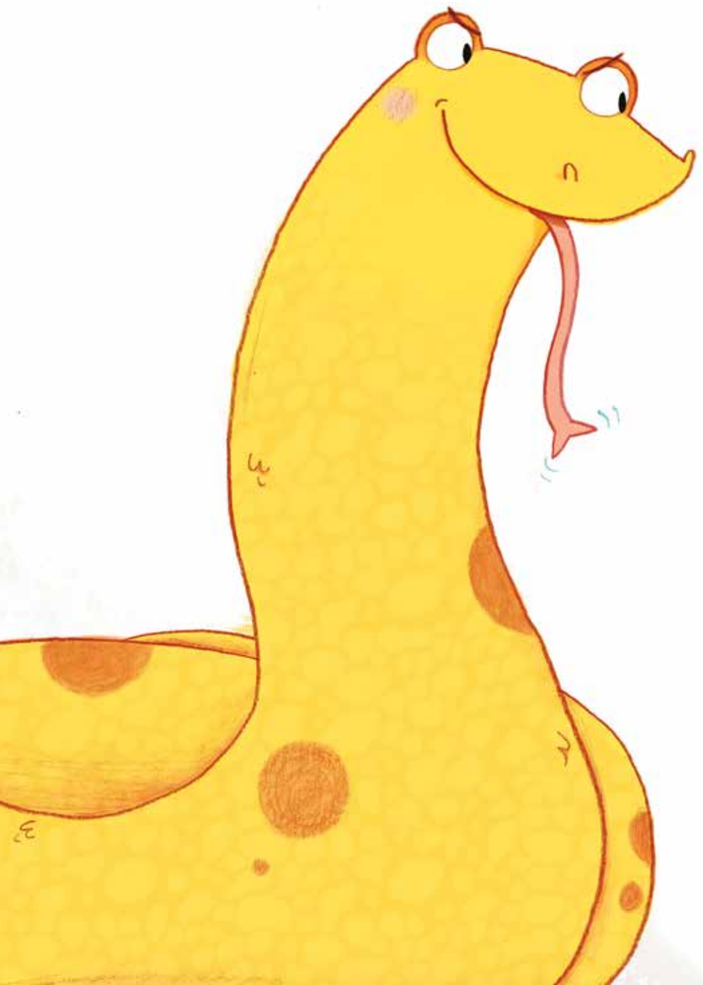
Her tail was long and flicky. She stood on four short legs,
and day and night she guarded her little gecko eggs.
She guarded them so carefully, she never turned her back.



You never know who's waiting for a tasty gecko snack!



Early one hot morning, as the sun rose in the sky,
a snake spotted the gecko
as he slowly slithered by.



"Oh, Gecko,
what's inside your cave?"
said Snakey with a hiss.

"Mmmm, gecko eggs
for breakfast –
that's not something
I can miss!"



But Gecko turned to Snakey,
"Well, I hope you're feeling brave.
See, there's a hundred geckos
living right inside this cave.