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# Wibberley Wobberley Worries

Featuring Magical Maisie

Part of the Magical Maisie Collection



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Thanks to

Ann, Debra and Cheryl  
for the continued support  
in everything I do.

To parents, teachers, relatives and friends

Communicating with children about big emotions can be difficult. A child's developing brain is imaginative, creative and beautiful. They communicate through play and metaphor rather than the verbal language of adults.

This book discusses the issue of difference through the story of Chalky the Chihuahua, who realises as he grows up that he is much smaller than all his friends. This sees him plummet into sadness and isolation as he questions his use, strengths and whether he has a superpower.

It explores themes of friendship, loneliness, isolation, sadness, hopelessness and helplessness, whilst Magical Maisie and Chalky's friends help him discover his strengths and superpower through story.

Some children can appear fixated on a story and want it read over and over. Bear with them, they are strongly identifying with an aspect of the story and are processing this difficulty through repetition.









## Magical Maisie

Magical Maisie is a sensitive little dog with secret superpowers. She seems to be able to read minds and knows how to help people. She is always listening out to calls from those in need, so she can be there to support them.

Maisie's big ears help her to listen in a very special way. She is patient and calm, giving those that need her the time to talk without feeling rushed. Maisie is so patient, she can sit for hours waiting for the cause to come to the surface and for pesky emotions to pass.

Maisie's magical powers don't stop there, she is cuddly, super playful and is always able to cheer everyone up and make them smile. When Maisie listens, people feel warm, fuzzy and safe.

Whatever is happening, however people feel, Maisie is always there wagging her tail, wanting to help.



Chalky the Chihuahua was a very happy puppy who loved spending time with his friends, playing in the park. Every morning, he would wake up early, wagging his tail excitedly, waiting for his day to begin.



Alex



Chalky



Teddy



Coco

He would jump out of bed and run to the backdoor to bark at his friends, and let them know he was there.



Despite being small, Chalky felt like a strong and powerful dog with a bark like the roar of a lion. Chalky and his friends would run around the park for hours, chasing each other, or a ball, having so much fun.



Sam

DaiSy

Dolly

Woody





As Chalky grew up he started to realise how different he was from the other dogs.

Chalky noticed that Alex the Alsatian was gigantic. Chalky could walk under him and Alex didn't even realise!

Teddy the Terrier was so fast, whenever they played fetch Teddy always got the ball first.



Sam the Sausage Dog was so long. He could get over a log all by himself.