

How can I help?

I want to be involved...

...by **collecting materials** for story-packs.*

...by **becoming a fundraising co-ordinator** in my community/school/company/church.*

...by **introducing Bag Books** to my company/society/Lodge/professional group.*

...by **writing a new story** for Bag Books to turn into a multi-sensory title.*

*Bag Books will send you information.

...by joining the e-mail list, so that Bag Books can stay in touch without postage costs.
My e-mail address is

E-mailing Storyline, instead of posting it, could save Bag Books about 50p per newsletter.

Send me details of...

...the **Oscars® Sweepstake** (Feb./Mar. 2005).

...**Overseas Challenges** for me/my company.

...**new multi-sensory story-pack titles**.

...**free training and/or multi-sensory storytelling sessions** in my local area.

...Bag Books' **attendance at upcoming professional conferences and exhibitions**.

Q&A: What are PMLD and SLD?

THOSE WITH Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) have a mental ability below 18 months and additional physical disabilities.

Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) reflects an intellectual development of below 6 years.

When referring to children, we say "difficulty" (as opposed to "disability") because all children will be encouraged to make progress within their personal potential.

Money-spinner

ASK YOUR LOCAL PUB OR staff restaurant to add £1 to their Xmas dinner.



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WITHIN REACH

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED IS SUPPORTING Bag Books' "Reach" Project, providing multi-sensory storytelling sessions in Public Libraries. The Project sees us visiting communities across the UK, giving librarians and special school teachers the chance to experience an exciting and fun way of interacting with their children.

It is refreshing to see children with severe special needs using their local library - most of them for the first time. A Librarian in Wales commented,



Enjoying "Charmaine's Bonfire Adventure."
Thanks to South View Infants School and Saxon Wood School, Basingstoke, for the pictures!



Waking "Desmond"

"It has been a long while since I've seen so many children giggling and laughing!" A colleague in Hampshire added, "It certainly reminds us of what library work is all about."

Contact Chris Fuller to discuss holding a multi-sensory storytelling session in your area.

Storyline
The news from **Issue 2**
Autumn/Winter 2004
BAG BOOKS

Charity Registration Number 1026432

Over 550 Bag Books
distributed so far in 2004

New Titles

FOUR NEW MULTI-SENSORY STORY-PACK TITLES are now available.

“Just In Time!” (funded by the Royal Mail Stepping Stones Fund) can be appreciated at all levels. For young people who can communicate using symbols, it includes a new option to write to Bag Books and receive a reply.

“A Door for Zak” and **“The Holiday Begins”** are also aimed at teens/adults, and **“Sea Rescue”** is for pre-teens. Telephone, write or e-mail for a catalogue of the range.



Think of us at Xmas/Hanukkah/Eid/Diwali

Is your company, organisation or faith group having a Festive Party? Please consider holding a raffle, competition or collection in aid of Bag Books.

Mark the spirit of the holiday season in a positive way; by giving the gift of learning, communication and fun to the most vulnerable children, teenagers and adults in your community.



How Appealing

MICHAEL MORPURGO, THE CHILDREN'S LAUREATE, appealed on BBC Radio 4 on

Bag Books' behalf, on 31 October (repeated on 4 November).

Michael (pictured with Chris Fuller in the studio) is a Patron of BB. His stories include “Why the Whales Came” and the new “Private Peaceful” - recently produced as a West End play.

Michael told listeners about Sam, a boy who was helped to learn and make friends by using our “Desmond” story-pack.

To date, the Appeal has raised around £3,000.

Exhibition Attendance

SPECIAL NEEDS NORFOLK AND THE NASEN & TES SPECIAL NEEDS EXHIBITION saw previews of the four new Bag Books titles. Colleagues received them well, with several attendees requesting packs.

Chris Fuller, BB's Director, addressed the Norfolk conference, on language development in children with SLD/PMLD, and how multi-sensory stories and storytelling can help their carers promote language, literacy and communication.

For Bag Books' future conference attendance, phone Chris or see our website.

Waving a “sparkler”



Q&A: Where do the story-packs go?

AS OUR RANGE OF TITLES EXPANDS, interest from potential users is also growing.

Special schools, day and residential care facilities, libraries and hospitals all use them.

Of course, family homes also account for a sizable number.

Something to Celebrate!

BAG BOOKS HAS HAD A GREAT YEAR, so we want to share your celebrations. Make a Festive donation and we will put a “Celebration Star” in our window, with your dedication. Whatever you've enjoyed in 2004 - a life, an event or a landmark - let us celebrate with you. All of the Stars will be kept in a special album.

How can I help?

I want to give...

...a donation of £_____ by cheque (payable to Bag Books) or credit card (Visa or MasterCard).

Card Number

Expires End Name on Card

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

...by standing order in the amount of £_____ to be paid every month, starting on ___/___/___ until further notice, from my account.

Acct No. Sort Code

Bank Name _____

Bank Address _____

...even more by letting Bag Books reclaim tax under GiftAid. I have paid income tax or capital gains tax equal to the amount to be reclaimed on my gifts in the tax year. Signed: _____.

Name: _____

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Postcode: _____ (essential for GiftAid)

Telephone: _____

My Star is to celebrate...
