

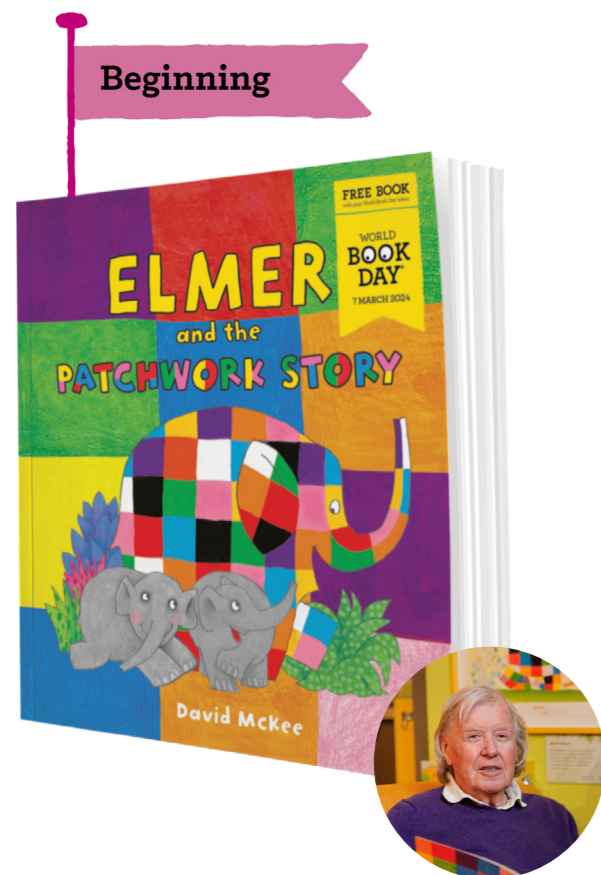
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# £1/€1.50 BOOK INFORMATION SHEET

## ELMER AND THE PATCHWORK STORY

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY: David McKee

PUBLISHER: Andersen Press



### ABOUT THE BOOK:

This World Book Day, come on a brand-new adventure with Elmer the patchwork elephant and discover the joy of telling, sharing, and making up stories! Do you know the story about the magic biscuit? Neither does Elmer! But the baby elephants want to hear it, so Elmer and his friends race to remember it before bedtime . . .

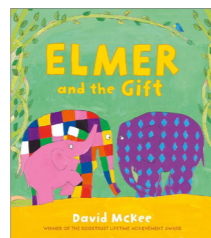
For over 35 years and across 30 stories, Elmer has spread a message of confidence, friendship and compassion to children all around the world.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

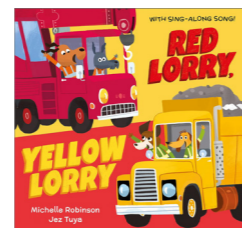
David McKee (1935 - 2022) was the creator of well-known characters including King Rollo, Mr Benn and Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, which is now published in more than 60 languages and has its own successful global merchandise programme. David was born in Devon and went to Plymouth Art College, where he had a traditional training.

On leaving college he drew regularly for *Punch*, *Reader's Digest*, and *The Times Educational Supplement*. His drawings were influenced especially by Saul Steinberg and Andre Francois. In 2020 David won the British Book Awards Illustrator of the Year Award and BookTrust's Lifetime Achievement Award.

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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:

- (Looking at the cover) Oh look, it's Elmer, have you seen Elmer before? What kind of elephant is he? I wonder what this book's about, it's called Elmer and the Patchwork Story.

- The elephant babies want to hear a story about the magic biscuit, I wonder what a magic biscuit looks like. Have you tasted a magic biscuit?

- What do you think a magic biscuit might be made of? I bet it's very tasty.

- What kind of magic do you think the magic biscuit might do?

### A GAME YOU COULD PLAY:

Can we make up a story about a magic biscuit?

1. Prepare a set of cards, some with words, some with pictures e.g. biscuit; magic; sugar; spell; mix; elephant; bowl; sprinkle; colour; funny; baby; spoon.
2. Take turns to pick up three or more cards and say what you see.
3. Use the words or pictures to tell a story.

Maybe we could start our stories with "Once upon a time ..."

### SENSORY ACTIVITY:

#### What can you hear?

As Elmer and the elephants go for a walk in the evening, they stop to chat with their animal friends—Hippo, Tiger, and Monkey.

What sounds do you think these animals make? Can you try making those sounds, too? What other animal sounds can you do?

How would the different animals move? Can you mimic the way they'd walk?

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