



# Cyril the Squirrel Books

## ADVANCE INFORMATION SHEET

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Title:	<i>Cyril the Squirrel</i>
ISBN:	978-1-908048-00-4
Price:	£5.95
Author & Illustrator:	Jo Wright
Publisher:	Cyril the Squirrel Books
Publication Date:	30 October 2010
Category:	Children's
Specifications:	Paperback, sewn, 240 x 297mm, 28pp
Distributor:	Bertram Books

Praise for *Cyril the Squirrel*:

Bookbabblers: "very nicely illustrated"

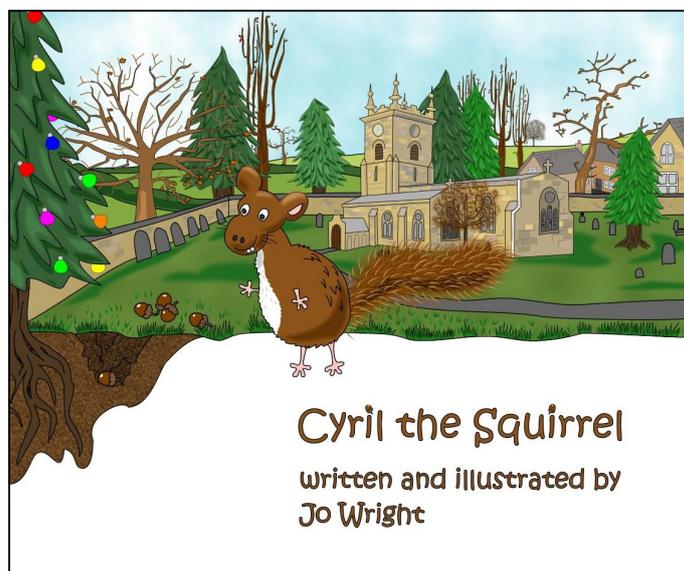
Customer Review on Amazon:  
"This is a brilliant book to read aloud to young children. The illustrations are vibrant and visually very appealing and it is well written. The design of the book is really good and our children enjoyed counting the acorns as they are lost and found during the story! I would definitely recommend."

*Cyril the Squirrel* is the first title in a new series of children's picture books called Cyril the Squirrel and Friends, written and illustrated by Jo Wright. The book is suitable to be read to toddlers/infants and also by children as they learn to read (5 to 8 years). It is written to challenge as well as entertain young readers and listeners with the inclusion of a few longer words to broaden vocabularies, and this aspect will appeal to discerning parents and teachers. Quite apart from this, however, the book appeals to a wide range of children due to its colourful artwork and rhyming animal story. The illustrations show above and below ground level and a particular feature is the inclusion of holes in the pages through which children can count the buried acorns that Cyril can't find.

Cyril is a forgetful squirrel who keeps on forgetting where he's hidden his acorns. He buries them under a Christmas tree hung with festive lights, as he thinks he won't be able to miss that, but of course when he tries to find them again Christmas is over and the lights are gone. The story helps children to learn about nature and the cycle of the seasons. It contains repetition and rhyme, and small changes appear in repeated scenes (plants that have grown and background wildlife), which children can enjoy spotting. One of Cyril's lost acorns eventually grows into a young oak tree.

About the Author:

Jo Wright is in her late thirties and lives in Warwickshire. She has BA (Hons), MA and PhD degrees in literature, her thesis being written on contemporary magical realist fiction in Africa, the Caribbean and South Asia. After a fifteen year career in higher education, including senior management roles, she decided to leave this behind her to spend more time with her family and write, illustrate and publish children's books. *Cyril the Squirrel* is her first published title.



Selling Points:

- Series features rhyming sounds in its titles which are spelt differently (Cyril/Squirrel) to help children learn about the oddities of the English language.
- Promotes learning about nature and growth, through an amusing story with a lovable animal protagonist.
- Feature holes to help young children to learn to count.
- Rhyme and repetition

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