

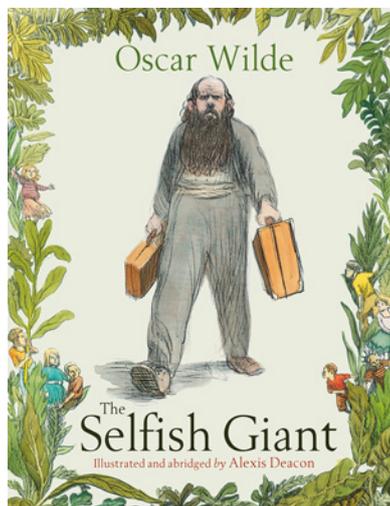


# WCCS Recommends

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## Easter books for budding boys

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### **The Selfish Giant** Oscar Wilde

A giant builds a wall to keep children out of his garden. He endures long winters until he sees a little boy, his eyes full of tears and bitter in frost, wind and snow, who cannot shelter in the branches of a tree. The giant lifts him into the tree, turning the garden all to spring.

The little boy returns with the prints of nails on his hands and feet, and says to the amazed giant:

*'You let me play once in your garden, to-day you shall come with me to my garden, which is Paradise.'*

Later, children find the giant lying departed under the tree, covered with white blossoms.

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### **There's No Such Thing as a Dragon** Jack Kent

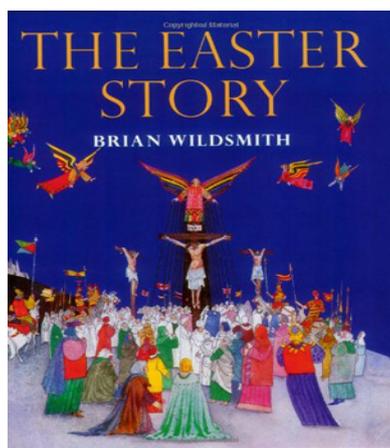
Billy finds a tiny dragon in his bedroom, and tells his mum.

'There's no such thing as a dragon!' she replies.

But this just makes the dragon bigger and bigger, until there isn't a room in the house that doesn't have some part of the dragon in it! The dragon shrinks only when Billy pats it on the head and pays it some attention.

Billy learns that problems ignored get bigger, and problems acknowledged shrink.

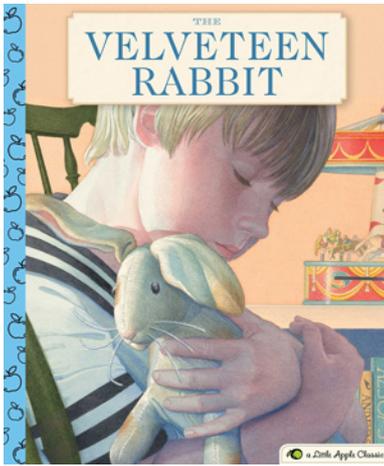
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### **The Easter Story** Brian Wildsmith

A beautifully-illustrated Easter story – from Psalm Sunday to the Ascension – told through the eyes of the donkey that Jesus rode into Jerusalem.

*'The next day, one of Jesus's friends took the little donkey back to his home. And the donkey stayed there for the rest of his life, remembering the kind and good man he had carried on his back to Jerusalem.'*



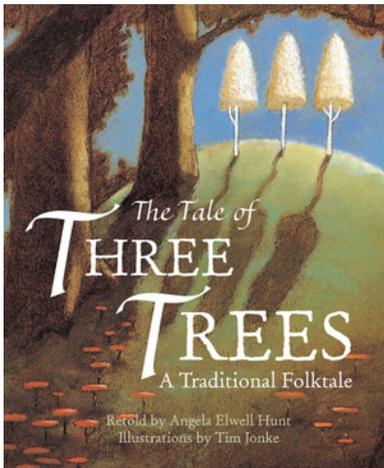
### **The Velveteen Rabbit**

**Margery Williams**

The story of a velveteen (cloth) rabbit, once forsaken for mechanical toys, who becomes real by being loved by a little boy.

When the boy gets scarlet fever, the velveteen rabbit is cast into the rubbish as a mass of germs, but his tears summon a fairy and he is reborn with soft, brown, shiny fur and real working legs.

By the Spring the boy is better, and the rabbit appears to him in the garden, more real and more loved than ever.



### **The Tale of Three Trees**

**Retold by Angela Elwell Hunt**

Three trees dream of what they want to be when they grow up: the first a treasure chest, the second a mighty ship, the third the tallest tree in the world.

The first becomes the baby Jesus's manger; the second the ship from which he calmed the waves; the third his redeeming cross.

The story of how God's love changes everything (and is even better than being the tallest tree in the world).

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