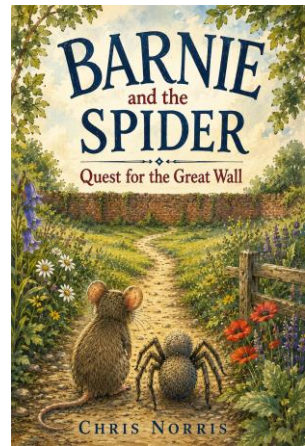


A BIG ADVENTURE IN A TINY WORLD

New middle-grade novel pairs a young mouse with a wise seven-legged spider on an extraordinary journey through an ordinary garden.

Barnie and the Spider: Quest for the Great Wall by Chris Norris



A tiny mouse. A seven-legged spider. A very big adventure.

Barnie has spent his young life safe inside an old garden shed. When that familiar world is suddenly lost, he must step into a place he barely understands. His guide is Solomon: an elderly, seven-legged spider whose knowledge, patience and quiet courage make him the most unlikely of companions.

Together, they set out towards the distant Great Wall, where Barnie hopes to find other mice - and perhaps somewhere he can finally belong. At their scale, the everyday becomes epic: rain can turn into a dangerous flood, bark can become a boat, birds loom as terrifying predators, and a garden path stretches into a vast wilderness.

Adventure comes first, but the story has real emotional depth. Barnie's journey explores grief, friendship, resilience and belonging without losing its warmth, suspense or sense of wonder. He learns to observe, improvise and solve problems, while Solomon shows him that courage is not the absence of fear: it is choosing to act despite it.

WHY THIS STORY STANDS OUT

- **An unforgettable friendship.** A vulnerable young mouse and a wise, disabled spider form a distinctive bond built on trust and shared purpose.
- **A familiar world made thrillingly new.** The ordinary garden becomes a landscape of wonder, scale and genuine danger.
- **Heart beneath the adventure.** Themes of loss, confidence, acceptance and growing up emerge naturally through Barnie's experiences.
- **Cooperation over strength.** Quick thinking, knowledge and different abilities matter; the characters move forward by helping one another.
- **Ideal for schools, libraries and family reading.** Supports PSHE, wellbeing and emotional literacy through an accessible KS2/3-friendly story exploring friendship, loss, resilience, confidence, empathy and moral development.

Warm, exciting and thought-provoking, *Barnie and the Spider: Quest for the Great Wall* is a story about the strength found in friendship, the resourcefulness born from challenge, and the courage to keep going when the way ahead feels impossibly large.

Suitable for middle-grade readers and for adults who enjoy animal adventures with heart.

BOOK DETAILS

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