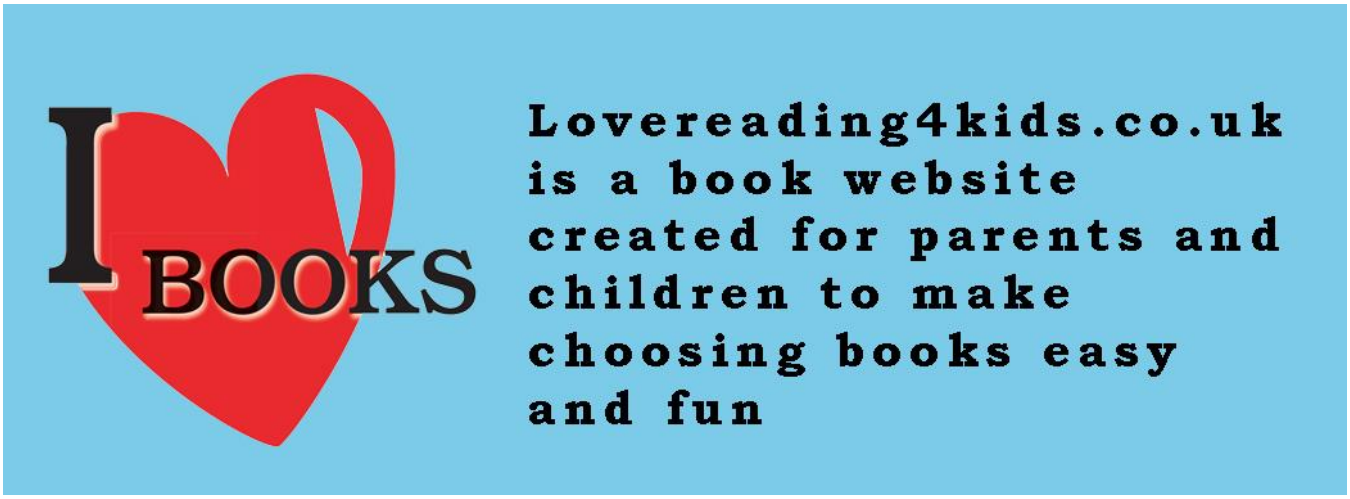


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ELLA FITZGERALD
LOVED TO SING
AND SHE SANG
GOOD.







But Ella and her band weren't welcome everywhere.

Ella was black, and some folks
didn't want her singing in their club...



including the biggest
joint in town.



But the magic of Ella's music had
reached out to people all over,

and helped her to make friends she
didn't even know she had, including one very special lady.