

## Opening extract from **Previously** Written by **Allan Ahlberg Bruce Ingman**

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Goldilocks arrived home all bothered and hot.

Previously she had been running like mad in the dark woods.

Previously she had been climbing out of somebody else's window.



Previously she had been sleeping in somebody else's bed, eating somebody else's porridge and breaking somebody else's chair! Previously she had been humming a tune and having a little skip by herself in the dark woods.

Previously she had bumped into a hurtling and older boy named ...

## Jack

Jack was running like mad in the dark woods with a hen under his arm.

Previously he had stolen the hen and climbed down a beanstalk.

Previously he had crept out of an enormous house through an enormous cat flap.

Previously he had been hiding in an enormous shoe.

Previously he had climbed *up* the beanstalk.



Previously he had swapped his cow for some magic beans.

Previously his unhappy (not to say desperate) mother had sent him to market to sell the cow because the family were so poor.



Appener porter

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Previously he had been playing football with his little pals.

> Previously he had come tumbling down the high hill with his argumentative little sister ...