



# Sidney and Carrie Have a PARTY



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#### For Misty, Matilda and Brodie

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# Chapter 1The Picnic

One Saturday afternoon, Sidney's mum and Carrie's dad took them both to the park to have a picnic.

Carrie's dad put out a big blanket. Sidney's mum began to unpack the food. "Why don't you two have a quick run around while we set up the picnic?" said Sidney's mum.

"Yes!" said Sidney.

"Come on!" said Carrie.

Sidney and Carrie ran across the green grass and jumped over the buttercups.



They hopped around the big oak tree, then wiggled along the zigzag path.

They stopped to say hello to the ducks, and then they skipped all the way back to the blanket and sat down.



"Phew!" said Sidney. "I'm hot now!"

"Me too!" said Carrie.

"You two are very excited today," said Sidney's mum.

"Is that because it's ...?" said Carrie's dad.

"... our birthdays soon! Yes!" shouted Carrie and Sidney together.

"We are best friends AND our birthdays are in the same week!" said Sidney. "How cool is that?"

"Cool!" Carrie grinned as she nodded.

Carrie's dad handed everyone a plate, and Sidney's mum opened a big bag of crisps.

"We want to ask you about your birthdays," said Sidney's mum.

"Yes," said Carrie's dad. "Do you want to have a joint birthday party?"

"Oh, yes, please!" said Sidney.



"That's amazing!" said Carrie.

"Can we invite everyone in our class?" said Sidney as he crunched on some crisps.

"I don't see why not," said Sidney's mum. "We'll have the party in the village hall, so there will be lots of space." "We'll need to send the invitations out soon," said Carrie.

"This is going to be the best birthday party ever!" said Sidney.

