



***The Great House Hunt* - Davide Cali (author) and Marc Boutavant (illustrator)**

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All living creatures need a home. Two cute ladybirds, the Polka-Dots, are searching for a place to set up house and raise a family. They consult a 'helpful' real estate agent, Mr Weevil, who is keen to show them homes.

Mr Weevil leads the couple on a lengthy journey from forest to orchard to the ocean. They bore into a smelly puffball, climb inside a tree trunk, inspect underground tunnels, sail down a stream and admire the sea view from a sandcastle.

The bright colours, varied layout and intricate detail are an attractive mix. Readers follow the ladybirds' house hunt along a dotted line as the pair travel up, down, sideways and around in circles. Speech-bubble conversations tell the story with each character's bubble a different colour. The creative design will hold youngsters attention for ages.

The extra-large hardback makes it a great book to open out wide and share with others. There will many 'oohs' and 'aahs' as each person spots new delights.

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