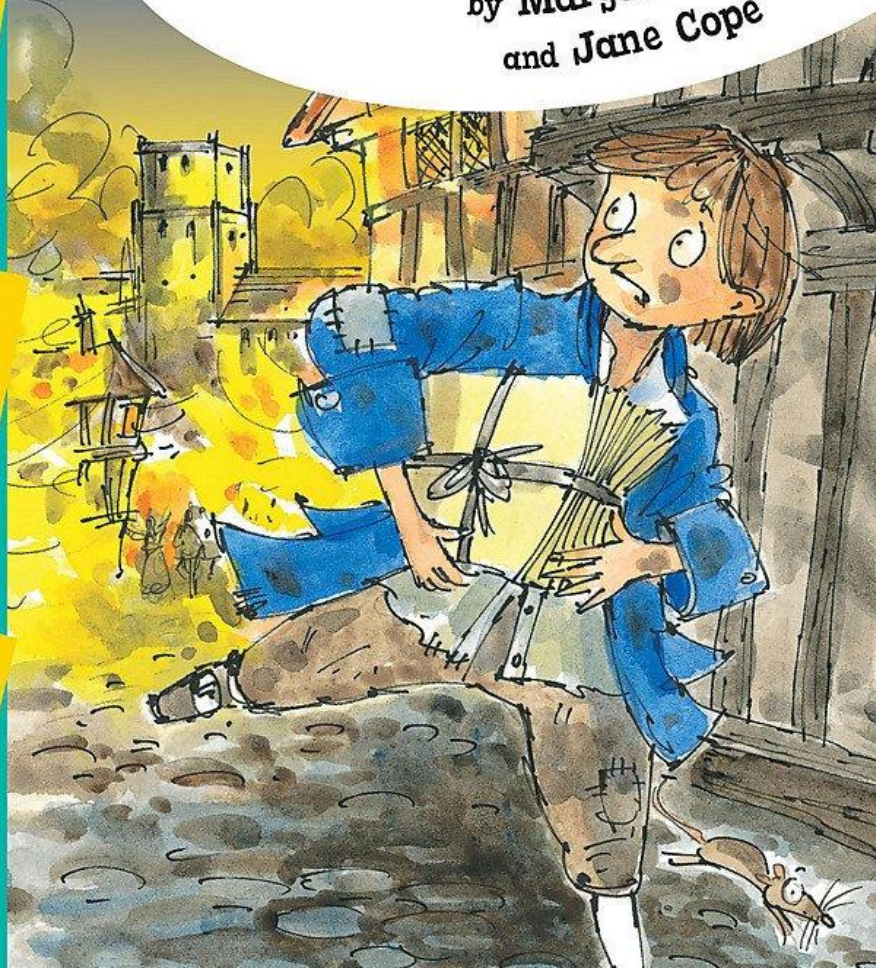


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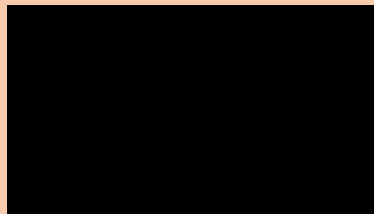
Toby and the Great Fire of London

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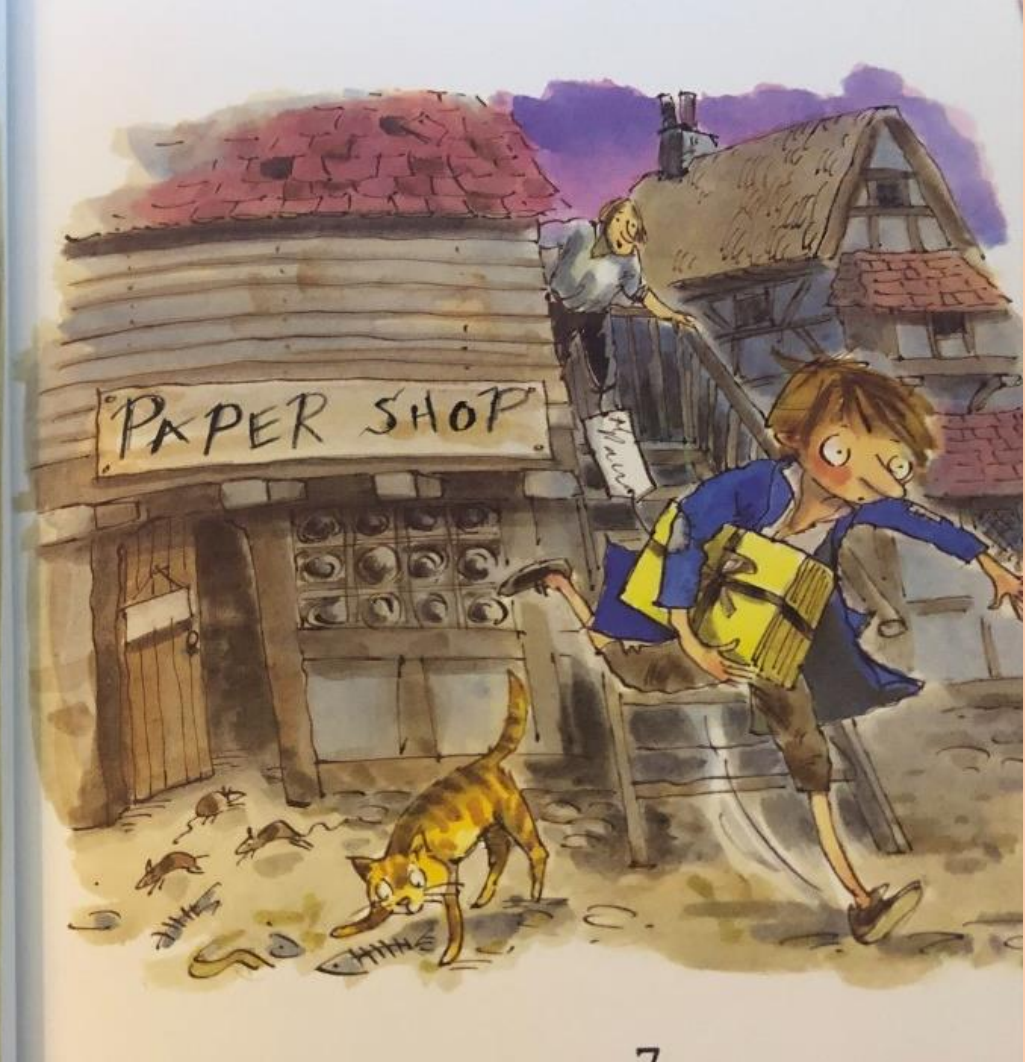




Toby was asleep after a long days work. He lived above his master's shop in London.



Snoring sound



"Toby! Get up!" shouted Master. "You've left the book for Mr Pepys here, foolish boy! Take it at once, it's for his diary!"
"Oh no!" cried Toby. He leapt out of bed, grabbed the book and ran out into the street.

Hold heavy book
and run in a circle



The night was hot, but there was a strong breeze blowing. People were out in the street. Some were running. Toby looked up. There were clouds of smoke and a red sky. Whatever was the matter?

Lights off, red torch in sky,
fan on to imitate wind, talc
powder to imitate smoke



Toby ran round the corner. "FIRE! FIRE!" shouted an old lady. She was still in her night-gown. "London's burning!" cried a boy. "And the river's full of boats." Toby saw the flames. He ran on.

Fire light
/fire sound
effect



The streets were full of carts and choked with smoke. Toby pushed past the crowds of people. He must find Mr Pepys. At last Toby found Mr Pepy's house and knocked on his door.

Talc smoke/adult to cough and imitate pushing through crowd using TA's, still carrying book, get learners to knock on wood/door



But no one came. "Is anyone in?" called Toby. No one answered. He climbed the wall. Up and up he went to the top. Then he saw a terrible sight: an arc of flames spreading all over the city of London.

Red light on
ceiling, siren
noise.



Toby turned round and saw Mr Pepys putting bottles into a pit. Toby was so surprised, he wobbled and had to jump down from the wall. He landed by the pit, but the book landed... IN the pit.

Bottles, bucket/box with dark fabric in it to create pit, jump on the spot and drop book into pit.



"OH NO!" cried Toby. "Hey! This pit is for my wine and cheese" said Mr Pepys. "It's to keep them safe from the fire. And a don't want my diary stinking of cheese" he added. "PHEW! The cheese really does pong," said Toby.

Stinky cheese
to smell



Toby jumped down into the put and got the book out for Mr Pepys. "Look lad, this fire looks bad!" said Mr Pepys. "We need to help to stop it from spreading. Follow me!" Off they ran.

Get various learners to follow you walking around room.

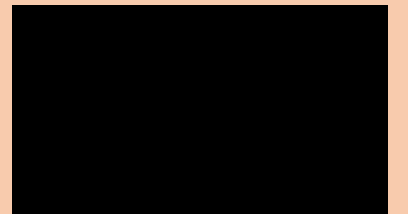


They did not stop until they reached St Paul's. People were moving books out to safety. In the distance, Toby could hear explosions. Houses were being blown up to stop the fire spreading.

Explosion sound
effect



A man covered in soot arrived and climbed down from his sooty horse. "Who is this stranger?" said Toby. "Don't you know?" said Mr Pepys. "It's King Charles II of England!"



Horse noise



"Take this bucket!" said the King. "Help me fight this monster of a fire." With the King, Mr Pepys and many other helpers, Toby tried to put out the fire. They all worked day and night until the fire died.

Water bottles,
spray fire



Three days later, Toby returned to the shop. His master was amazed! "Oh, thank goodness you're back! I thought the fire had got you!". "Not me, Sir. I've been helping Mr Pepys and the King!" said Toby. "But I do need a good rest." "And a good wash too!" said Master.

Clothes covered in dirt,
baby doll with black paint
on arms/ legs/face, baby
wipes to wash off.

The End