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***The Mystery Box and Finnegan Flynn* by Lucy Davey & Cat Chapman**

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*When Finnegan Flynn heard the doorbell ring'
he found on his doorstep a curious thing;
mystery box, tied up with string.*

*A tag on the top read:
WATCH OUT, WITHIN!
DON'T OPEN! BEWARE!*

This read-aloud story for 3-7 year-olds begs the question: What else is a young boy to do? He disobeys these instructions, and is soon right in the middle of an action-packed adventure involving a couple of toe-nibbling crocs, some croc-repel socks, a fox, an ox, two frocks, and building blocks, which he finally uses to trick all the above back into the box – and sends it on ...
*where it found someone's doorstep and gave it a ring
that mystery box, tied up with string ...*

UH-OH!

A fanciful story of the on-going adventures that are possible as this box continues on its way from child to child. The listener can imagine how they might react.

The illustrations by Cat Chapman are double page spreads in bright watercolour, which add to the feeling of action, fear and fun. The words are fun too, with rollicking rhyme and alliteration:

*Then rumble-a-jumble
BAM-BOOMED in the box,
and out flew a finicky, fanciful fox.*

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