

# THE MOST MAGNIFICENT THING

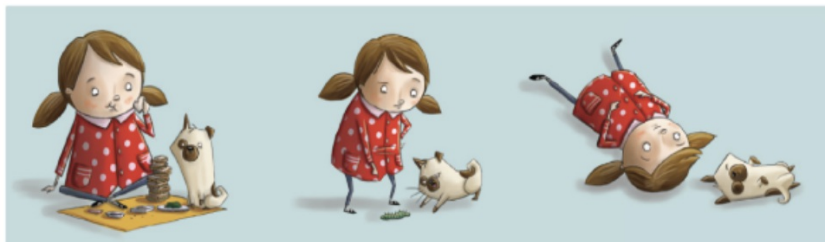


What do you think this book is about?

What's going to happen?



This is a regular girl and her best friend in the whole wide world.  
They do all kinds of things together. They race. They eat. They explore. They relax.

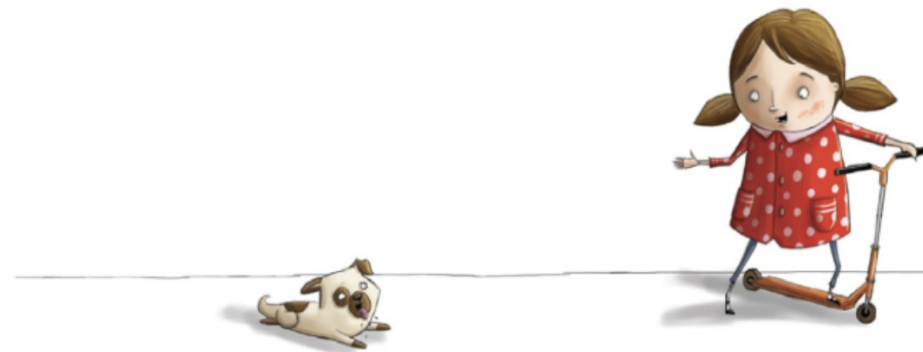




She makes things.



He unmakes things.



One day, the girl has a wonderful idea. She is going to make the most **MAGNIFICENT** thing!



She knows just how it will look.



She knows just how it will work.



All she has to do is make it, and she makes things all the time. Easy-peasy!

First, she hires an assistant.





Next, they gather their supplies.  
They set up somewhere out of the way and get to work.



The girl tinkers and hammers and measures ...



... while her assistant pounces  
and growls and chews.

When she is finished, she steps back to admire her work.  
She walks around one side. Her assistant examines the other side ...  
It doesn't look right. Her assistant picks it up and gives it a shake. It doesn't feel right, either.



They are shocked to discover that the thing isn't magnificent.  
Or good. It isn't even kind-of-sort-of okay. It is all **WRONG**.  
The girl tosses it aside and gives it another go.





She smoothes and wrenches and fiddles.



Her assistant circles and tugs and wags.



When she is finished, she stands up and takes a long look at it.  
Her assistant gives it a nudge with his paw.



The thing is still wrong. She decides to try again.



The girl saws and glues and adjusts.



She stands and examines and stares.

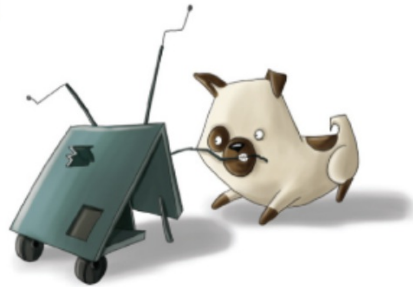


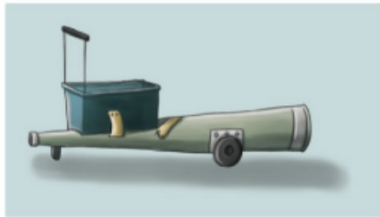
She twists and tweaks and fastens.



She fixes and straightens and studies.

She tries all different ways to make it better.  
She makes it square. She makes it round. She gives it legs. She adds antennae.





She makes it fuzzy. She makes it long, short, rough, smooth, big, small –  
one even smells of stinky cheese! But none of them are **MAGNIFICENT**.

Her hard work attracts a few admirers, but they don't understand.  
They can't see the MAGNIFICENT thing that she has in her mind.

She gets MAD.



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## Magnificent

**magnificent** [ mag-nif-uh-suhnt ] [SHOW IPA](#) 🔊 ☆

See synonyms for: [magnificent / magnificently](#) on Thesaurus.com

### adjective

- 1 making a splendid appearance or show; of exceptional beauty, size, etc.:  
*a magnificent cathedral; magnificent scenery.*
- 2 extraordinarily fine; superb:  
*a magnificent opportunity; magnificent weather.*
- 3 noble; sublime:  
*a magnificent poem.*
- 4 (usually initial capital letter) (formerly used as a title of some rulers) great; grand:  
*Lorenzo the Magnificent.*
- 5 lavishly munificent; extravagant:  
*a magnificent inheritance.*

## tinker

**tinker** [ ting-ker ] [SHOW IPA](#) 🔊 ☆

See synonyms for: [tinker / tinkered / tinkering / tinkerer](#) on Thesaurus.com

### noun

- 1 a mender of pots, kettles, pans, etc., usually an itinerant.
- 2 an unskillful or clumsy worker; bungler.

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### verb (used without object)

- 7 to busy oneself with a thing without useful results:  
*Stop tinkering with that clock and take it to the repair shop.*
- 8 to work unskillfully or clumsily at anything.

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### verb (used with object)

- 10 to mend as a tinker.
- 11 to repair in an unskillful, clumsy, or makeshift way.



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## admire

**admire** [ ad-rmahyuh ] [SHOW IPA](#)  

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*verb (used with object), ad-mired, ad-mir-ing.*

- 1 to regard with wonder, pleasure, or approval.
- 2 to regard with wonder or surprise (usually used ironically or sarcastically):  
*I admire your audacity.*

*verb (used without object), ad-mired, ad-mir-ing.*

- 3 to feel or express [admiration](#).
- 4 *Dialect.* to take pleasure; like or desire:  
*I would admire to go.*

## Fiddles

**fiddle** [ fid-l ] [SHOW IPA](#)  

See synonyms for: [fiddle](#) / [fiddling](#) on Thesaurus.com

*noun*

- 1 a musical instrument of the viol family.
- 2 violin:  
*Her aunt plays first fiddle with the state symphony orchestra.*

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*verb (used without object), fid-dled, fid-dling.*

- 5 to play on the fiddle.
- 6 to make trifling or fussing movements with the hands (often followed by *with*):  
*fiddling with his cuffs.*

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*verb (used with object), fid-dled, fid-dling.*

- 10 to play (a tune) on a fiddle.
- 11 to trifle or waste (usually used with *away*):  
*to fiddle time away.*

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## tweaks

**tweak** [ tweek ] [SHOW IPA](#)  

See synonyms for: [tweak / tweaked / tweaking](#) on Thesaurus.com

*verb (used with object)*

- 1 to pinch and pull with a jerk and twist:  
*to tweak someone's ear; to tweak someone's nose.*
- 2 to pull or pinch the nose of, especially gently:  
*He tweaked the baby on greeting.*
- 3 to make a minor adjustment to:  
*to tweak a computer program.*

*noun*

- 4 an act or instance of tweaking; a sharp, twisting pull or jerk.

## antenna


**antenna** [ an·ten·uh ] [SHOW IPA](#)  

See synonyms for: [antenna / antennae](#) on Thesaurus.com

*noun, plural an·ten·nas for 1, an·ten·nae • [an·ten·ee] for 2.*

- 1 a conductor by which electromagnetic waves are sent out or received, consisting commonly of a wire or set of wires; aerial.
- 2 *Zoology.* one of the jointed, movable, sensory appendages occurring in pairs on the heads of insects and most other arthropods.





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Create some sentences using our new vocabulary.

Can you create a sentence that uses more than one?