

For Noah & Fin

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# THE STORY THIEF

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Down in his cave, the Story Thief  
still couldn't work out how these strange things  
made everyone else so happy.

He tried building with them.  
He tried balancing under them.

He even tried sleeping on them  
(which was a disaster).





It felt like MAGIC!



Octopus finally knew how precious books were.  
How would the townsfolk ever forgive his thievery?



But Olive had a cunning plan.



Back home the islanders were wondering if they'd ever see  
their treasured books again, when they suddenly heard  
a terrific rumbling sound coming from the sea.