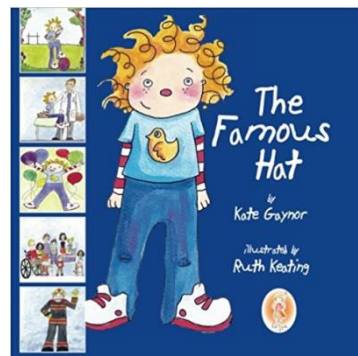


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Hub Book 28

The Famous Hat - Kate Gaynor

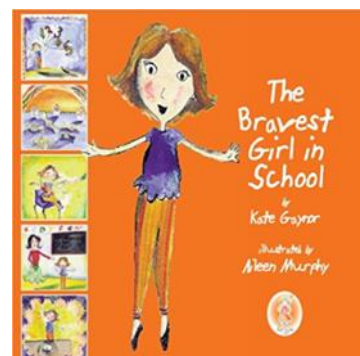
This book has been designed to help children with leukaemia (or other forms of cancer) to prepare for treatment, namely chemotherapy, and a stay in hospital. Treatment for childhood cancer can be very difficult to cope with, especially for very young children. The lengthy stay in hospital, having to contend with drips, tubes and injections is difficult enough without the possibility of hair loss for children to face. However, this book helps children to see the experience of a child that they can easily relate to. Harry not only enjoys his stay in hospital and makes new friends, but he also overcomes any fears of losing his hair. Most importantly, the book shows children that this experience is only temporary; it is not a permanent part of their lives. It assures them that there will be a time where their hair will start to grow back and they will eventually leave the hospital and return home. The book also gives parents an opportunity to discuss the visit to hospital and the treatment with their child by comparing their experience to Harry.



Hub Book 20

The Bravest Girl in School - Kate Gaynor

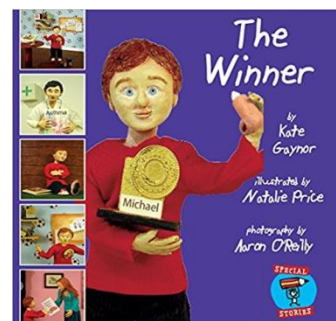
It is a story about Diabetes and taking insulin for young kids. Although parents are of course primarily responsible for the care of their child's diabetes, it is important that the children themselves are aware that they too must take some responsibility. This book encourages children to follow the instructions given to them by their doctors and parents, to eat healthily, and to see their insulin injections as something brave that they do, that other children cannot! Instead of viewing diabetes and their daily injections as something negative, the story encourages them to think of it as something that sets them apart from their peers in a positive way!



Hub Book 19

The Winner - Kate Gaynor

This book has been designed to help explain Asthma and its effects to young children. By reading this story with your child, he/she can see the positive experience of a fellow asthma sufferer. It firstly reassures them that they are not the only child dealing with Asthma and that many other children just like them are going through the same things that they are. It is important that they understand the importance of taking their inhaler regularly and that by doing so, they can take part in the same activities as all of their classmates and friends. The story introduces the idea that taking an inhaler on a daily basis can lead to instant, positive results.



Hub Book 12

Emmy's Eczema - Jack Hughes

Emmy has eczema. She knows she shouldn't scratch. But sometimes she's so itchy, she just can't help it. One day, she scratches so much she makes her skin really sore.

Find out how her friends make her feel better. This gentle story helps children to understand what it is like to have eczema, and how you can be a better friend to someone who has it by being kind and helpful.

