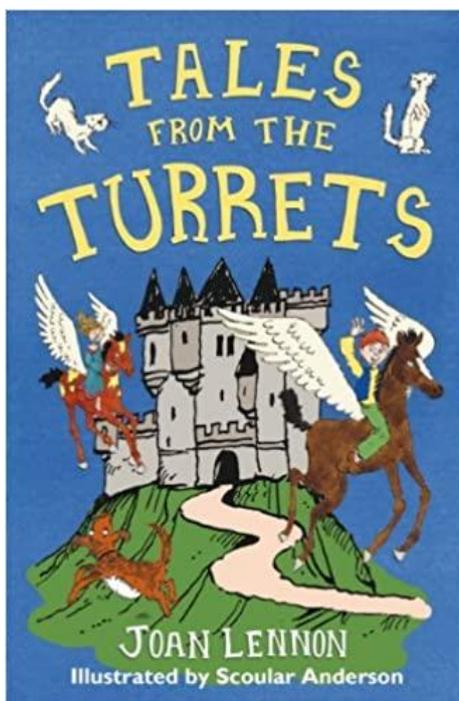


**Tales from the Turrets –
The Ferret Princess, Wag and the King, The Mucker’s Tale
by Joan Lennon**



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A bind-up of three hilarious tales for readers who like their princesses ferrety, their dogs wise, and their stable boys heroic.

The Ferret Princess

Princess Cecilia loves stories. And when two horrible bad guys try to take over the kingdom, she pulls a cunning plan right out of a book. It involves a haunted tower, clothes that move even though nobody’s wearing them, and 12 hungry ferrets with sharp bitey teeth.

‘Packed full of attitude, humour... and ferrets.’
Literacy Time

‘... this is a high-spirited and humorous story, made all the more enjoyable by energetic and expressive black and white illustrations.’
Books for Keeps

Wag and the King

Wag is an old dog. His human's name is Tom. Tom is always getting into trouble – and he's not the only one. There's a new young king on the throne who is really, really bored, until one day someone amazing walks through the door – someone beautiful and gorgeous and all dressed up and with a fancy-dancy poodle dog with her. Unfortunately, she also has a very sharp knife ...

'... appealing characters and fast-paced plot, coupled with delightful black and white illustrations by Scoular Anderson, make this book a great addition to the school or home library.'

Books for Keeps

'How to keep his human out of trouble is the job of Wag, the old dog who tells this delightfully quirky story. His human is Tom, a boy who has been apprenticed to the Court's minstrel ... How Wag saves Tom from some spectacular disasters is a riotously good read.'

Julia Eccleshare LoveReading4Kids

The Mucker's Tale

Once upon a time, in a tiny kingdom hidden so high in the mountains that clouds kept bumping into the castle walls, lived a stable boy. Nothing ever changed in the tiny kingdom - until one day

everything changed!

That was the day the raiders came.

'Flying horses, bungling thieves and heroic children are bound to keep young readers enthralled in this story about a tiny kingdom high in the mountains. This story has adventure, charm and humour by the bucket-full (and yes, plenty of horse poo too), and children will love the feisty central boy and girl characters.'

Fun Kids - The Children's Radio Station

'Written for newly-confident readers, or for sharing with younger children, this story provides just the right amount of adventure, charm and humour to keep readers involved. Children will also easily identify with the feisty central boy and girl characters.'

Reading Zone

Teachers' Notes for Tales from the Turrets
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Writing Ideas – The Ferret Princess

1.) Having one pet can lead to all sorts of misadventures - but what about having a dozen? What might happen if you were asked to look after a dozen cats for a friend? Or a dozen budgies? Or a dozen dinosaurs? Write a story about your day of disasters!

2.) I was once told "The only good ferret is a stuffed one!" but in *The Ferret Princess* the princess simply adores her ferrets. Can you think of an unusual pet or toy that you've loved and nobody else has? Write a story or a poem about what that feels like.

Writing Ideas – Wag and the King

1.) Wag the dog is wise – he helps his boy and the King get out of trouble. If you had a dog as wise as Wag, what trouble might he be able to get YOU out of? Write a story about the adventures of you and a wise old dog!

2.) I have a cat who is old and fat, and I love her dearly. She keeps me company when I'm writing and sleeps on my bed at night. Write a poem about a pet that you have, or a pet that you wished you had, and list all the things that he or she does that are lovable ... or even not so lovable! It could start "I love my cat because ..." Give it a try!

3.) There's an old saying "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." If you had a dog, what would be the best trick you can think of for it to do? Wash the dishes with its tongue? Deliver newspapers all over the neighbourhood? Think of some doggy tricks!

Writing Idea – A Mucker’s Tale

Or you could write a poem. The title of the poem is going to be “If Only I had a Flying Horse” and that’s the first and last line as well. It’s going to look something like this ...

If only I had a flying horse
I would fly to ...
I would see ...
I would hear ...
I would smell ...
I would taste ...
I would feel ...
If only I had a flying horse!