

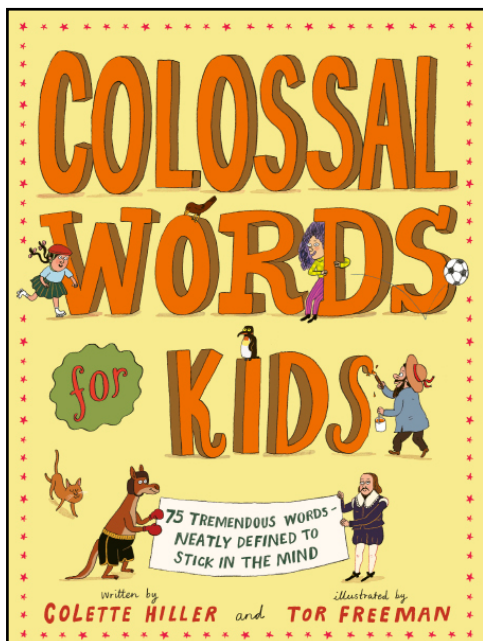
PRESS RELEASE

'A Riveting and Scintillating book [...] I have a new Zest for words & language'

David Litchfield, creator of global best-seller *The Bear and the Piano*



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COLOSSAL WORDS FOR KIDS

75 vocabulary-boosting words defined in rhyme to stick in the mind!

With reading for pleasure at record lows ([NLT 2023](#)) This book is the answer.

From creator of critically acclaimed *The B on your Thumb* Colette Hiller | illus. by Tor Freeman

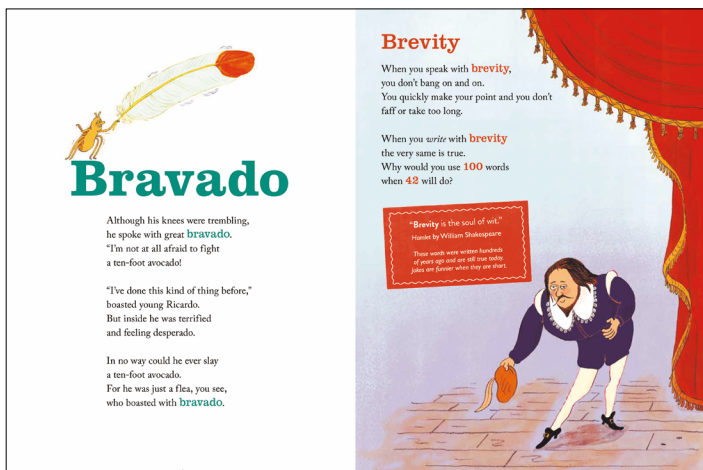
From acrimonious to voracious, non sequitur to soporific – each big word is defined by way of a rhyme.

09 May 2024 | 7-12 | 64pp
PB | £9.99 | 9780711278738
Ebook: 9780711278738
Colette Hiller | Tor Freeman

A book designed to bring-out the fun in language and learning! This lively, humorous book introduces 7-12 year olds to truly colossal words. But these are no ordinary definitions but rather poems! This helps the meaning stick in the mind. Plus it's entertaining! The words in this collection aren't just big, but practical words that kids will relish using. Who wants to say second to last, when you could say **penultimate**!

'The B on Your Thumb'
A highly praised intro to spelling & grammar

- 'Will bear up under repeated childhood readings' *The Wall Street Journal*
- 'Clever, engaging, educational and fun'
Craig Smith, creator of *The Wonky Donkey*

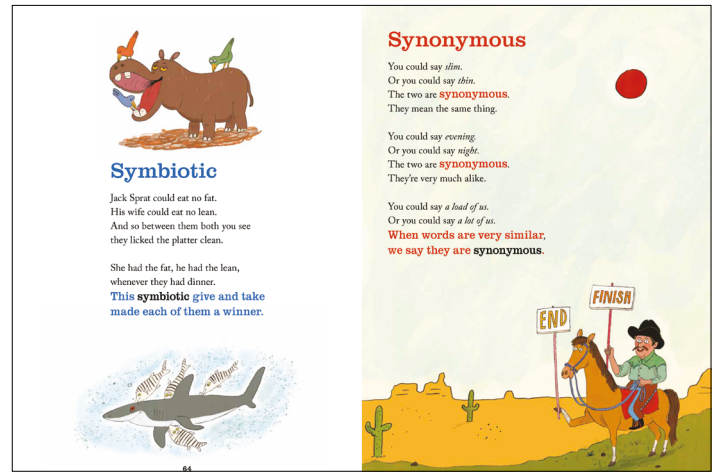


Illustrated by award-winning Tor Freeman – the vibrant images are packed with funny detail, adding visual clarity to each definition.

The pages are peppered with relevant quotes and curious notes, gently introducing the likes of Walt Whitman, Dickens and Booker T Washington.

What makes this SO brilliant in helping children learn new words?

- **Effective:** When a word's defined in rhyme, the meaning is clear and it sticks in the mind
- **Visual clarity:** witty illustrations reinforce meanings
- **Promotes active learning:** The meanings aren't just told to you, instead they each unfold, revealing themselves in surprising ways.
- **A bit irresistible:** kids won't need persuading to read these
- **Written to speak aloud:** Which in turn, boosts memory.
- **A ready to use collection:** Read a rhyme once and you're ready to use the word.



HARRIED
Harry is late
He's off to get married
Harry is hurried
And worried
He's HARRIED!

About Colette Hiller:

Colette is an arts producer and children's writer. Her city wide cultural projects (like London Street Pianos and Talking Statues) have been produced across the world. Her children's LP Applehead has sold over 50,000 copies. Her first book, *The B on your Thumb* (Quarto) was critically received with good sales on both sides of the Atlantic.

About Tor Freeman:

Tor Freeman is a London-based illustrator. In 2012 she was awarded the Sendak Fellowship. In 2017 she won the Guardian Graphic Short Story Prize. Her books include the Digby Dog and Olive series.



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