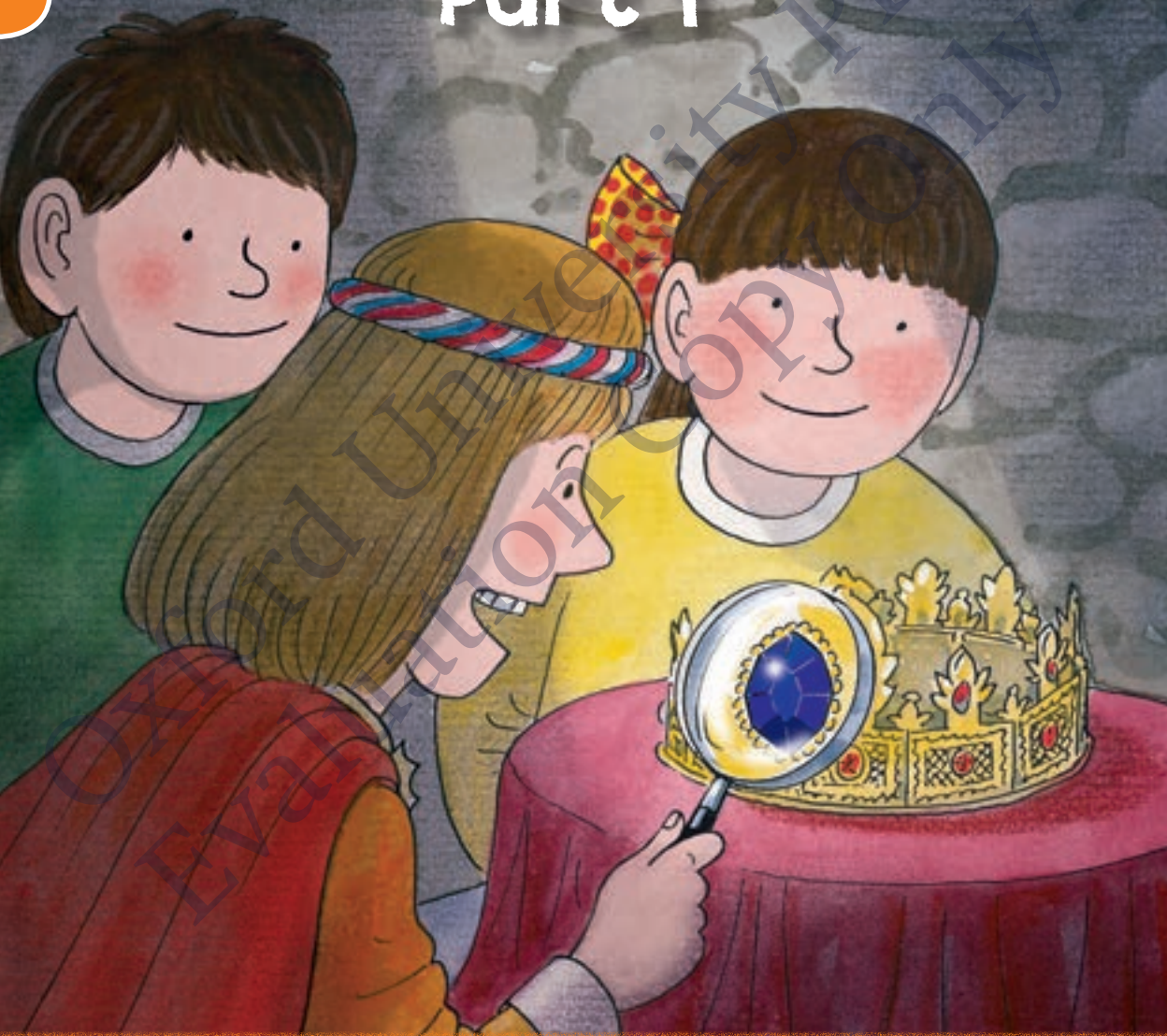


The Stolen Crown

Part 1





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together. Ask: *When do you think this story is set?*
- Talk about what *Part 1* means.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:
**don't old time about
your day came here
saw very put makes
ground suddenly present
throne important**
- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

**oh people looked
asked could once
wonder guards
search valuable**



DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.
If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



See the inside back cover
for more ideas.



The family went to see an old castle.
Most of it had fallen down a long time ago.
“It’s just a ruin,” said Chip.



Kipper wanted to climb on a wall, but Dad said “no”.

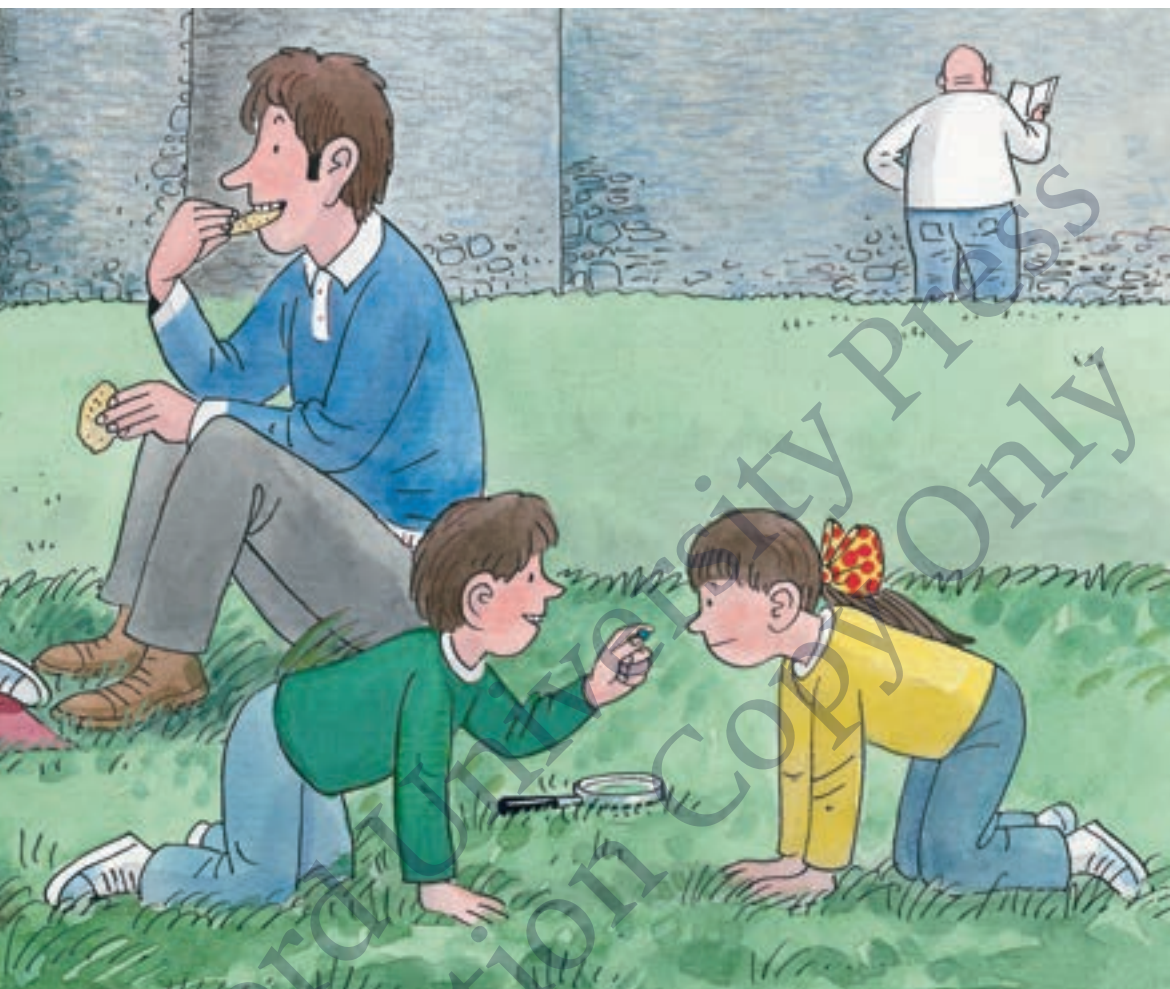
“We must look after old ruins,” he said.



“Once upon a time, it was a big castle,” said Biff. “I wonder what it was like to live here.”



Mum found a good spot for a picnic.
Floppy saw a rabbit hole. He began to
dig in the ground.



Chip saw something shining in the dirt, so he picked it up.

“It’s a glass bead,” he said.

“I wonder who lost it?” said Biff.



Chip looked at the bead through his magnifying glass. Then he put it in his pocket.

“I don’t think it’s valuable,” he said.



Later, Chip came into Biff's room.
He had a book about castles.

Suddenly, the magic key began
to glow.



The magic took Biff and Chip back
in time. It took them to the castle.

Some people were waiting outside
a big door.



An important man came up.

“I am Lord Kent,” said the man.

“Where is your present for the prince?”



Biff and Chip didn't have a present.

"Think of something, Chip," said Biff.

"Er... we have a magic glass," said Chip. "It makes small things look big."



“That is a good present,” said Lord Kent. “The prince will like it. Put it on this cushion. Then wait outside in the line.”



At last, Biff and Chip went into a hall.
“That was quick thinking, Chip,” said Biff. “I wonder who this prince is.”
“He must be important,” said Chip.



The prince was sitting on a throne.
Chip gave him the magnifying glass.
“I love it!” said the prince.



The prince jumped off the throne and looked through the magnifying glass.

“Tomorrow is an important day,” he said. “Tomorrow I will be the king.”



“You can call me Henry, but tomorrow I will be King Henry,” he said. “Come with me.” He ran out of the hall.



Henry ran up some stairs.

“Come and see my crown,” he said.

“I want to look at it through this magic glass.”

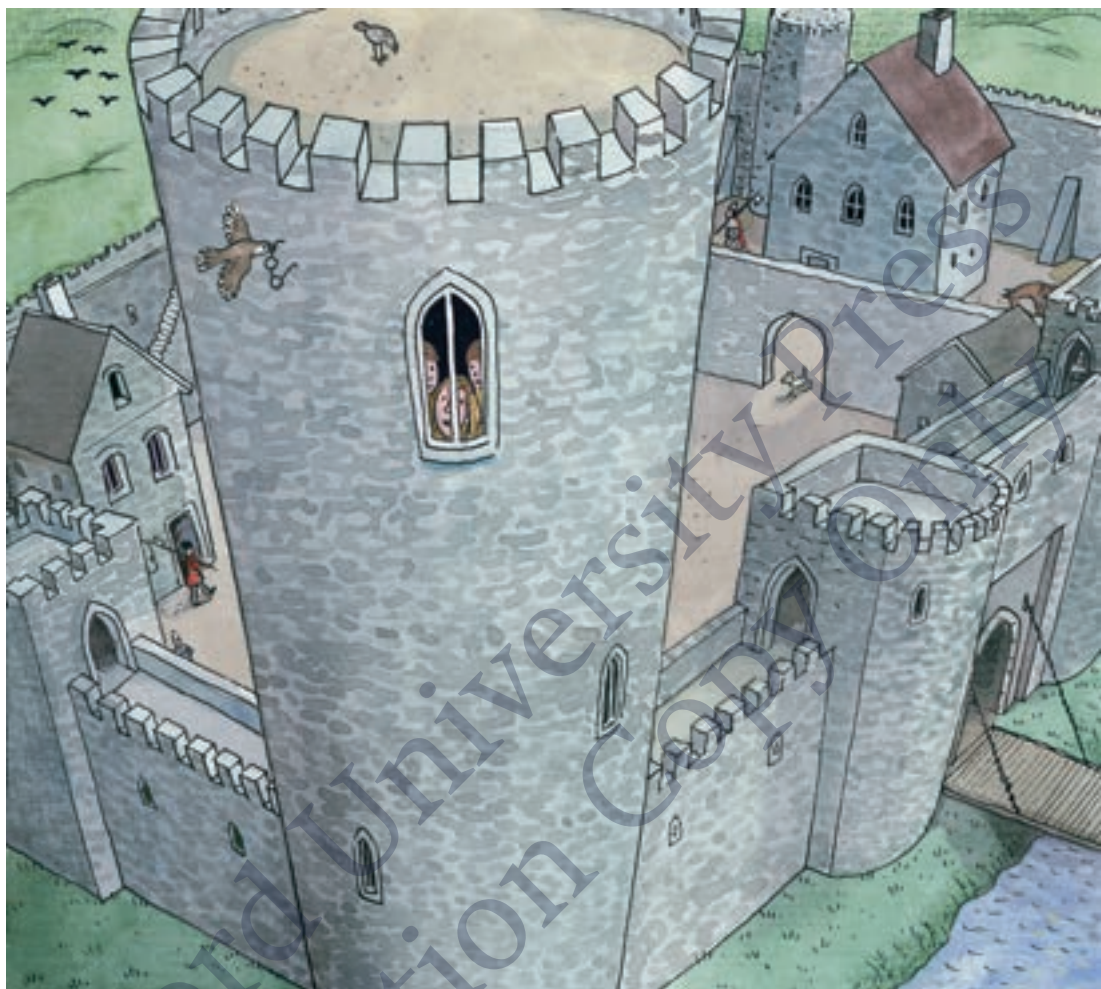


Two guards looked at Biff and Chip.
“We are here to see that the crown is not stolen,” said a soldier. “Hold your arms up. We must search you.”



Henry took Biff and Chip into a small room in a tower. Biff and Chip gasped when they saw the crown.

“It looks very valuable,” said Chip.



“If it was stolen, I could not become king,” said Henry. “But it is safe in this tower. Nobody could take it from here.”



Henry took Biff and Chip to see his horse.

“I shall ride him when I become king tomorrow,” he said.



Suddenly, they heard shouting. Lord Kent ran up to Henry.

“Come quickly!” he shouted. “Your crown has been stolen.”



Henry ran back up the stairs to the crown room. The guards were still outside the door.

“The crown is missing,” said a guard.



“How can it be missing?” asked Henry.

“We don’t know,” said a guard. “Nobody has been here, except you.”

“I know who stole it,” said Lord Kent.



“These children have stolen it,” Lord Kent went on. “They used magic to do it. Throw them in prison at once.”

“Oh!” said Biff. “Now we’re in trouble!”

Now read Part 2...

AFTER READING

- Turn to pages 8–9. Ask: *What different presents have the people got for the prince? Do you think Biff and Chip's present is best?*
- Turn to page 19. Ask: *Why could Henry not be king if the crown is stolen?*
- Ask your child what they think will happen in Part 2 of the story.

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