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## ***Chook Doolan Saves the Day* by James Roy illustrated by Lucinda Gifford**

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This is a story about how the steady support of a good friend, plus a few helpful hints from an older brother, change a young boy from fearful (such as in fear of a football being kicked towards him) to being able to face his fears.

*"At least stick your foot out or something."*

*"I'm not good at using my feet. I wish I could use my hands,"*

*"You can," says Ricky ... "You can if you're the goalkeeper."*

Chook knows he would rather be playing chess or have his head in a book, but he practises the strategies, steels himself to put them into action, and success follows.

Ideal for the young reader who wants to progress from picture books, but who may be daunted by small print and a thick story book. In large print, the action moves quickly through the seven short chapters.

This prolific writer gauges his readers well and supplies them with clearly described emotions which the pen and ink illustrations add to. Book three in the Chook Doolan series.

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