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Opening extract from

**Little Adventurers:  
Leafy the Pet Leaf**

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## ARDAGH & ELWICK

Award-winning author Philip Ardagh and author/illustrator Elissa Elwick teamed up as Ardagh & Elwick to create the Little Adventurers. Although Ardagh writes the final words and Elwick draws the final pictures, they work together on making up the stories and deciding what everyone gets up to on each page, which is far too much fun. Ardagh is very tall with a big bushy beard. Elwick isn't.



*To all those who've had  
a pet leaf, pebble, or Lego brick,  
for however short a time.*

*P.A.*

*To Mathilda, Tom  
and Sasha, for all our  
little adventures. xx*

*E.E.*

*The Little Adventurers series is dedicated to the memory of Sally Goldsworthy  
of The Discover Children's Story Centre, Stratford, East London.  
She was an inspiration to so many.*



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We're Little Adventurers, one and all.  
Not too little. Not too tall.



We meet each week, in our shed HQ,  
ready to share our fun with YOU.



A  
**little**  
**ADVENTURER**

**\* IS KIND TO ANIMALS \***

Even ones that don't do much  
like bored worms.

**\* HELPS OTHERS OUT \***

And not JUST for chocolate.

But we DO like chocolate AND we would share.

**\* IS BRAVE \***

Most of the time. Sometimes things can be scary,  
like things under the bed or getting soap in your eyes.

**\* IS HONEST AND TRUE \***

In all that we do,  
Hey, that rhymes!

**\* DOES HIS OR HER BEST \***

But gets help with shoelaces  
and hair washing.

**\* LOOKS AFTER THE PLANET \***

But not all at once.  
It's a very big place.

little  
**ADVENTURERS**

**LEAFY**  
the **PET LEAF**

**PHILIP ARDAGH**

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It's time for a little adventure! Hooray!  
Here are the Little Adventurers,  
heading to their shed HQ.

What are they up to today?



# IT'S BRING IN A PET DAY!

This is a chance for the Little Adventurers to show how much they know about their precious pets. And to award each other sticky stickers!

I know lots and LOTS!

I know this and that!



“I’ve bringed my puppy!”  
says Finnegan.

“Brought,” says Floss,  
tapping her bossy boot.

“Her name is Licky Dog,”  
says Finnegan.

“Why’s she called that  
then?” asks Peanut.



“That’s why,” says Finnegan.

“I’ve brought Pocket!”  
says Peanut.  
They go everywhere  
together because  
Pocket lives in  
Peanut’s pocket.

“And I brought  
Podge,” says  
Floss, giving  
her cat an  
extra-special  
squeeeeeeze.

“What pet have  
you brought,  
Sprat?” asks  
Finnegan.



“Shadow,” says Sprat  
proudly, looking around  
for his little black cat.



Hmmmm.  
Where IS Shadow?  
She's not here.



She's not there.

Sprat can't see Shadow  
ANYWHERE.



Shadow!  
Shaaaaaaa-dow!