

# Lockdown Tales Activities



## Charlie Cook's Favourite Book

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Read for Wonderful Beast's Lockdown Tales by Sophie Neville, with original music by Sylvia Hallett.



*Sophie Neville recording her reading for Lockdown Tales.*

Do you have a favourite place to read, like Charlie's cosy chair?

Maybe it's tucked up in bed, with someone you love reading to you? Maybe it's all on your own where no one can disturb you?

Draw a picture of yourself in your favourite place.

Once upon a time there was a boy called **Charlie Cook**

Who **curled up in a cosy chair** and read his **favourite book...**

*How many favourite books or stories do you have?*

*What are they called?*

*Write a list of them, with a comment about why you like each one. Number them in order of lovability. (with your favourite being number 1).*

Each book in *Charlie Cook's Favourite Book* leads to another book, inside another book. At the end of the story, the books have led us back to our own book—the book about a cosy armchair and a boy called Charlie Cook.

### FINDING

Choose the **main character** from your **book numbered 1**, and send him or her on an adventure where he/she ends up **finding your book 2**. Choose a character from inside **that book** and send them off again on another adventure **to find book 3**.

You can do this with more books. **Find a way of ending up where you began**, reading your very favourite book in that cosy place.

### MAPPING

**Draw a map** showing the adventure on which your characters go to find your next book.

It might be through a forest, coming across a little girl sitting on a tree stump reading your next book. It could be a boy fishing up a book in a stream instead of a fish...or a treasure chest guarded by fierce dogs...or a trip to the moon!

### SHARING

**Write down**, or ask someone else to write down **your story** as you make it up. Or, you could **let them join in** with you. They may have some good ideas and good books too.

Then **send us your story!**

Send us videos and pictures of your activities! Use the hashtag **#LockdownTales**  
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