

Helping your children choose books they will love



Lovereading4kids.co.uk is a book website created for parents and children to make choosing books easy and fun

Opening extract from  
**The Bad Trousers**

Written by  
**Ros Asquith**

Illustrated by  
**Mairi Hedderwick**

Published by  
**Barrington Stoke Ltd**

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

Please print off and read at your leisure.



First published in 2014 in Great Britain by  
Barrington Stoke Ltd  
18 Walker Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7LP  
[www.barringtonstoke.co.uk](http://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk)

The character of Robbie was created by Mairi Hedderwick for *Reading 2000 Storytime* by Margaret Burnell, Sallie Harkness and Helen McLulich (Oliver and Boyd/Longman Ltd, 1994). Barrington Stoke gratefully acknowledges the origins of the illustrations and the character of Robbie.

Copyright © 2014 Ros Asquith  
Illustrations © 1993-1994 Mairi Hedderwick

The moral right of Ros Asquith and Mairi Hedderwick to be identified as the author and illustrator of this work has been asserted in accordance with the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act, 1988

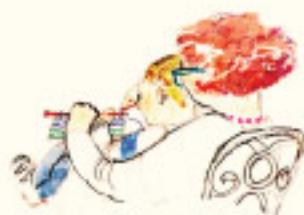
All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced in whole or in any part in any form without the written permission of the publisher

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

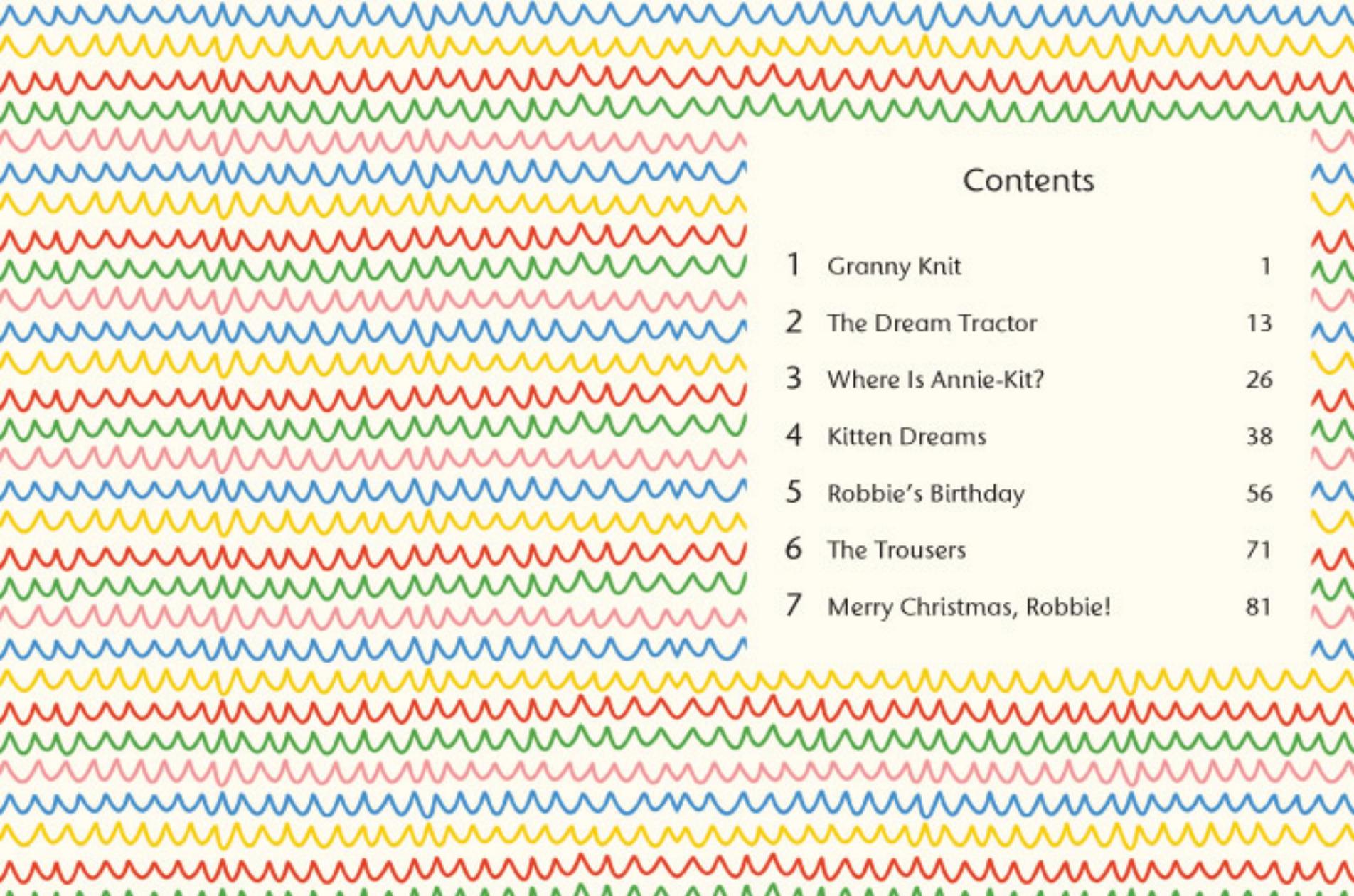
ISBN: 978-1-78112-428-4

Printed in China by Leo

This book has dyslexia friendly features



*To Babette, with love – R.A.  
For Robbie – M.H.*



## Contents

1	Granny Knit	1
2	The Dream Tractor	13
3	Where Is Annie-Kit?	26
4	Kitten Dreams	38
5	Robbie's Birthday	56
6	The Trousers	71
7	Merry Christmas, Robbie!	81



## Chapter 1

### Granny Knit

Robbie MacGregor lived in a tiny, windy, sunny village by the sea.

If you live in a big town, you may be surprised to know that there are whole villages, like Robbie's, that have just three shops, one school and one police station.

The police in Robbie's village spent most of their time playing tiddlywinks, because there were not many crimes to solve in the village. Robbie's mum said that this made the village a very charming place to live.



At one end of the village there was the Big House. It was so big that when Robbie was small he thought the king must live there. But there wasn't a king of the village and most people, like Robbie and his family, lived in cosy houses with stoves that burned peat. Peat, by the way, is a fuel – and not a funny spelling of Pete. It would not be charming to burn a person in the stove.

Robbie's family was his Granny Knit, his mum Effie, his dad Hector and a cat, Annie-Kit. Effie worked in the craft shop and Hector fished from dawn to dusk and then read the newspaper.

Robbie's granny was called Granny Knit because she liked to knit. She knitted egg cosies and hot water bottle covers and bed socks and blankets and pictures and even curtains.

