

To my sister Maureen who loves to create rhymes. S. M. B.

> To my niece and book lover Evie. M.B.

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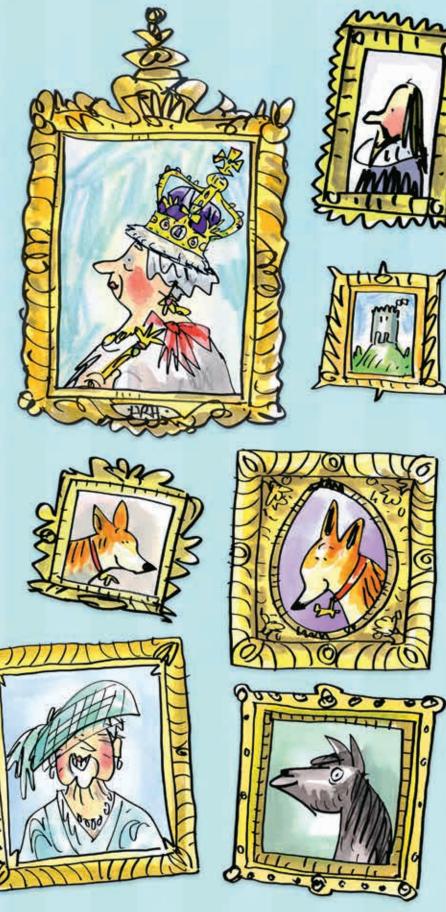
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WELBECK FLAME The King put on his heavy crown. It felt so hot and tight. His dear Mama had worn it well, On her it looked just right.





His wife said, 'Do not worry, dear, I know your job is new, but go and find your Happy Place and work out what to do.'





Said Tom, 'Sit here upon this chair, we'll have a little chat. Remember kings do many things and wear all kinds of hat.'

