

Hey Presto!





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Read the title. Explain that *Hey Presto* is what conjurors say when they are about to surprise you.
- Ask: *What do you think might happen in this story?*
- 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:

**a Mum Dad them it in
bag big box**

- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

**her was she children
show conjuror tie
called ear-ring
watch stage head
inside wand**



DURING READING

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

- Ask your child to point from left to right under each word whilst reading.
- Model how to sound out and blend new words if necessary.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Use the pictures to talk about the story and learn the meaning of new words.



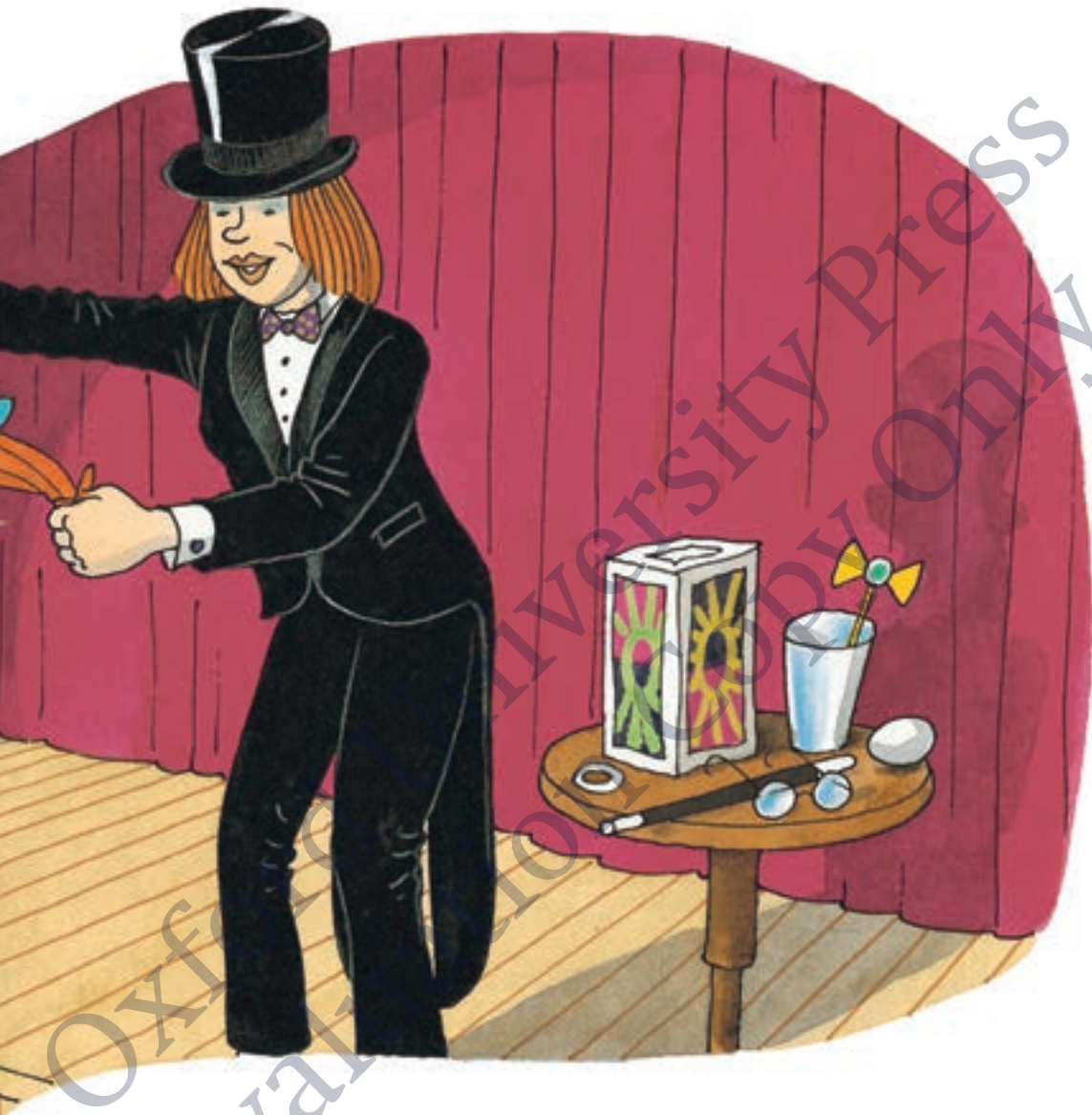
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The children went to a show.
Mum and Dad took them.

A conjuror was in the show.





She was called Sheena.

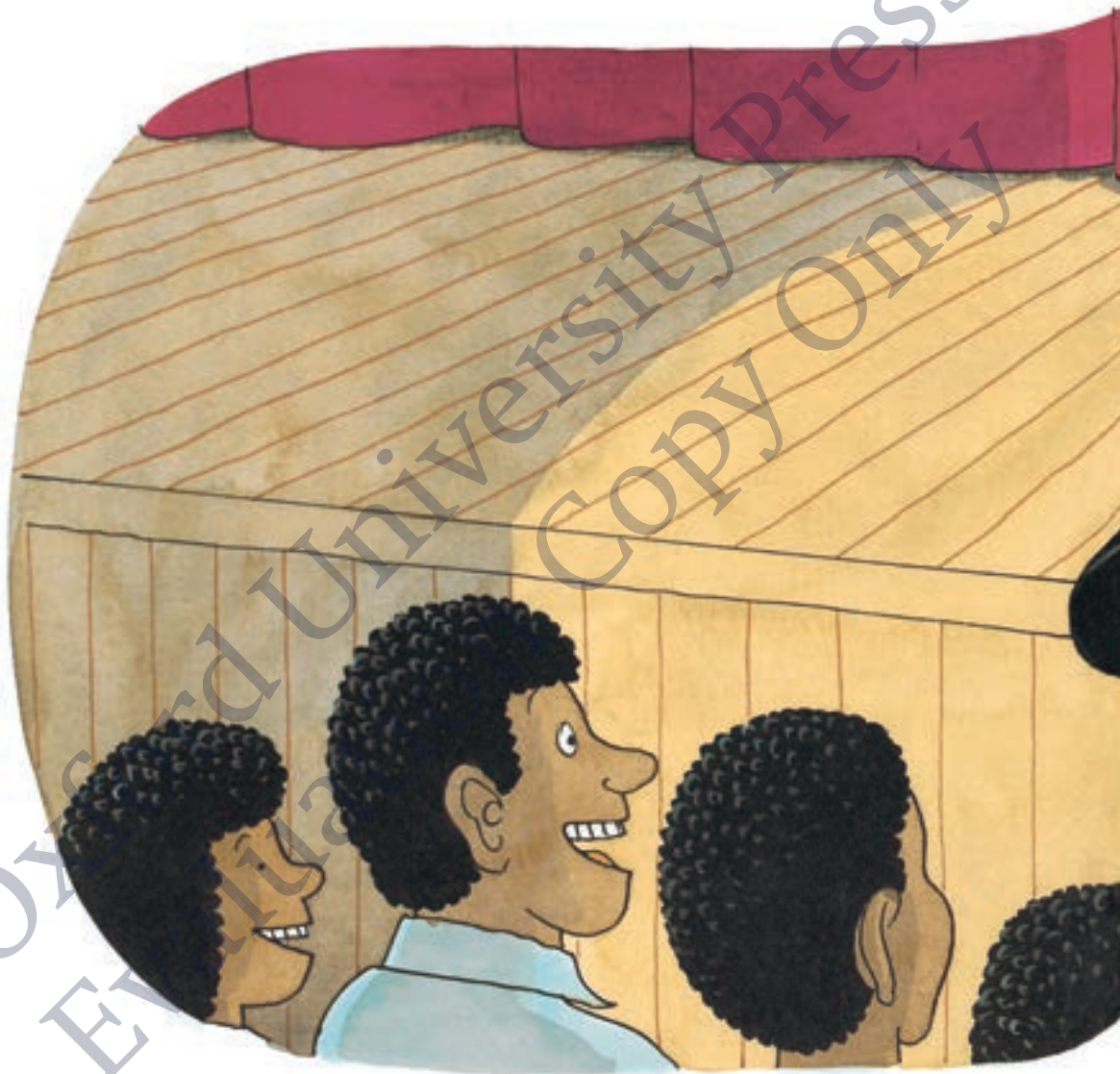
She took Dad's tie.





She put it in a bag.

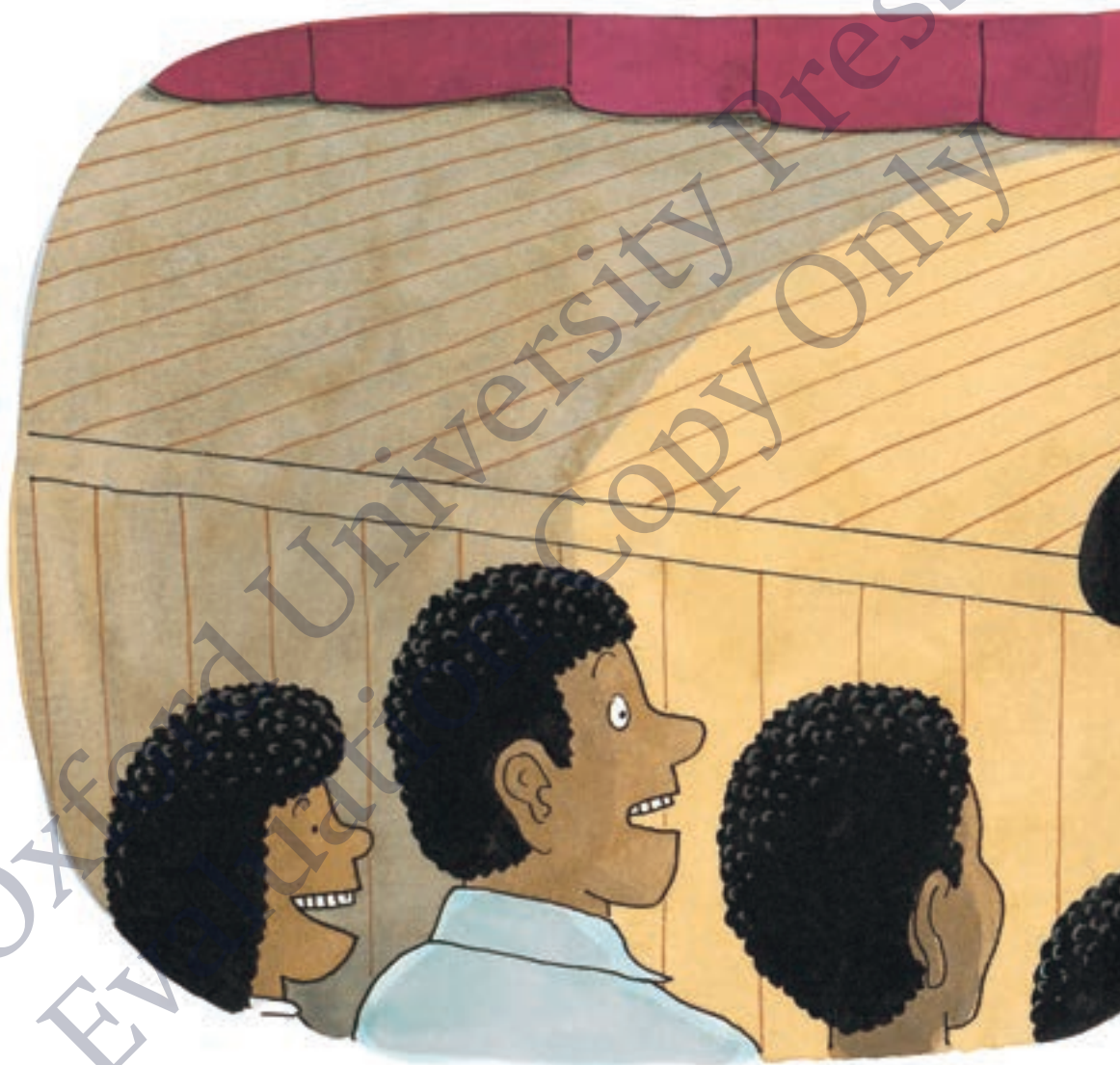
She took Mum's ear-ring.





She put it in the bag.

She took Dad's watch.





She put it in the bag.

She took Dad on to the stage.





She put the bag on Dad's head.

Sheena took a big box.





She put Wilma inside.

Sheena took her wand.





“Hey presto!” she said.



“Hey presto!” said Wilma.

AFTER READING

- Ask: *What did Sheena take from Dad first?*
- Ask: *What did Sheena take from Mum?*
- Ask your child to explain what happened at the end of the story.

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