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# Spikey and the Caterpillar Sausage Cat

By [Tereza Hepburn](#) (author), [Mike Phillips](#) (illustrator)

**"Set in Regent's Park, this interactive animal adventure story explores themes of friendship, teamwork and kindness."**

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With each page peppered with two sets of questions that respectively invite younger and older readers to engage with the story and discuss wider topics, Tereza Hepburn's *Spikey and the Caterpillar Sausage Cat* presents an action-packed story that lends itself perfectly to sharing and reading together. In addition, Mike Phillips' softly vibrant illustrations add charm.

As for the story, this is a follow-up to *Spikey*, a hedgehog who regards his Regent's Park home as the "whole wide world." Though very small, with one back leg shorter and weaker than the other, Spikey "has a very big heart", and therein lies the heart of this story, and the wider series — kindness.

This second adventure sees Spikey encounter different animals, often overcoming initial weariness and misunderstandings to form friendships. Then comes drama and peril in the form of a cat, and humour too, when Spikey and Dave the gigantic worm wonder whether it might actually be a "caterpillar sausage cat". Above all, though, there's a sense of pulling together to do the right thing for your friends.

With a share-able story, and each page enlivened by illustrations and discussion questions, this smart hardback also has gift-appeal.

***Spikey and the Caterpillar Sausage Cat* is available to buy at [www.thelittlehedgehog.com](http://www.thelittlehedgehog.com)**

Joanne Owen

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