

Here is the example I asked Richard to write.

Name of the book.: The Little Horse Bus

The author.: Graham Greene

When it was published: 1952

How old were you when you first heard or read the book: 3

A brief summary of the book: The book is about a Horse Bus which was used to deliver groceries from a small grocer shop run by a Mr Potter. He is an old-fashioned man who knows each of his customers by name and chats to them. He also always has a lollipop to give to children. Then a new supermarket opens opposite and customers leave. The new supermarket has a shining hansom cab to deliver customer's orders. Mr Potter has to let his assistants go and thinks he might have to close his shop. Then he finds an old horse bus in a shed and thinks if he can use this to do deliveries maybe he could keep going. The plan doesn't work. One day some thieves steal from the new supermarket and the horse bus travels through the night to find the thieves. Mr Potter is then given a large reward and customers come back to his shop, partly to see the horse bus and the pony who pulls it. Eventually the big supermarket is forced to close down and Mr Potter's shop becomes so busy and he is very happy.

Why you liked it: 67 years is a long time to remember but I think I liked the way that the nice little man who ran his shop and knew all his customers and gave kids lollipops finally won against the big supermarket which knew no one and gave no lollipops. I liked the way he didn't give up and also the way that the pony and the little horse bus didn't give up either. The pictures were also very good at adding to the story and I remember telling people to let me see the pictures while they read me the story. Eventually I knew the story by heart. One time my cousin, who was 8 years older than I was, read it to me and I was able to tell her she got it wrong when she read that the rain blew and the wind fell. Sorry cousin.