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# Underpants for Ants



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Russell Punter  
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Nan sells fancy fans and lamps,



hand bells,



clam shells,



pans and stamps.



But customers just stay away.





And so she sits and knits all day.



One cold night, Nan lights a candle



and grabs a small pan by the handle.

But as she pours soup from a can...



a gang of ants leaps from the pan.

“We sneaked in from the freezing storm.”



We're sneezing  
now.

Please keep  
us warm.

“Hot water bottles  
would be nice.”



Our bottoms feel  
as cold as ice.

“I can help you,” Nan declares.



“I have yards of yarn to spare.”





I'll knit you something warm to wear."

“Thin or thick? Just take your pick.”



I can knit it  
double quick.



Nan's whiskers twitch.  
Her needles click.





Just watch!

She's finished in a tick.

“Handmade underpants!”  
“How grand.”



I'm roasting.

Toasty!



Thank you  
Nan.

Soon bugs are hopping up the hill.



# Nan's Knick-knacks



Nan's shop is full, and so's her till.

Nan gets a snug hug from the ants.



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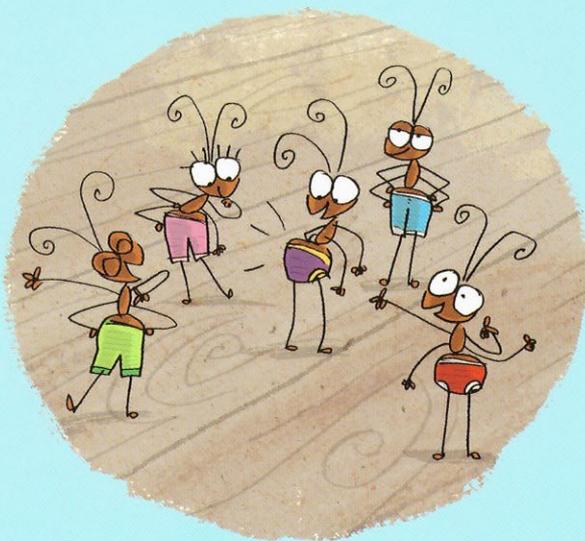


“Thanks for our wonderful underpants!”



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A lively story with irresistible illustrations, this book is a delight to share with very young children. It can also be enjoyed by children who are beginning to read for themselves. The simple rhyming text helps to develop essential language and early reading skills, and there are guidance notes for parents at the back of the book.



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