

InsideInfo



The Spring Issue 2013

Lots of new resources on sensory impairment sprouting in our Spring issue! It's time to get moving with Auslan Yoga, learn about human echolocation and try out RIDBC's new Incy Wincy Spider app!

Research confirms what parents and teachers already know – that reading is one of the most important activities you can do to enhance your child's language development. Recent studies also indicate that one of the key predictors in children's mathematical skill is early language experience.*

So as we enter Children's Book Week...let's Read Across the Universe!

Best wishes

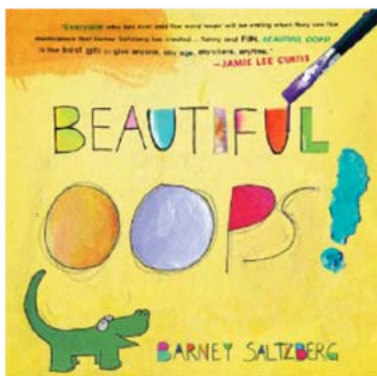
Julie, Marijana and Jason

(P.S. ...and what would spring be, without a little poetry?)

* <http://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/abouttheschool/news/display/?id=10495>

We asked Research Fellow
Rebecca Bull,

"What's your favourite children's book?"



One of my favourite books to read with my three year-old daughter is Beautiful Oops! by Barney Saltzberg.

It is a wonderful, interactive book that teaches kids that it is okay to make mistakes. Each page shows a common mistake, such as a ripped page, spilled ink, or smudged paint, which is transformed into an interesting

piece of art.

The text is short, sweet, yet effective, encouraging the reader to embrace their mistakes and use them as a spring board to creating something great. There are pop ups, flaps and other surprises that reveal the artwork and will inspire you and your child to get creative!

Book Trailer:

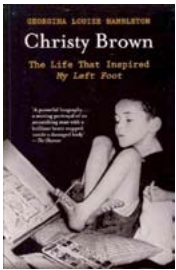
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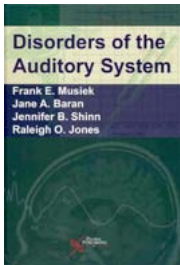
New Books



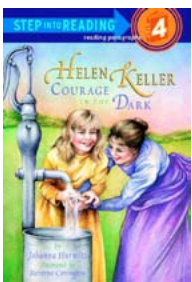
Asperkids : an insider's guide to loving, understanding and teaching children with Asperger syndrome
by Jennifer Cook O'Toole; foreword by Liane Holliday Willey
RENNICK 618.9285882 OTOO



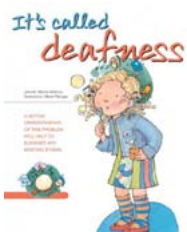
Christy Brown : the life that inspired My left foot
by Georgina Louise Hambleton
RENNICK 362.196836 HAMB



Disorders of the auditory system
by Frank E. Musiek ... [et al.]
RENNICK 617.8 MUSI-1



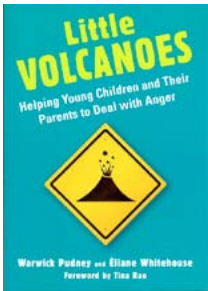
Helen Keller : courage in the dark
by Johanna Hurwitz ; illustrated by Neverne Covington
RENNICK 813.6 HURW



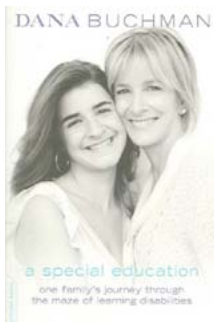
I am deaf
by Jennifer Moore-Mallinos; illustrations, Marta Fabrega
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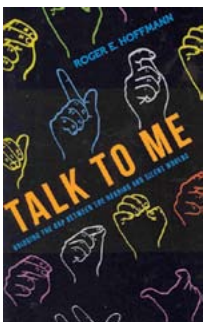
Learning disabilities
edited by Sharon Gunton
RENWICK 362.19685889 GUNT



Little volcanoes : helping young children and their parents to deal with anger
by Warwick Pudney and Éliane Whitehouse
RENWICK 152.47083 PUDN



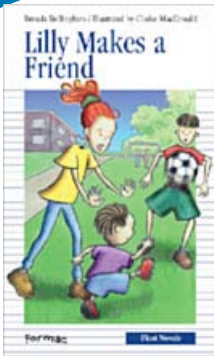
A special education : one family's journey through the maze of learning disabilities
by Dana Buchman and Charlotte Farber
RENWICK 306.8743087 BUCH



Talk to me : bridging the gap between the hearing and the silent worlds
by Roger E. Hoffmann
RENWICK 362.42 HOFF

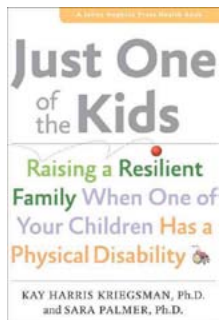


Thriving! : raising exceptional kids with confidence, character and resilience
Michael Grose
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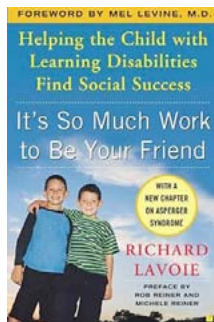
Lilly Makes a Friend

by Brenda Bellingham; illustrated by Clarke MacDonald
RENWICK 813.54 BELL



Just one of the kids : raising a resilient family when one of your children has a physical disability

by Kay Harris Kriegsmann, Ph.D., and Sara Palmer, Ph.D.
RENWICK 649.151 KRIE



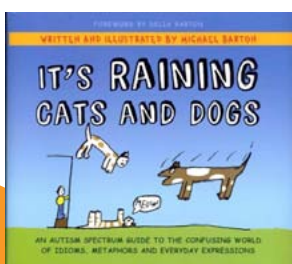
It's so much work to be your friend : Helping the child with learning disabilities find social success

by Richard Lavoie
RENWICK 371.9 LAVO



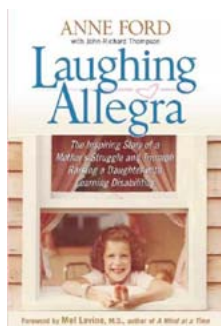
Read with me : best books for preschoolers

by Stephanie Zvirin
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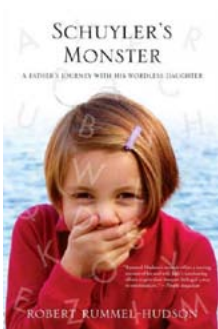


It's raining cats and dogs : an autism spectrum guide to the confusing world of idioms, metaphors and everyday expressions

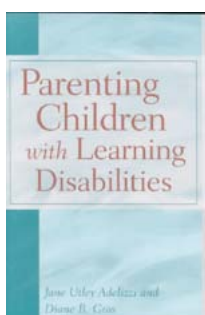
by Michael Barton
RENWICK 616.85882 BART



Laughing Allegra : the inspiring story of a mother's struggle and triumph raising a daughter with learning disabilities
by Anne Ford with John-Richard Thompson
RENWICK 813.54 BELL



Schuyler's monster : a father's journey with his wordless daughter
by Robert Rummel-Hudson
RENWICK 649.151 RUMM



Parenting children with learning disabilities
by Jane Utley Adelizzi and Diane B. Goss
RENWICK 649.15 ADEL



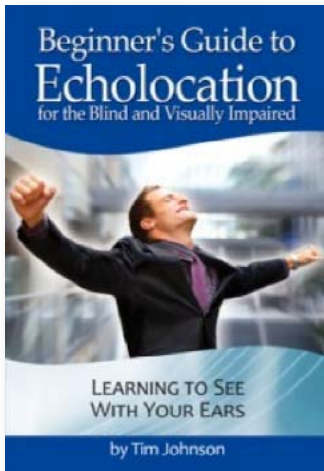
The don't give up kid and learning disabilities
by Jeanne Gehret ; illustrated by Michael LaDuca
RENWICK 813.6 GEHR

Just arrived! New edition of classic text



Children with disabilities
edited by Mark L. Batshaw, Nancy J. Roizen and Gaetano R. Lotrecchiano
7th ed
Paul H. Brookes, 2013.
RENWICK 618.92 BATS 2013

Book Reviews



Beginner's Guide to Echolocation for the Blind and Visually Impaired: Learning to See With Your Ears

By Tim Johnson

RENWICK 573.89 JOHN

When you search the internet or a library catalogue for the word ECHOLOCATION, you normally find books and information to do with dolphins, whales and bats. But recently there seems to be a growing trend to investigate and share how blind and partially sighted people can use the skill of echolocation to navigate their physical environment.

In this new book, Tim Johnson attempts to provide the beginner with an overview of the topic. It is presented in a clear and readable style, in large print, with practical lessons and references. He writes:

“Echolocation is the learned ability to sense the size, shape, location, distance and even construct of objects surrounding you without touching them.” p.17

Independently published, the book is authored by a writer philosophically aligned with the World Access for the Blind Non-Profit organization that “facilitates the self-directed achievement of people with all forms of blindness, and increases public awareness about the strengths and capabilities of blind people.” <http://www.worldaccessfortheblind.org/>

Many people will find this book an interesting and thought-provoking read.

More on echolocation

<http://www.visionaware.org/blog.aspx?BlogID=9&BlogEntryID=769>

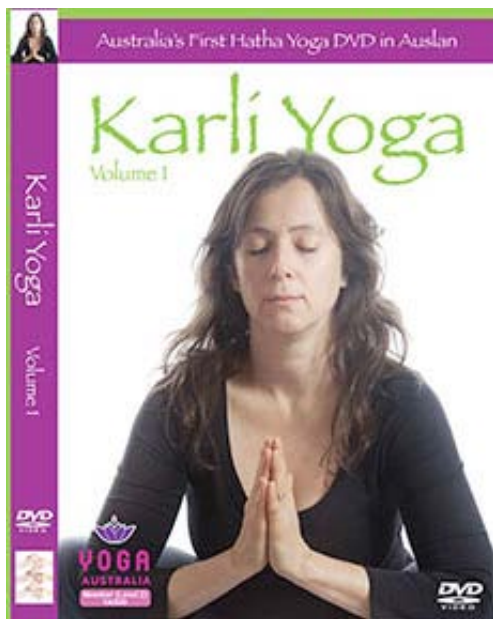
<http://www.today.com/health/echolocation-helps-kids-adults-learn-see-sound-1C9975043>

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/MindMoodNews/blind-man-echolocation/story?id=13684073>

<http://www.mensjournal.com/magazine/the-blind-man-who-taught-himself-to-see-20120504>

<http://learnecholocation.blogspot.com.au/>

<http://janelangille.com/echolocation-helps-blind-people-navigate-everyday-life/>



Karli yoga [DVD] Volume 1

directed and choreography by Karli Dettman
produced in 2012, by Ross Onley-Zerkel
RENWICK DVD 613.7046 DETT

This newly purchased DVD was created by Karli Dettman (Deaf Yoga Instructor/Choreographer/DVD Director) and Ross Onley-Zerkel (Deaf Camera Technician & DVD Editor). The two good friends from Melbourne collaborated to create the first ever instructional yoga DVD for the Deaf community.

The DVD is Australia's first Hatha Yoga DVD in Auslan (Australian Sign Language). 'Ha' = sun and 'Tha' = moon, which represents the balance of opposite energies. Yoga unites body, mind and spirit.

In the introduction, Karli Dettman uses Auslan to describe herself and her love of yoga. She has been a teacher of yoga since 2005, and holds an Advanced Diploma of Yoga Teaching. She reveals how yoga aids mental health, anxiety, depression and personal development. Yoga loosens joints, stretches your muscles and ligaments, and improves flexibility. The secret to good health, Karli states, is to practice a little every day, and do a full class about 3 times / week for best health benefits. Benefits include improvement of sleep, mental stress, balancing of hormones, better breathing, flexibility of all joints, muscle/ligament stretching. It prevents back and neck pain, arthritis and fatigue.

This DVD is for the beginner level. It is best to start with the 'warm up' section of the DVD, which is 15-20 minutes long. There are two class options to follow. The first class is with an instructor, and is in Auslan with English captions and voiceover. The second class is without an instructor, with Asana words in English/Sanskrit with audio description.

This DVD is easy to follow, and with two class options it is accessible to everyone. Karli Yoga is a helpful tool for people beginning yoga, as well as the Deaf community. Everybody can enjoy using this resource, and I recommend this DVD for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing people wanting to improve their health. I look forward to Volume 2 "Intermediate Yoga" being produced, so I can develop my Yoga skills at home.

The running length of the DVD is 75 minutes, and it offers a 'talking menu' for people with visual impairments. Languages are in Auslan and Spoken English, with English captions (with descriptive subtitles for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing).

Marijana Miletic



Communi-Cate Kit

By Deaf Children Australia

Melbourne, Vic. Deaf Children Australia, [2012]

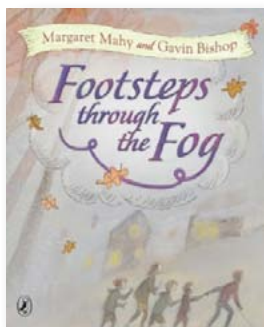
RENWICK KIT 419.94 DEAF

The Communi-Cate kit is designed for parents of young children who are learning Auslan, although much of the information and activities provided are relevant for parents of children with any sort of communication issue. The kit consists of:

- a manual with an in-depth description of:
appropriate methods for gaining and maintaining the attention of a deaf or hard of hearing child; the use of gesture in natural language; the acquisition of Auslan; and the use of facial expressions in communication. Additionally, the manual provides large pictures of 8 different themes encouraging use of 24 topic signs per theme.
- 2 flashcards of each of 50 signs with a picture of the object on one side, and a description and picture of the sign on the other. These can be used in all sorts of ways, such as playing memory, or even as a training tool for parents to learn the signs.
- 50 sequences of 4 pictures of everyday events in the life of a young child.
- a DVD rom full of useful resources for parents beginning to learn some Auslan, such as signed sentences, memory games to learn new vocabulary, and printable sheets.

Probably the most outstanding feature of the kit is the relevance of the language to parents' needs. The creators have been careful to include all sorts of language needed at home, such as for praising a child, or getting them to comply with a wish! ALL children, whether learning sign or speech, use gesture and visual communication naturally when very young. This tool aims to assist parents increase their use of this and help with early communication with their child.

Louise de Beuzeville



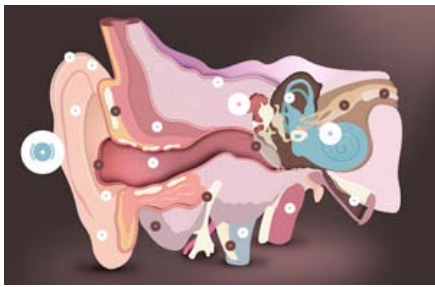
Footsteps Through the Fog

By Margaret Mahy

RENWICK 823.3 MAHY

Unlike her brothers and sisters, Anthea cannot see, so when they all go to the beach one day, their mother tells them to take care of her. While they are all playing on the sand, a thick fog rolls in from the ocean. Suddenly it's up to Anthea to get everyone home safely. Written by the legendary Margaret Mahy and with artwork by master illustrator Gavin Bishop, this is a beautifully told story that will give readers young and old a new perspective on blindness. Mahy and Bishop have both donated their royalties for this project to the Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind

On the web



The Interactive Ear

The ear is the organ which controls hearing and balance, allowing us to understand our surroundings and position ourselves correctly. It is split into three parts: outer, middle and inner. This guide will take you through each part of the ear in turn, answering those essential questions – what are the parts, what do they do, and how?

<http://www.amplifon.co.uk/interactive-ear/index.html>

Road Trip! 20 Ways to Keep Your Blind Child Entertained on a Long Car Drive

Here's some great information from Amber Bobnar who runs the WonderBaby.org website, a support and information site for parents of children who are visually impaired.

<http://www.specialneedstravelmom.com/travel-tips/road-trip-20-ways-to-keep-your-blind-child-entertained-on-a-long-car-drive/>



Kids Health

As part of The Nemours Foundation's Center for Children's Health Media, KidsHealth also provides families with perspective, advice, and comfort about a wide range of physical, emotional, and behavioral issues that affect children and teens. The Nemours Center for Children's Health Media is a part of The Nemours Foundation, a nonprofit organization created by philanthropist Alfred I. duPont in 1936 and devoted to improving the health of children.

http://kidshealth.org/kid/index.jsp?tracking=K_Home

Test your Social Intelligence

Test how well you can read emotions of others just by looking at their eyes.

The ability to read the emotions of others is linked to "social intelligence" which, in turn, is linked to performance on team-based problem solving tasks.

<http://kgajos.eecs.harvard.edu/mite/>



Echolocation

Echolocation for Blind Children | WonderBaby.org

<http://www.wonderbaby.org/articles/echolocation-blind-children>

Braille Resource

Braille Resource Packet for Parents of Young Children | Paths to Literacy

<http://www.pathstoliteracy.org/braille-resource-packet-parents-young-children>



Noah's Ark Toy Library
FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS INC
<http://www.toys4specialneeds.org.au/>



Eye Power Kid's Wear

A line of t-shirts for children who wear glasses and patches.
<http://eyepowerkidswear.com/>

Tell Me a Story

Research Examines How Parents Can Use Books to Have a Positive Impact on Their Child's Social Struggles

<http://www.uc.edu/news/NR.aspx?id=18120>



World's "Braille Bible"

Released at Perkins

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2013/8/prweb11015390.htm>

FITTLE

A toy to help blind children read | TED Blog

<http://blog.ted.com/2013/08/02/the-shape-of-things-fellows-friday-with-anthony-vipin-das-on-fittle-a-toy-that-helps-blind-children-read/>



How to Learn Braille in 6 Months

Myths & Realities

http://www.pdrib.com/blog/how-to-learn-braille-in-6-months-myths-realities/?utm_medium=email



No ordinary hero

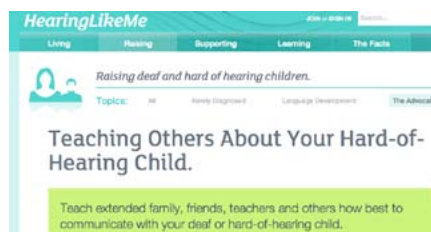
The Superdeafy movie info

<http://www.noordinaryheromovie.com/>

Usher Syndrome Coalition

Presentation by Dr. Eric Pierce, MEEI - The Coalition for Usher Syndrome Research

<http://www.usher-syndrome.org/index.cfm/page/Dr.-Eric-Pierce,-Genetic-Diagnosis,-Disease-Gene-Discovery-and-Gene-Therapy-June-2013/cdid/11514/pid/10258>



Teaching Others About Your Hard-of-Hearing Child

HearingLikeMe

<http://www.hearinglikeme.com/raising/advocate/teaching-others-about-your-hard-hearing-child>

Transcript from 'Are we on the right path'

Dr Marc Marschark

<http://us1.campaign-archive2.com/?u=dae152575d0376db93bdfa65f&id=536fe251b5&e=a58482132a>



Transition for All Ages

Perkins

<http://www.perkins.org/resources/webcasts/transition-for-all-ages.html>

Blog on Blindness

from the Institute on Blindness at Louisiana Tech University

<http://www.pdrib.com/blog/>

Strategies

Perkins eLearning

<http://www.perkinselearning.org/strategies>

In the News

Glue ear mystery solved

and researcher hears applause

<http://www.news.uwa.edu.au/201308055930/awards-and-prizes/glue-ear-mystery-solved-and-researcher-hears-applause>

Many teens have permanent ringing in the ears

MedlinePlus

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/news/fullstory_139273.html

Apps for Everyone!



Rainbow of Emotions

By Dolly Bhargava

This app helps you discover and design your own rainbow of cool and uncool emotions and rainbow of physical and cool emotions. You can choose your own colour, picture, sound and name for each emotion. Once you have designed your rainbows you then design a CHARGE tool belt which gives you power to choose tools to manage your emotions. CHARGE stands – chat tools, helpful thinking tools, amusement tools, relaxation tools, good routine tools and exercise tools. You can choose your own picture, sound and name for each tool.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/rainbos-of-emotions/id628301874?mt=8>



Baby and Child First Aid: British Red Cross

By British Red Cross

Keep your little ones safe with the British Red Cross' Baby and Child First Aid app. Packed with useful videos, easy to follow advice and a test section – it's absolutely free and simple to download.

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/baby-child-first-aid-by-british/id646471621?mt=8>



Baby Karaoke

By ToolTwist

An animated karaoke styled game that enables the user to sing along with their child to well known songs and nursery rhymes

<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/baby-karaoke/id426373998?mt=8>



Aboriginal Sydney

Discover the history & culture of Aboriginal Sydney with these self-guided audio-supported tours, covering heritage & rock art sites, as well as contemporary Australian Indigenous places of significance. Cost \$4.99.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/aboriginal-sydney/id589678908?ls=1&mt=8>



Incy Wincy Spider

By RIDBC

Created by Listening and Spoken Language Specialists in conjunction with Early Childhood Teachers, Incy Wincy Spider is a highly interactive learning experience. The app is full of wonderful educational ideas, animated interactive games, and engaging sounds to encourage the development of listening and language skills in young children. Families of children who have reduced hearing or language problems will find the app particularly useful.

<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/incy-wincy-spider-for-ipad/id673783586?mt=8>

Just for fun



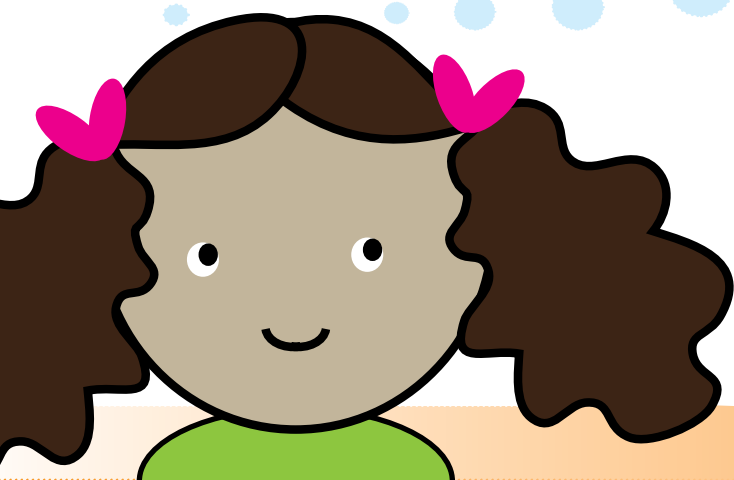
Do you know.....?

Q. What is the AUSLAN sign for oops?

A. <http://www.auslan.org.au/dictionary/words/oops-1.html>

How many words
can you make
from the letters in
BEAUTIFUL?

How many words
can you think of
that have double-o
in them?



Q. How many double-letter words can you find in this poem?

Winter Boot Blues

I wonder if it's time to put away my winter boots?
The yard is full of blossoms and the trees are green with shoots.

I put away my footy socks and venture bare and bold
I splash in warm spring puddles but my feet are damp and cold.

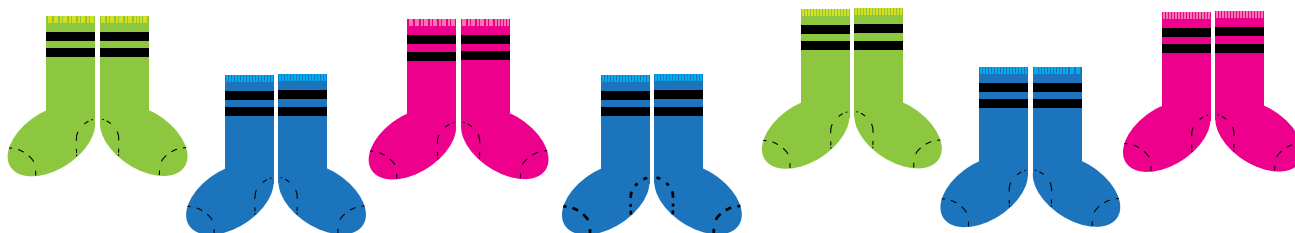
I try the battered runners I wore last year on my feet
the toes have holes, so have the soles, they're smelling none too sweet.

I slide my boots back on and do a little jump and hop
my Mum says we will buy new shoes when she finds time to shop.

I wait another week or two, then have another try
the magpie darts, the cricket starts, the pitch is green and dry —

my Dad is at the barbeque with sausages and tongs
it's time to give my feet a thrill and walk around in thongs!

Julie Thorndyke



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