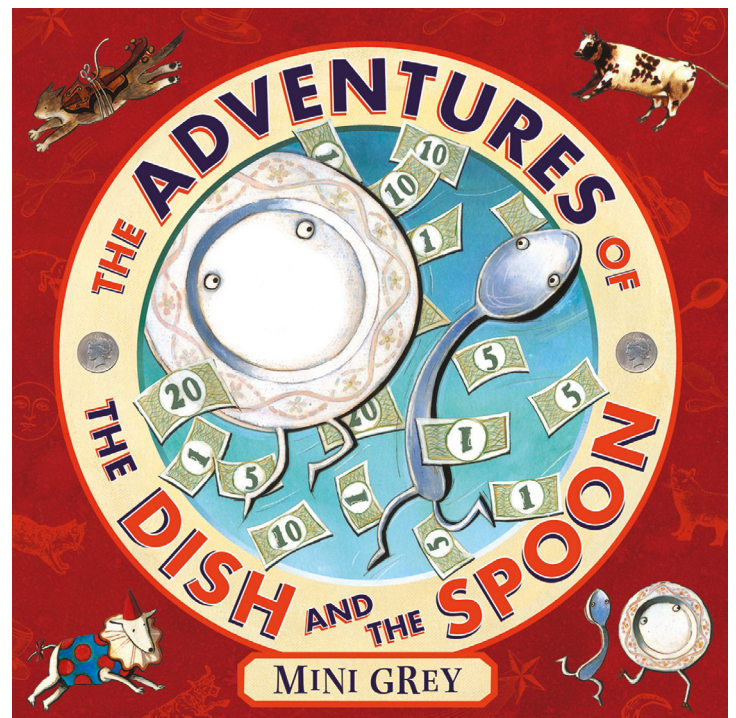


To celebrate 20 years of Artsmark, CILIP has teamed up with Arts Council England to create the Greenaway Greats reading scheme!

The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon

Written and illustrated by Mini Grey

The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon is a spoof that is inspired by the nursery rhyme **Hey Diddle Diddle**. It explores what happens to the intrepid duo of the Dish and the Spoon after the nursery rhyme. The book is written and illustrated by Mini Grey. It was awarded the Kate Greenaway medal in 2007.



Discussion Points

- 'I didn't know where we were going, and I didn't care. I knew the Dish would take us there.' The Dish and the Spoon love and trust each other through all of their adventures. Who do you love and trust and why? What do you do that shows you love and trust them?
- Dish remembers the old tricks, what memories will stay with you forever? What is special about these memories?
- When and where do you think the book is set? How do the illustrations help to show us this?
- Are Dish and the Spoon the same throughout the story? What changes and what do you think remains the same for them?



Activity Ideas



- Create your own nursery rhyme characters in the style of Mini Grey
- Choose your favourite nursery rhyme and write a sequel for it.
- Dish and Spoon are not very good at disguising themselves. Can you do any better? Using only objects in the room you are in, create a disguise for yourself.
- Draw a wanted poster for another household object. What crime do you think they might have committed and where were they last seen?

Further Reading



If you have enjoyed reading **The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon**, why not try these other books?

Traction Man is Here is another adventurous story by Mini Grey telling the story of intrepid action hero Traction Man and what happens to him when he is presented with a knitted romper suit.

I will not Ever Never Eat a Tomato written and illustrated by Lauren Child is another funny and imaginative story that is on the Greenaway Greats list.

Yes, You Can Cow is written by Rashmi Sirdeshpande and illustrated by Rikin Parekh. It too is a funny retelling of the nursery rhyme **Hey Diddle Diddle** and features the characters Dish and Spoon.

Have you ever wondered why dogs sniff one another's bottoms? Find out in another funny story of misadventures with **The Great Dog Bottom Swap** written by Peter Bentley and illustrated by Mei Matsuoka.

Illustrator biography

Mini Grey was born in a mini in Newport, Wales! Mini studied illustration at Brighton and was taught by acclaimed illustrator John Vernon Lord. As well as being an illustrator, Mini has taught at a primary school. Mini's first book was **Egg Drop** which was published in 2002. Mini was named as one of the Top Ten New Illustrators in **The Big Picture** campaign. **The Pea and the Princess** was shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway medal.



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