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Just Imagine - Pippa Goodhart

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“There’s nothing to do!” is a common cry from children. This creative book changes that scenario by catapulting youngsters into the world of their imaginations. The potential for life-changing choices are endless.

Can you imagine being BIG? is the first question with multiple illustrations showing children as large humans capable of super-size activities. For instance, picking coconuts off palm trees, blowing out a fiery volcano, or playing with doll-size parents. Finding somewhere to sleep or enough to eat could pose problems.

Or would you like to be small? shows how much fun kids could have as tiny creatures flying on a bird’s back or sheltering from the rain under a toadstool. Although, the danger of being washed down the plughole, or chased by a cat, might be alarming.

Goodhart and Sharratt open up readers’ minds to a wide range of adventures. The pages are packed with imaginative possibilities such as being made differently and not human at all, living underground, or travelling through time. It’s a playful way to encourage children to explore their dreams and be whatever they choose.

Sharratt’s brilliant illustrations are full of detail and visual humour. The design of each double-spread is varied to maximise interest and challenge readers to find the hidden gems.

The generous large-format gives the opportunity to open out the book and share the discoveries with others. Hours of pleasure will be had with this inventive, hardback publication.

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