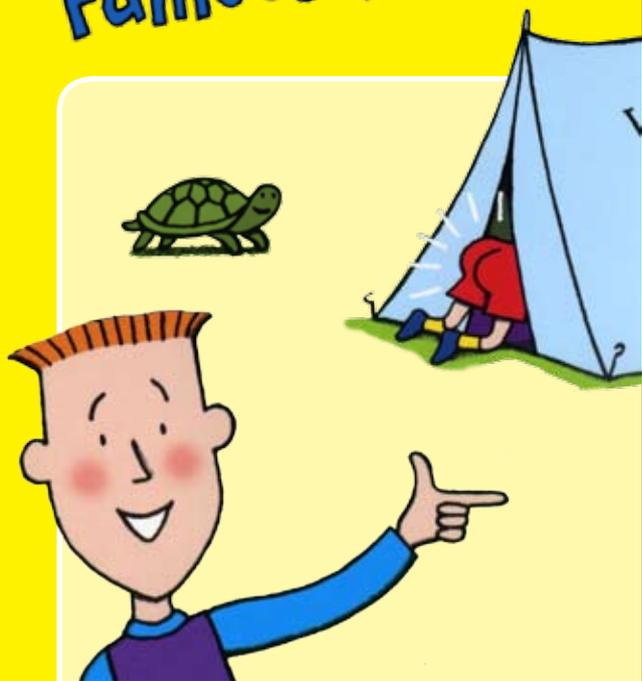


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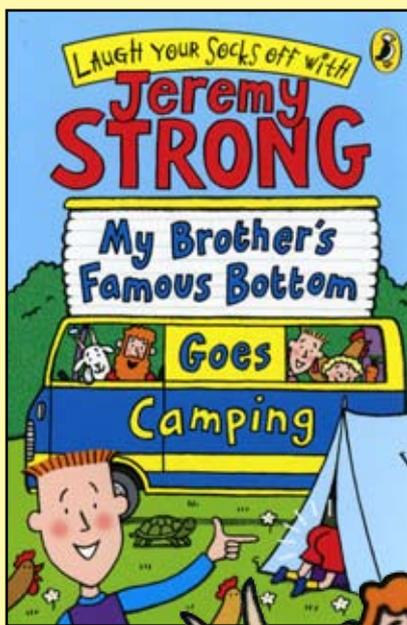
“Jeremy Strong’s comic tale...crackles with good humour and invention” Tes



My Brother's Famous Bottom



Price	£4.99/€6.90
Case	Read Alone
Author	Jeremy Strong
Illustrator	Nick Sharratt
Publisher	Puffin



Using this book in your classroom

Quick summary

A hilarious story about Nicholas and his family – his dad who is fizzing with daft ideas and jokes, his slightly more sensible mum, and his little brother and sister Cheese and Tomato. Nothing is ever ordinary with Nicholas's family around, and you can bet that when they go on holiday, there will be plenty of excitement! Going camping sounds like a great idea – but possibly not when you end up taking a goat, five chickens, a tortoise and a carrot called Cecily Sprout ... Unsurprisingly, after a day of complete chaos (not all of which is their fault), they are asked to leave the campsite. But when they get home, they find that all their animals come in surprisingly useful when it comes to helping their neighbour, Mr Tugg, defeat a burglar ...

Story themes

This warm and funny story looks at **family relationships**, and also sheds some interesting light on **ways of dealing with conflict**.

The story session

1. Introducing the story

Show the book cover to the children, and read the blurb aloud. Have the children read any of the other stories about Nicholas and his family? (It doesn't matter if they haven't.) Share their expectations about the kind of story this will be.

2. Reading the story

- Read Chapter 1 to the children (pages 1-9). Talk about Nicholas's family, and see if the children can think of a sentence to describe each of them. Ask: "Which part of this chapter do you think was funniest? Why?"
- Read Chapter 2 (pages 10-21). What do the children think Dad might be going to do next? Share their ideas.

3. Follow-up

- Ask the children what they think might happen to Nicholas and his family on a camping trip. What kinds of adventures might they have? What might go wrong? Draw up a list of predictions about what their camping holiday might be like.
- As individuals or small groups, encourage the children to read the rest of the book. Then come back together as a whole group to look at the children's initial predictions. Were they right?

Did You Know?

- Jeremy Strong's funny books have won many prizes, and he spends a lot of his time visiting schools and inspiring children to write.
- Jeremy's website, www.jeremystrong.co.uk has lots of information, activities and ideas to get children writing – including intriguing story-starters for children to finish.



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