

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 Dragon with a Big Nose

Written by
Kathy Hendersen

Published by
Frances Lincoln Children's Books

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

Please print off and read at your leisure.





For and from my family with love.

JANETTA OTTER-BARRY BOOKS

Text and illustrations copyright © Kathy Henderson 2013
The right of Kathy Henderson to be identified as the author and illustrator of this work has been asserted by her in accordance with the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act, 1988 (United Kingdom).

First published in Great Britain in 2013 by
Frances Lincoln Children's Books,
74-77 White Lion Street, London N1 9PF
www.franceslincoln.com

All rights reserved

No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form, or by any means, electrical, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise without the prior written permission of the publisher or a licence permitting restricted copying. In the United Kingdom such licences are issued by the Copyright Licensing Agency, Saffron House, 6-10 Kirby Street, London EC1N 8TS.

A catalogue record for this book is available from the British Library.

ISBN 978-1-84780-365-8

Set in Sabon

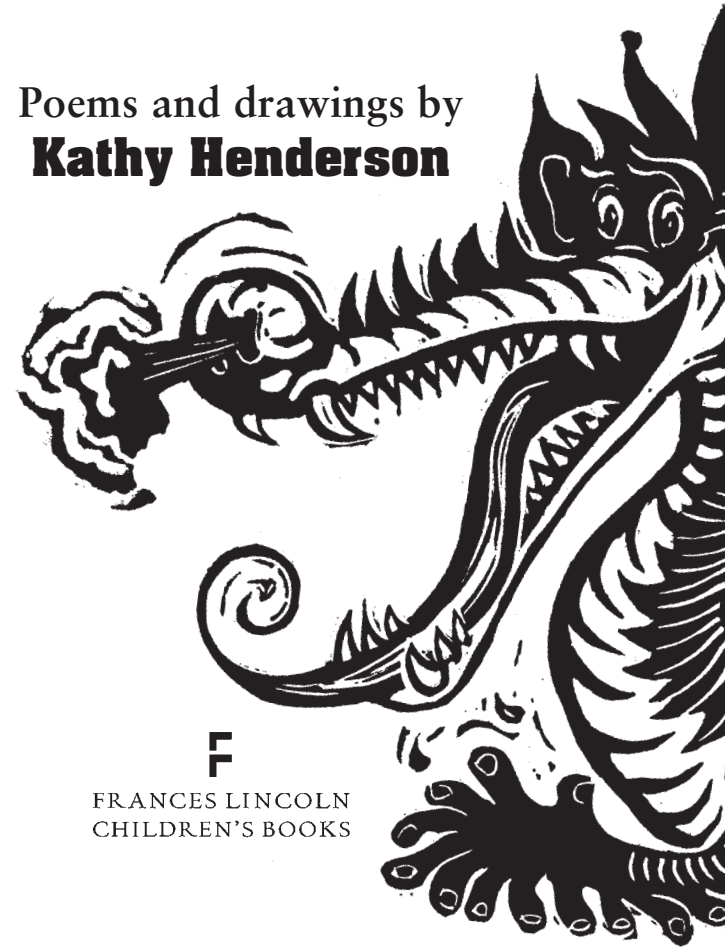
Printed in the UK

1 3 5 7 9 8 6 4 2



THE DRAGON WITH A BIG NOSE

Poems and drawings by
Kathy Henderson



F
FRANCES LINCOLN
CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Today I read a bus stop

Today I read a bus stop
and then I read a van,
a poster and three carrier bags,
some shop signs and a man
who had a crazy T-shirt on.

I'd already read the cereal box,
a mug, and the jam label
and the headlines of the paper
that was lying on the table.

I read some writing in the sky,
I even read the road,

a tree, a sign stuck in the grass,
some number plates that whistled past,

a bag of crisps, a birthday card,
(it had my name on it so that was easy).⁸



AMAZING

I was reading a text message
when I should have read the door
so then I pushed instead of pulled
and dropped my mobile on the floor.

Then I started on this poem
and went out for another look

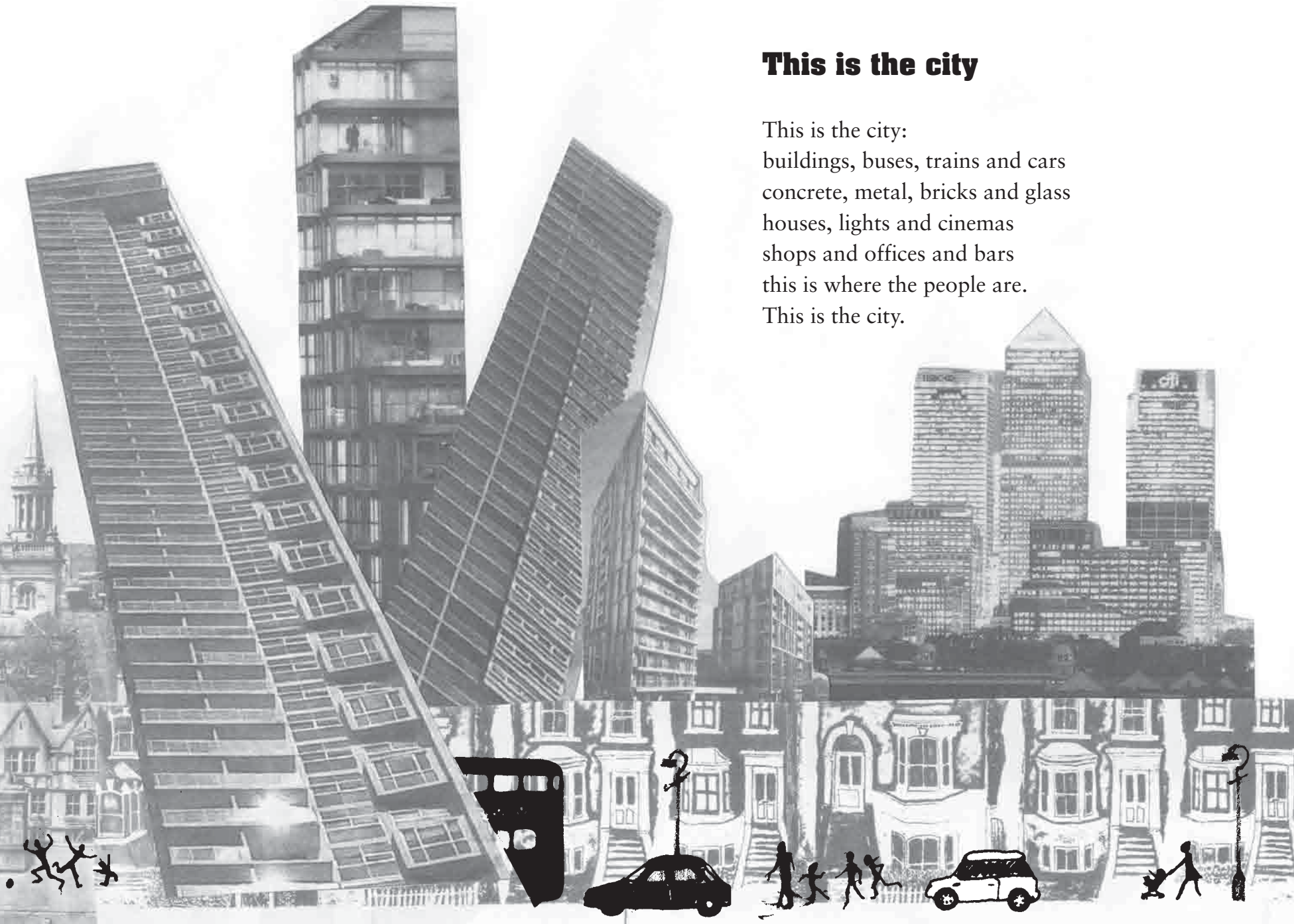
because

reading is amazing
and all the world's a book.



This is the city

This is the city:
buildings, buses, trains and cars
concrete, metal, bricks and glass
houses, lights and cinemas
shops and offices and bars
this is where the people are.
This is the city.





The dragon with a big nose

The dragon with a big nose
and twelve toes
on each foot,
eats flies
and mince pies

and sometimes,
when he's very bad,
whole towns
upside down,

streets and houses,
shops and churches,
schools and factories,
undergrounds,

swallows them all
quite whole
and spits out the glass
fast

treading very carefully
somewhere else
going away.

No one's ever seen him coming.
They can't see him leave.
No one's ever seen him anyway

... except me.

