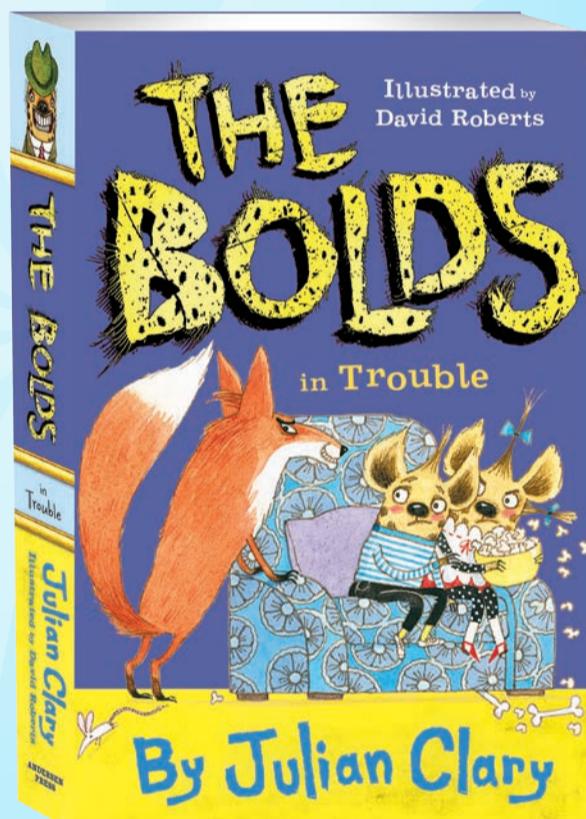
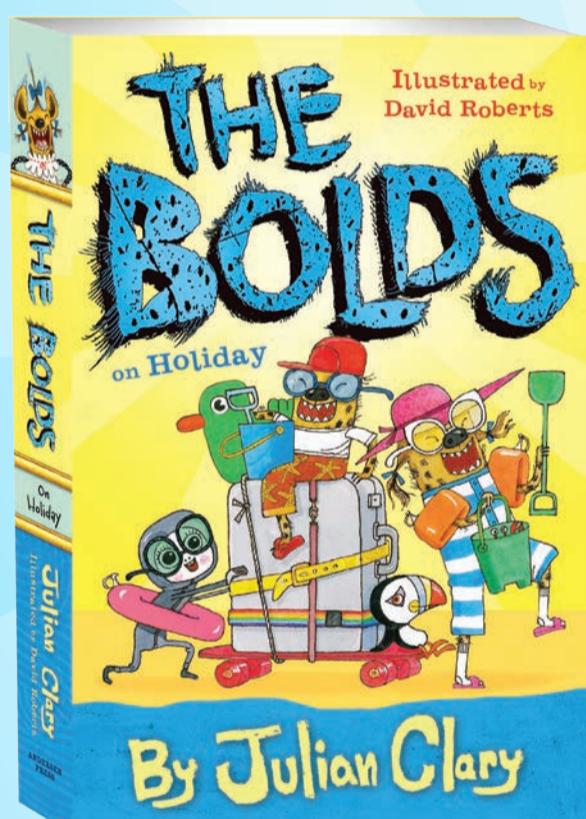
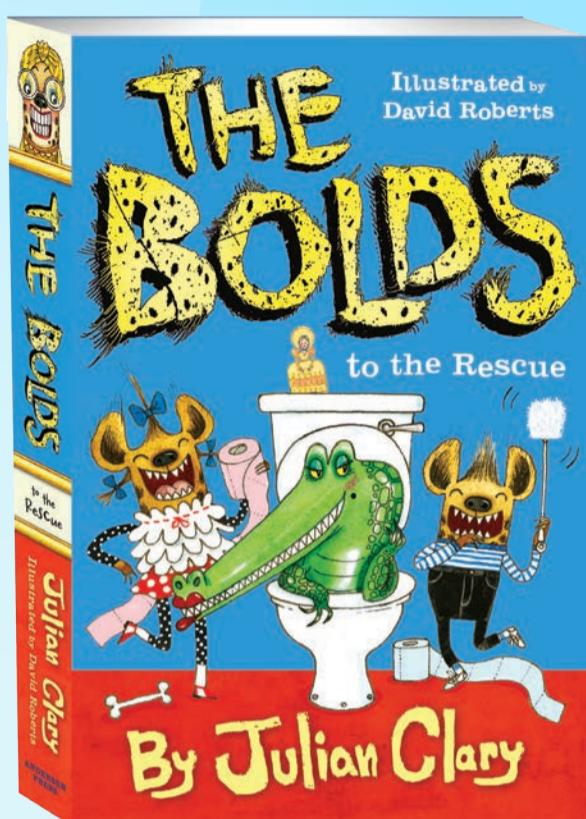
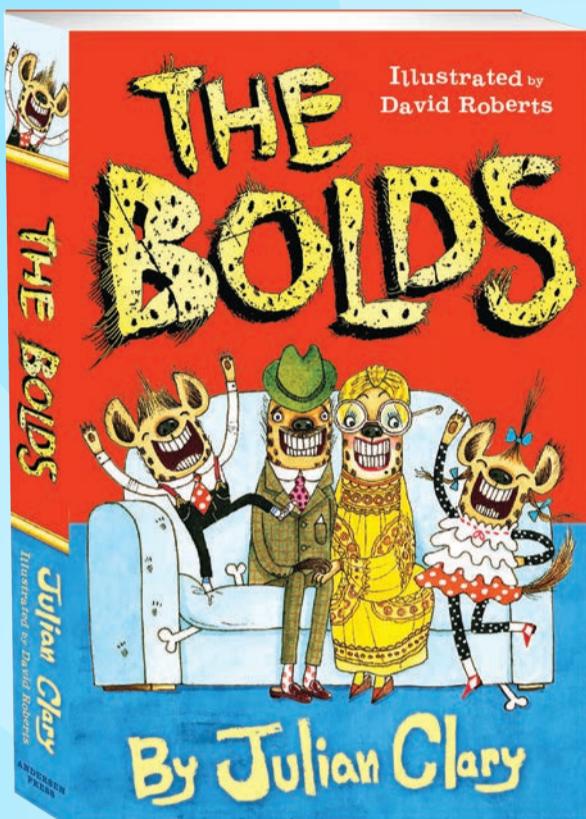


Books to make kids HOWL with Laughter!

'Laughs
from the
first page
to the last'
THE WEEK
JUNIOR



'Bursting
with
fun!'
GUARDIAN

THE BOLDS

Julian Clary

Illustrated by
David Roberts

Go Wild with THE BOLDS

"This
IS the
funniest
book
EVER!"
Robert, aged 9

Things to talk about...

Who were the real Bolds and what happened to them?

Who finds the real Bolds' clothes and decides to become them?
What about their new last name is fitting?

What do the hyenas have to learn in order to live as convincing humans? Discuss the differences between animals and humans.

At the beginning of the story the narrator tells us that animals are 'just as clever as people, but clever in different ways.' Can you think of some clever things that only animals can do?

The Bold family move to Teddington because they can enjoy a better life there. What do you think they miss about Africa? Why can't they go back?

Minnie suggest that the Bolds visit a safari park. Why does she suggest this?

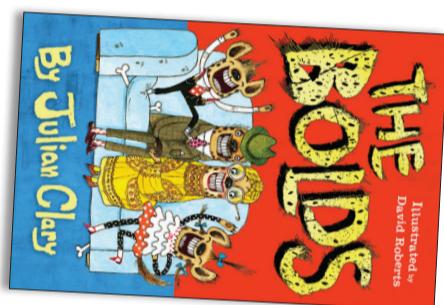
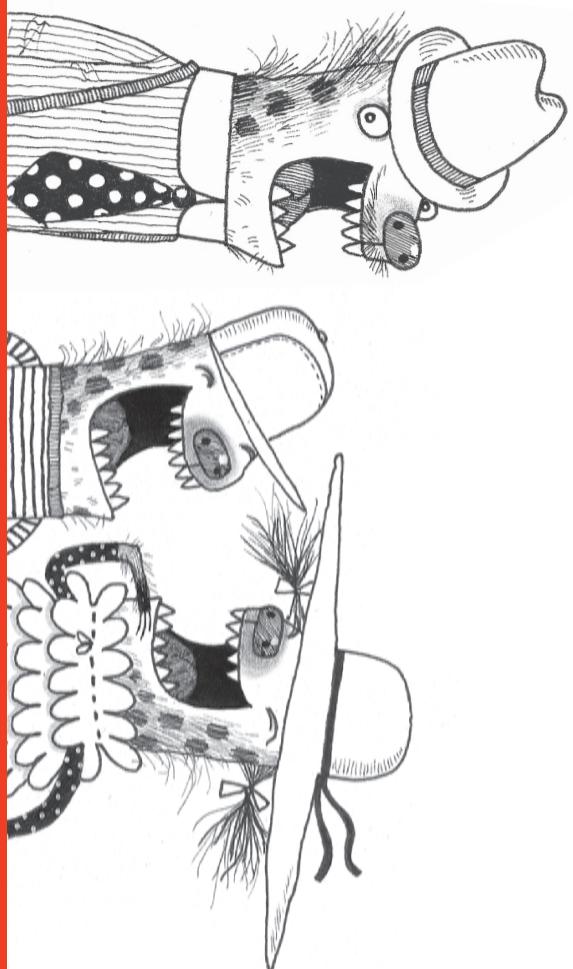
What jobs do Mr and Mrs Bold do for work? Do you think their jobs suit them?

The Bolds love to laugh at silly jokes. What are your favourite jokes?

The story is illustrated by David Roberts. What difference would it make if there were no illustrations? And did you have a favourite illustration in the book?

Which character from the book would you most like to meet and why?
What questions would you ask them?

Can you describe the book in just three words?



Things to do...

Mrs Bold makes hats out of all sorts of unusual objects, such as egg boxes, clothes pegs and old birds' nests, which she sells at the local market. Draw or make your own hat out of unusual objects.

If you could create a brand new Bolds story what would it be? Think of a title and draw your own cover (include a picture, the title and the names of the author and illustrator).

Make a poster of all your favourite jokes.

Research hyenas, or one of the other animals that appear in the books and create a fact file.

Imagine if you lived next door to a family of animals disguised as humans. What would you do if you found out their secret?
Write a story about how you find out and what happens next.

About the author & illustrator:

When Julian Clary isn't having a silly time dressing up and telling jokes on stage, he likes to be at home with his pets. He has lots of them: dogs, cats, ducks and chickens. His life-long love of animals inspired him to tell a story about what would happen if they pretended to be like us. Julian also loves touring the country, reading his books aloud to children and animals alike.

David Roberts always loved to draw and paint as a child, and when he grew up his talents took him all the way to Hong Kong where he got a job making beautiful hats. But he always wanted to illustrate children's books and so he came back to England to work with the finest authors in the land. David loves drawing animals and clothes and hats, so what could be better than a book about animals in clothes and hats?

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