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## CHARLIE MCGREW & THE HORSE THAT HE DREW

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY: Rob Biddulph

PUBLISHER: HarperCollins Children's Books

Beginning



### ABOUT THE BOOK:

Grab a pen and get ready for some drawing with this brand-new story from bestselling and award-winning Rob Biddulph!

Charlie McGrew is one creative kid, and when he decides he's going to draw a pet horse, he discovers he must also find ways to keep his new friend happy...

Written in rhyming text and full of Rob's signature combination of comedy and charm, this imaginative picture book also includes space to add your own brilliant drawings and is perfect for all the family.

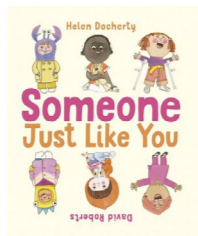
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Rob Biddulph is an award-winning author and illustrator, and the creator of the hugely successful internet sensation *Draw with Rob*, which entertained school children all over the country during lockdown. *Draw with Rob* is now a brilliant activity book series for artists of all ages!

In May 2020 he taught more than 100,000 young artists how to draw a blue whale. Not only did they break the world record for the largest ever online art class but it also inspired his newest picture, *Gigantic*, which will publish in September 2023.

Rob is the winner of several awards including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2015 – for which he was the overall winner. He has published 11 picture books.

### Rob Biddulph's Book Recommendations



Author: Helen Docherty  
Illustrator: David Roberts  
Publisher: Simon & Schuster



Author: Hannah Gold  
Illustrator: Levi Pinfold  
Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books



Author: Flavia Z. Drago  
Publisher: Walker Books



Author: Oliver Jeffers  
Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books

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World Book Day have worked with Coram Beanstalk and Bag Books to create activities that open the door to each book before the child even opens the front cover.

### BOOK CHAT:

- Charlie wants a horse for a pet. If you could choose any animal for a pet, what would you choose?
- If Charlie's pet horse could talk, what do you think it might say to Charlie?
- If you were an animal, what would you like to be? Would you be a wild animal or someone's pet?

### A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

You'll be doing lots of drawing when you read this book! Here's a game to get you started.

You need a big piece of paper and some pencils.

The first person draws a big squiggle. It doesn't need to look like anything, just a wavy line that wiggles all over the page.

What can you add to your squiggle to turn it into an animal? Take turns to add eyes, nose, ears, claws and other features to create your own fantastic animal.

Give your new creature a name! Do you think it would make a good pet?

### SENSORY ACTIVITY:

#### Let's Make a Horse!

Draw or download a horse head template using the dressing up resource template or one from [bagbooks.org](http://bagbooks.org), and let's make your own horsey friends. Use a hole punch to add holes and thread wool through for its hair. What colour will your horse's mane be?

Think about your horse's name, what sounds do they make, and imagine how they move with the clip-clop of their hooves. Is your horse speedy or slow?

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