

# Me and my teddy bear...

**I think that everybody has a cuddly best friend who goes everywhere with them. For a lot of people that friend is a teddy bear, and these bears sometimes have very special names. In my house the bears are called Freddy, Teddy, Jolly Teddy and Snowflake. My bear, Teddy, is older now, like me, and he is bald in patches where his fur is falling out, (not like me!) he also has a musical box in his tummy but it doesn't work anymore, a bit like *THREADBEAR*.**

Lots of books have stories about bears, and some have become famous like Winnie-the-Pooh and Paddington, others are just as interesting but not quite so well known.

At Calibre we have lots of books about bears that you can listen to and here are some of them.

**15576 THE BEAR NOBODY WANTED**

**MP3**

**by Janet & Allan Ahlberg**

A tale of a teddy bear in search of an owner - someone who will make him feel wanted.

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Key stage 1

**15390 A BEAR CALLED PADDINGTON**

**MP3 by Michael Bond**

The Brown family meet a small brown bear on Paddington Station and decide to take him home with them. The Browns soon discover that life with their little friend is going to be very unusual indeed!

DY Key stage 1

**16079 MORE ABOUT PADDINGTON**

**MP3 by Michael Bond**

Further adventures of Paddington Bear and the Browns.

DY Key stage 1

**16321 PADDINGTON AT THE CIRCUS**

**by Michael Bond**

When the circus comes to town Paddington and the Browns get front row seats. Paddington sees a man dangling from a rope by his ankles and rushes to help. The result is a circus turned upside down and a daring young bear is the star of the show.

Key stage 1

**15048 PADDINGTON ABROAD**

**MP3 by Michael Bond**

Further adventures of Paddington, the marmalade-eating bear from Peru.

DY Key stage 1

**15998 PADDINGTON AT LARGE**

**MP3 by Michael Bond**

In this collection of stories, Paddington turns his paw to toffee making, appears on a television quiz show and does a spot of Christmas shopping.

DY Key stage 1

**15565 THE RICHARD BRIERS COLLECTION MP3**

**chosen by Richard Briers**

A collection of short children's stories which contains Dick Whittington, Aladdin, Jack and the Beanstalk, Beauty and the Beast, The Old Woman in the Shoe, Snow White, Robin Hood and Silver Arrow, Robin Hood and Wrestling, King Arthur and The Teddy Bears Picnic.

DY Key stage 1

**15576 THE BEAR WHO STOOD ON HIS HEAD**

**by W J Corbett**

Wherever Ben the Bear goes disaster follows - story of humour for children.

Key stage 2

**16294 THE LAST POLAR BEARS**

**by Harry Horse**

On a hunt for the last polar bears Grandfather and Roo, a dog of character and strong views, go to the North Pole. The story of their adventures is told in a series of extraordinary letters.

Key stage 1

**15641 THREADBEAR**

**MP3**

**by Michael Inkpen**

There is one thing wrong with Threadbear. In his tummy is a squeaker that has never squeaked. This story is on the same tape as 'Knickerless Nicola'.

DY Key stage 1

**16277 THE JUNGLE BOOK 1**

**MP3**

**by Rudyard Kipling**

Introducing Mowgli, a young boy brought up in the jungle by a family of wolves. Meet his friends, the panther, Bagheera and the bear, Baloo, as well as his enemy, the proud tiger, Shere Khan.

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Key stages 1 & 2

**15716 RESCUE JOSH McGUIRE**

**by Ben Mikaelson**

A young boy's fight to save a bear cub challenges the authorities to change the hunting laws.

Key stages 2 & 3

**5069 THE WORLD OF POOH**

**MP3**

**by A A Milne**

This contains two books, Winnie the Pooh and the House at Pooh Corner. The adventures of Winnie the Pooh and his friends Piglet, Eeyore, Kanga, Roo and Christopher Robin.

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Key stages 1 & 2

**16194 BARRY'S BEAR**

**by Bob Wilson**

Barry Barsby and the other children of Pump Street Primary School are on a school trip when Barry meets a large brown bear at the nature reserve!

Key stages 1 & 2

I hope that you will enjoy reading some of these books and if you don't really like bears we have lots more stories about animals. So if you prefer cats, dogs, mice, guinea-pigs, pigs,

foxes, elephants, giraffes or even crocodiles just ask because we will have a book for you to enjoy.

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