



## ***Shaun the Sheep Movie: the book of the film*** **by Martin Howard**

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This junior novel is an enjoyable read. It hits its target market full-on with amusing antics that follow the trajectory of the movie - and the crazy caravan ride that takes the sleeping farmer far away from Mossy Bottom Farm and into the weird world of city life.

Shaun the Sheep and Bitzer, the farmer's trusty dog, have starring roles. Slap-stick humour features throughout the fast-paced gambol of the flock of sheep as they travel to the city in search of the lost farmer, only to find themselves hunted by a fanatical Animal Containment Officer.

There are laugh-out-loud scenes and "Oh no!" moments as the main players skitter about the streets trying to avoid trouble - an impossible task considering the daft characters involved. A centre insert of coloured photos give a glimpse of dramatic scenes from the movie.

The engaging text conveys the storyline of the movie and will appeal to youngsters who like an entertaining book. It's an excellent addition to previous books recounting *Tales from Mossy Bottom Farm*, also written by Martin Howard.

**Shaun's website:**

[www.shaunthesheep.com](http://www.shaunthesheep.com)

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