



THE DRESSED UP BOOK

by Kathy Stinson, illustrated by Heather Collins. Annick Press, 1990. \$4.95 paper

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Recommended for Preschool to Grade 2

What do you smell with a fire-breathing nose? How do you shampoo rainbow hair? Who dares to tickle King Kong toes?

Readers won't find the answers to these and many other quirky and fascinating questions in this latest picture book by Kathy Stinson.

Instead, the questions are designed to spark the imagination, opening up worlds of wild possibilities. Children's minds will leap and soar as they search out answers to Stinson's imaginative queries and invent new questions of their own.

Stinson's straightforward text focuses on the senses and parts of the body. Colourful, exuberant illustrations by Heather Collins are a perfect match. Having previously collaborated on *The Bare Naked Book*, the author and illustrator have created a picture book loaded with costume ideas and fun-filled activities. Gypsies, turtles, dragons and robots leap off the pages, inviting children to join them.

This book will touch chords with all generations. Who hasn't dressed up in mother's high heels or reveled in clown make-up? Teachers and parents can use this book to springboard into other activities. Children will be itching to dive into the dress-up trunk and lose themselves in a fantasy world of their own making.