For James, who has always believed in me. N.J. For my daughter Tate—a proud dyslexic. R.A.



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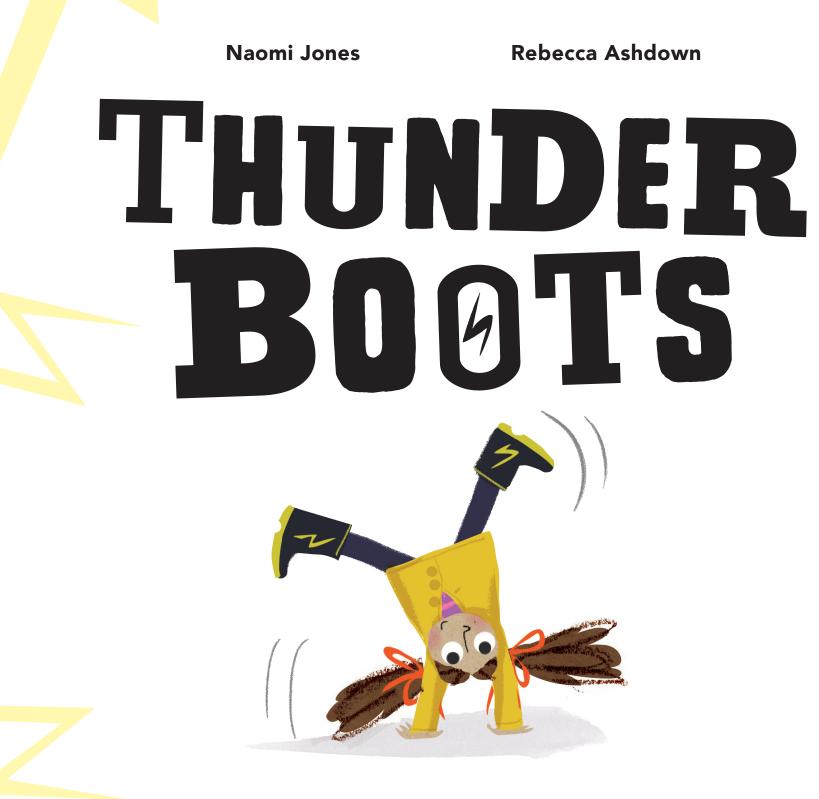
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She loved to run and jump up the stairs . . .

cartwheel down the corridors . . .

Ach Pale

Thump!

and dance into her flat.

'Wheee!'



Everyone in Primrose Tower knew when Trixie was home. They even had a special name for her—Thunderboots. One day Trixie was big enough to start school.

She ran out of her flat and jumped down the stairs.





Trixie loved school.

She loved her teacher, Miss Fry, and her new friends. She loved playing in the playground . . .



and eating lunch in the hall.

'Has anyone seen my water bottle?'

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