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*to the unstoppable Hannah Whitty*  
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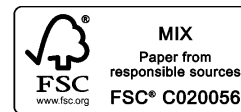
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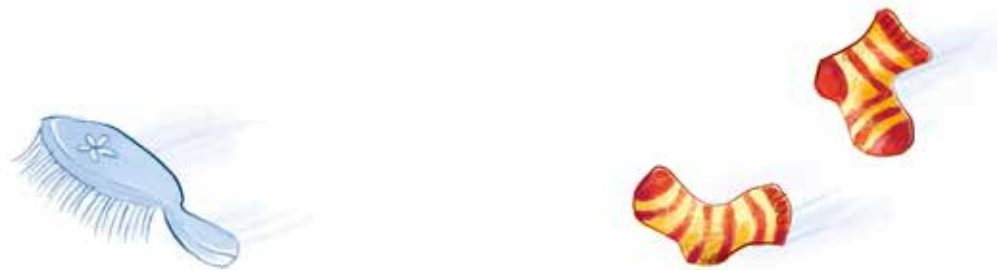
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# The VERY BEST HUG



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Have you ever wondered who gives the **BEST** hug?  
The kind that's warm and cosy and snug?  
Extra squeezey, but never too tight,  
The kind that fits you completely right?

Well, let's find out.  
I wonder,  
have you tried . . .



A Bear Hug?



Or a  
Koala Cuddle?



How about . . .

a Seahorse  
Smooch?



Or a  
**Hippo Huddle?**

Not quite sure about those?  
Ah, you think the bubbles  
might get up your nose?

And hippos are quite heavy  
I suppose . . .



Well then, how about . . .

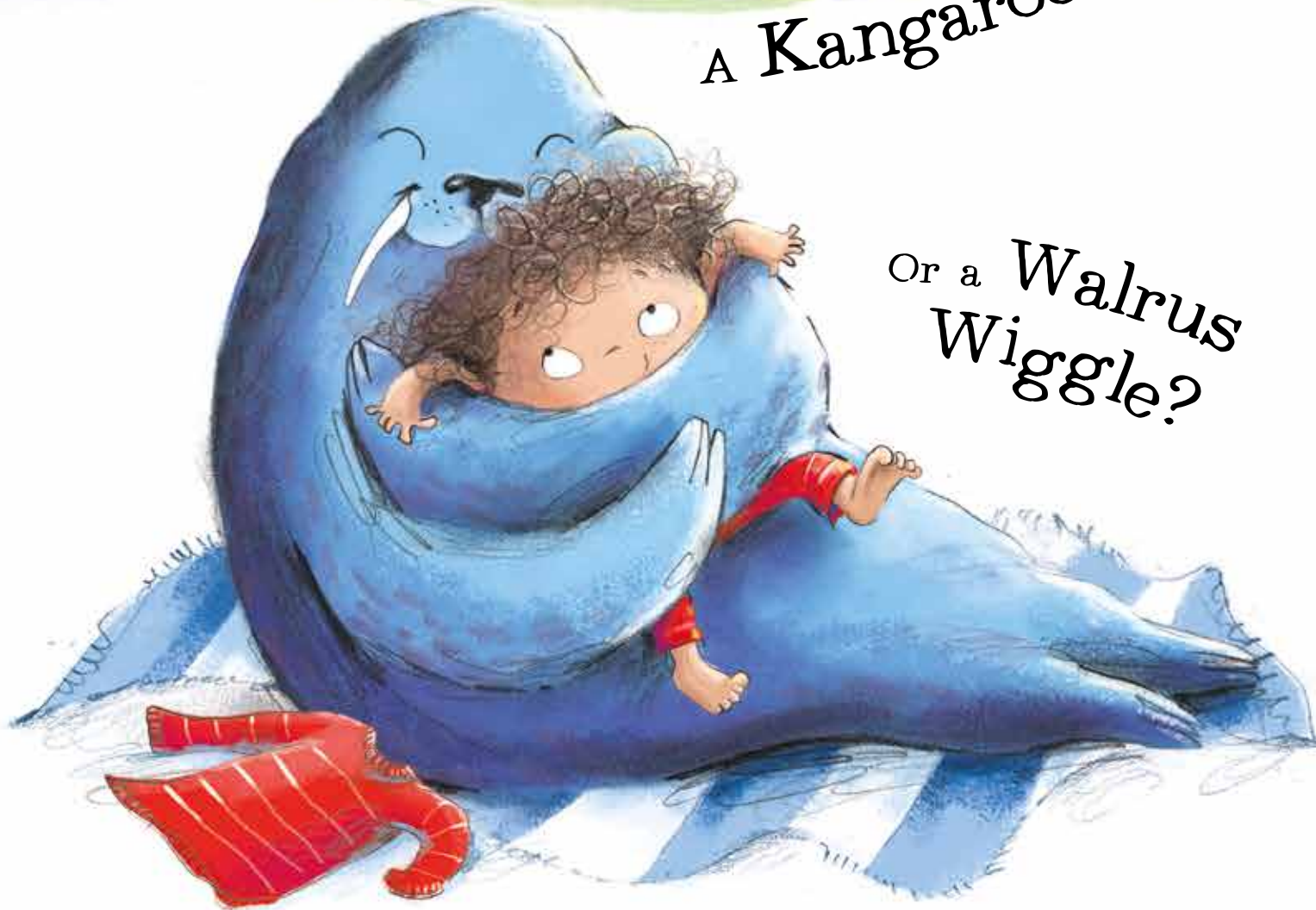


A Kangaroo Kiss?

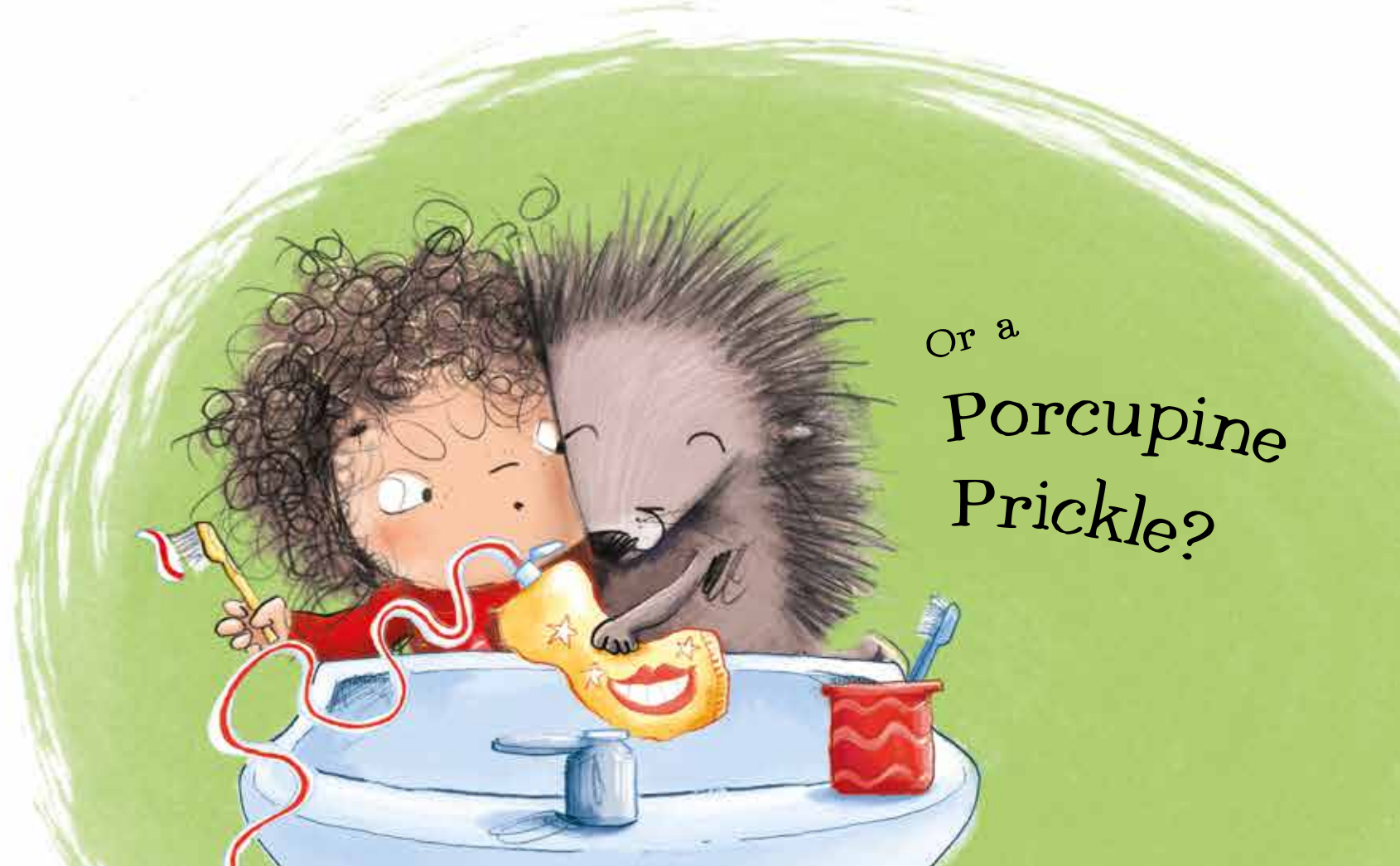
A Penguin Peck?



Or a Walrus Wiggle?



Or a Porcupine Prickle?





I SEE . . .

You're right, there's not  
much room in that pouch.

And those beaks and spikes  
are quite an OUCH!

(And that walrus does  
look a bit of a grouch.)

But no problem, look . . .