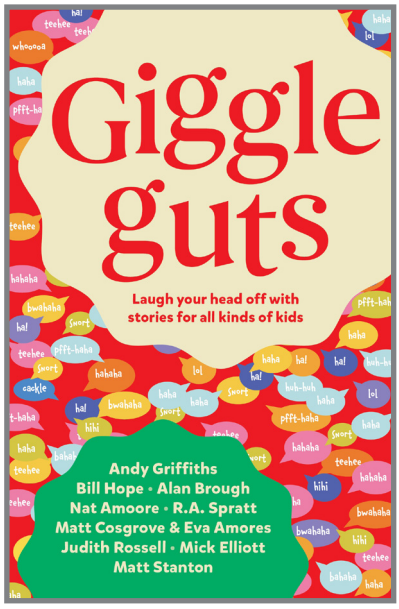
Giggle Guts



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SYNOPSIS

Do you like to giggle? If you answered YES, then this is the book for you. If you answered NO, then this is the book for you. It has been scientifically proven that giggling makes you feel great.

QUESTIONS

The Big Brain Blockage by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton

- Where do Andy and Jill travel to help Terry? How are they able to help him solve his problem?
- What song does Andy sing to get Terry to sleep, and why does Jill think singing a boring song will help?
- What are some of the things this journey teaches us about creativity and overcoming a creative block?

The Genie, the Wish and the Art Cupboard by Judith Rossell

- How is Ms Adamite described at the beginning of the story, and why were the students scared of her? Do you understand more about why this character might be the way she is at the end of the story?
- Describe the art cupboard outside the classroom. Why was Jess sent there, and what made it feel dark and mysterious?
- What lesson about wishes does Ms Adamite learn after making a wish when she was five years old?
- What unselfish wish does Jess end up making, and how does it bring a happy ending for both Ms Adamite and the genie – and also for Jess herself?
- If you had the chance to make three wishes, what would they be?

My Brother's Gone Bananas by Eva Amores & Matt Cosgrove

- Who is Shirley Stropsworth, and why does she decide to swap her little brother Sherman for a baby orangutan at the zoo?
- Shirley calls the zoo 'The Quoo'. Why does she give it that name?
- Shirley shares her personal rule book with rules like: 'RULE 1. DENY. DENY. DENY.' How do the authors use capital letters, exclamation marks and captions to make Shirley sound funny and dramatic?
- How does Shirley create a diversion at the zoo to coax the baby orangutan out, and why does she think 'Sherman 2' is actually an upgrade on her real brother?

The Martian Encounter by R.A. Spratt

- Where do Amy and James build their low-speed spacecraft, and where do they end up crash-landing? Why is this a

surprise?
- How does the story explore the theme of feeling like an outsider or being teased, both on Mars and on Earth?
- What are some of the ways Amy plans to travel through space, and what do these ideas show us about her personality and the way she thinks?

Rock, Paper, Scissors by Bill Hope
- How does the author reinvent the traditional game of 'Scissors, Paper, Rock' using funny action words and unusual combinations of nouns?
- What are your favourite unexpected items that battle each other in this story's versions of the game?
- How do the drawings help tell the story without needing many words?
- If you could invent a version of this game, which three new items would you choose, and why?

You'd Lose Your Head If It Wasn't Screwed On by Nat Amoore
- What turns out to be the real reason some of Eli's things – including his shoes, homework, and head – keep disappearing?
- How does Eli's dad support him when his head goes missing, and what does this show about family and teamwork?
- Eli says that mornings at his house were 'always a two-person tornado'. What does this phrase mean, and what funny things happen while Eli and his dad try to get ready?

Things I Really Hate by Alan Brough
- Where does the secret entrance in the brick wall lead Charlie and Hils, and what happens inside that underground space?
- Charlie lists 19 items he dislikes. How does this list help tell this story? Why do you think Charlie hates ending the list on an uneven number?
- What are some of the ways Charlie's friend Hils acts like she is in the army, and how does her military-style thinking help them rescue Charlie's dog, Kevin?
- If you wrote a list of things you really hate, what would you put on it? What about a list of things you really love?

Odelia Purl in Meet the Teacher by Mick Elliott
- What kind of person is Odelia Purl? How do her actions contradict some of the stereotypes people have about ogres?
- The school motto is 'OBEDIENCE EQUALS EXCELLENCE'. How does Odelia show that being caring and gentle is more important than just following strict rules?
- Odelia loves writing haiku poems, such as:

  Ruby red maroon
  Terracotta and scarlet
  Ripe tomato face
  - What descriptive words does Odelia use here, and what is she describing?
  - Write your own haiku about an aspect of this story.
- What silly misunderstanding makes Principal Nibley-Clapham faint, and how does the story reveal that Mr Thorpingcroft is actually safe and sound?

Mouse! by Matt Stanton
- Why is Mr Collins so terrified of mice, and what embarrassing secret is he trying to hide on his head?
- The author uses funny comparisons, like saying Mr Collins jumped in the air 'like a cat that's seen a cucumber'. How does this humorous language help paint a picture in your mind?
- Why does Olive Parsons think she will get away with a prank against her teacher? How does the prank spiral out of control when a real mouse actually appears in the classroom?

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