

Aussie Nibbles Still the best!

The Amazing FLEADIN

Christina Miesen

Aussie Nibbles



Christina Miesen

Puffin Books

PUFFIN BOOKS

Published by the Penguin Group
Penguin Group (Australia)
250 Camberwell Road
Camberwell, Victoria 3124, Australia
(a division of Pearson Australia Group Pty Ltd)
Penguin Group (USA) Inc.
375 Hudson Street, New York, New York 10014, USA
Penguin Group (Canada)
90 Eglinton Avenue East, Suite 700,
Toronto ON M4P 2Y3, Canada
(a division of Pearson Penguin Canada Inc.)
Penguin Books Ltd
80 Strand, London WCZR ORL, England

Penguin Ireland 25 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, Ireland (a division of Penguin Books Ltd)

(a division of Penguin Books Ltd)
Penguin Books India Pvt Ltd
ity Centre Panchsheel Park, New Delhi -110 01

11, Community Centre, Panchsheel Park, New Delhi -110 017, India Penguin Group (NZ) 67 Apollo Drive, Rosedale, Auckland 0632, New Zealand

67 Apollo Drive, Rosedale, Auckland 0632, New Zealand (a division of Pearson New Zealand Ltd) Penguin Books (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd 24 Sturdee Avenue, Rosebank, Johannesburg 2196, South Africa

Penguin Books Ltd, Registered Offices: 80 Strand, London WC2R 0RL, England

First published by Penguin Group (Australia), a division of Pearson Australia Group Pty Ltd, 2011

13579108642

Text and illustrations copyright @ Christina Miesen, 2011

The moral right of the author and illustrator has been asserted.

All rights reserved. Without limiting the rights under copyright reserved above, no part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in or introduced into a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form or by any means (electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise), without the prior written permission of both the copyright owner and the above publisher of this book.

Text and cover design by Marina Messiha © Penguin Group (Australia)
Series designed by Cameron Midson, based on an original series design by Melissa Fraser
Typeset in New Century Schoolbook by Post Pre-press Group, Brisbane, Queensland
Printed and bound in Australia by McPherson's Printing Group, Maryborough, Victoria

National Library of Australia Cataloguing-in-Publication data:

Miesen, Christina.
The amazing Fleadini / Christina Miesen.
ISBN 9780143305866 (pbk.)
Miesen, Christina.
Aussie nibbles.
Flea circuses — Juvenile fiction.

A823.4

The Aussie Nibbles Story

In 1996, Puffin developed the Aussie Bites series as a response to the need for short chapter books to bridge the reading gap between picture books and novels.

Our aim was to encourage confidence in young readers by providing them with well-written, relevant stories that were both easy to read and entertaining.

In 2000, due to popular demand, we expanded the series to include Aussie Nibbles, which are shorter stories aimed at younger readers who are tackling their very first chapter books.

The success of the Aussie Nibbles series has exceeded our wildest expectations. Nearly one million copies have been sold, and the books, which are produced entirely in Australia, are still in constant demand. Many of the titles have now been published internationally. Kids, parents and teachers love them, and they're easy to recognise by their trademark 'nibble' at the top of the book.

Aussie Nibbles – helping children develop a taste for reading!

PUFFIN BOOKS

Aussie Nibbles



Matt can't believe his luck when the Flea Circus superstar decides to holiday with him at his house.

But having Fleadini as his guest isn't *quite* the fun Matt expects . . .

Tick the Aussie Nibbles you have read!

THE AMAZING FLEADINI Christina Miesen
JAMIE SPY AND THE GREAT COOKIE MYSTERY Christina Miesen
MR EIGHT Sharyn Eastaugh Illustrated by Gus Gordon
FAST GRANDMA Margaret Clark Illustrated by Craig Smith
CRUSHER KEVIN Penny Matthews Illustrated by Andrew McLean
ROSIE AND NED AND THE CREEPY CAVE Meredith Costain Illustrated by Tina Burke

Visit us at puffin.com.au

For Mum and Dad

CHAPTER !

A Disappearing Act

'And now, the Amazing
Fleadini will jump through
not ONE, not TWO, but
THREE hoops of fire!'
bellowed the Flea Circus
master.

Matt gasped. He put on

his magnifying glasses and peered down at the mini circus arena.



Climbing into a teeny tiny cannon, wearing a one-piece jumpsuit and



a helmet the size of a very small corn kernel, was the Amazing Fleadini.

As Fleadini gave the thumbs up, the Flea Circus master lit the fuse. Fleadini shot out of the cannon, through the flaming hoops, and –

DISAPPEARED!

Matt thought it was the best show he'd ever seen.

But the Flea Circus



master was looking around wildly.

Where *had* Fleadini gone?

Disappearing like that was not part of the act!

CHAPTER 2 A Holiday

At home again, Matt scratched his head for the millionth time. He'd never been so itchy in his life.

Suddenly he stopped, mid-scratch. Was that a tiny voice in his ear? Pulling the magnifying glasses out of his pocket,

Matt raced to the bathroom.

Looking at his reflection, he saw the Amazing Fleadini waving at him!

'Hi there,' said Matt, as if it was the most natural thing in the world to have a flea in a helmet hopping about on his head.

Fleadini whispered in Matt's ear.



'You want to have a holiday *here*?' Matt said. 'Why? There's no beach or pool or anything.'

Matt knew. He'd been living here for years, and so far it was the same old house. He'd kept asking his parents for a pool, but it hadn't happened.

Fleadini hopped onto Matt's hand, and spoke again in his tiny voice.