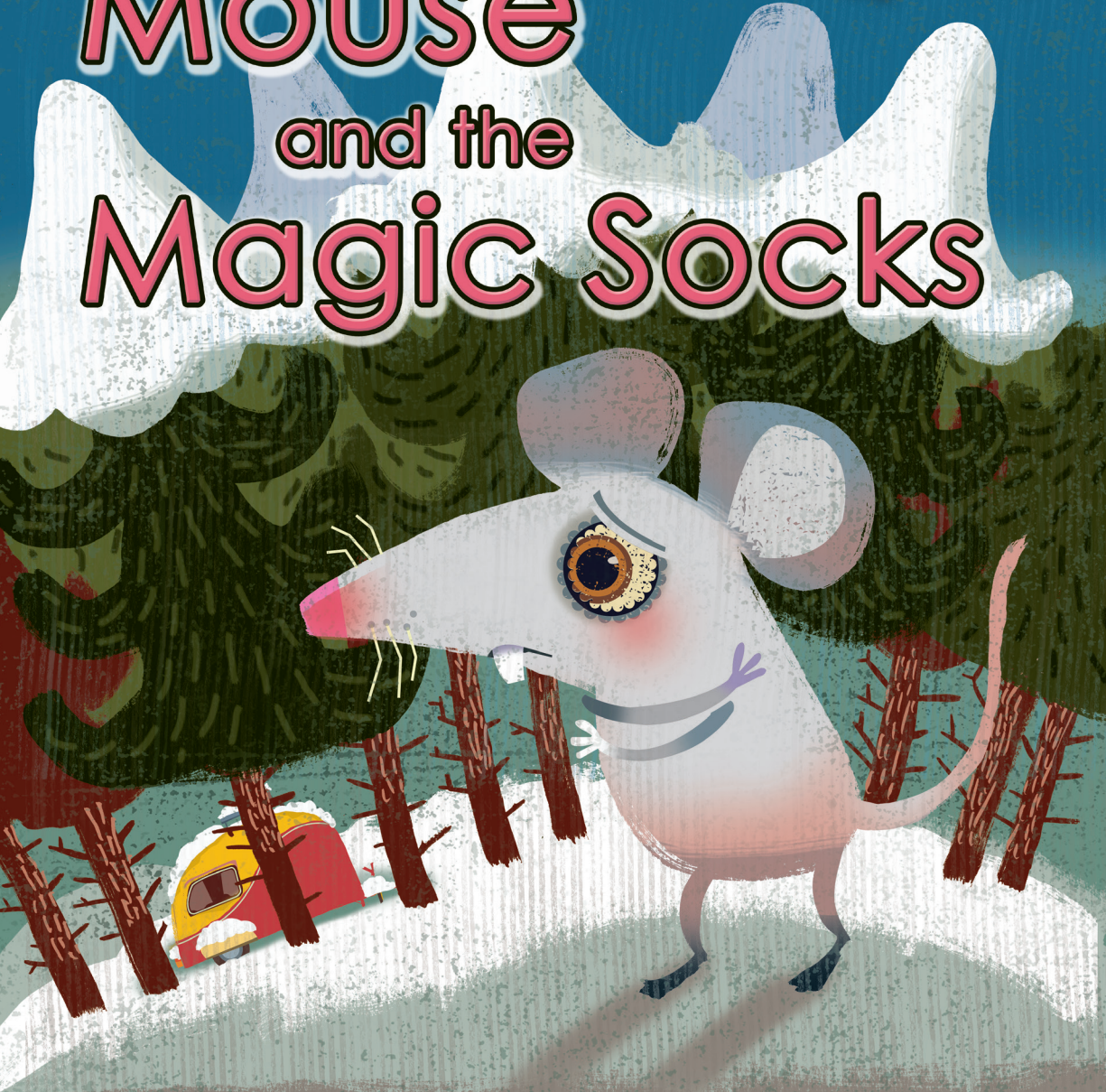


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“I’m lost, I’m lost,” says the sad mouse in the snowy forest.

At last he comes to a door. He opens it and squeezes inside.



Wrapped up in blankets, in a nest of dry leaves, is a big bear, fast asleep under a fat duvet. He wears bright stripey socks and snores very loudly.

The bear is toasty and warm to snuggle up to, and Mouse curls up in the fur on his chest, and goes up and down with the bear’s breathing.

After a while, Mouse gets hungry.

“I’m hungry,” says Mouse.

He nibbles the blankets, but they taste horrid.

He tries the dry leaves, but they are sharp and nasty.

He tastes a red stripe on the bear’s socks.

“Yum,” says Mouse. “Tasty socks.”

“Grrrr,” says the bear, without opening his eyes.

“Eeek,” says Mouse.



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Much, much later, Mouse and Bear are both sticky and funny and full up with honey.

Slowly they go back to the bear's home.

Bear gets under his duvet and blankets. Full of honey, he falls fast asleep.

Mouse curls up in the fur on Bear's chest, and falls fast asleep too.

Both Bear and Mouse are dreaming happily of honey.

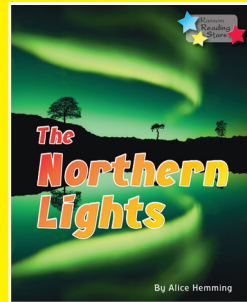
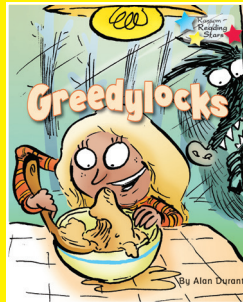
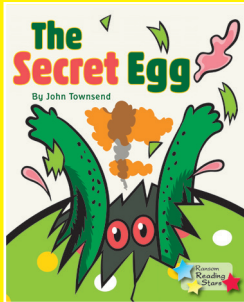
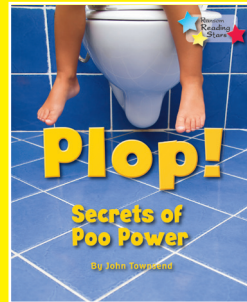
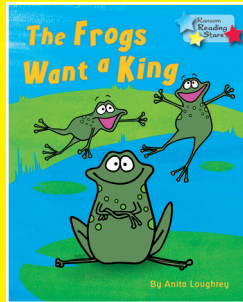
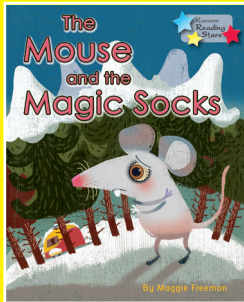


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