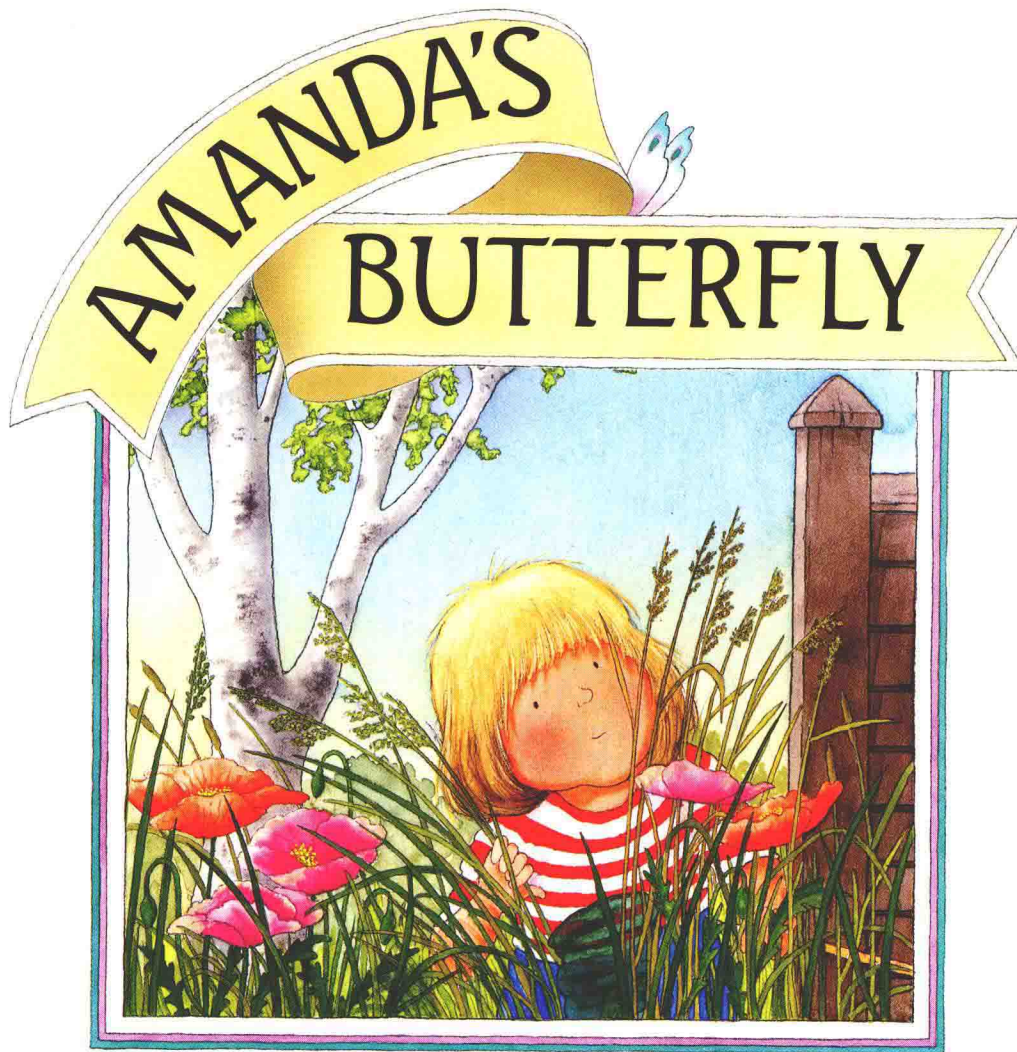


NICK BUTTERWORTH



NICK BUTTERWORTH

PictureLions
An Imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers

First published in Great Britain by
William Collins Sons & Co Ltd in 1991
First published in Great Britain in Picture Lions in 1992
10 9 8 7 6

Picture Lions is an imprint of the Children's Division,
part of HarperCollins Publishers Limited,
77-85 Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith,
London W6 8JB

Copyright © Nick Butterworth 1991
The author asserts the moral right to be
identified as the author of the work.

ISBN: 0 00 663682-9

Printed and bound in Singapore.

One sunny morning,
I woke up before anybody else
in the house. I sat up in bed and
read a story to my friends. . .



It was a story about a butterfly.



The story gave me an idea. I decided to catch a butterfly. All I needed was . . .



My butterfly net!



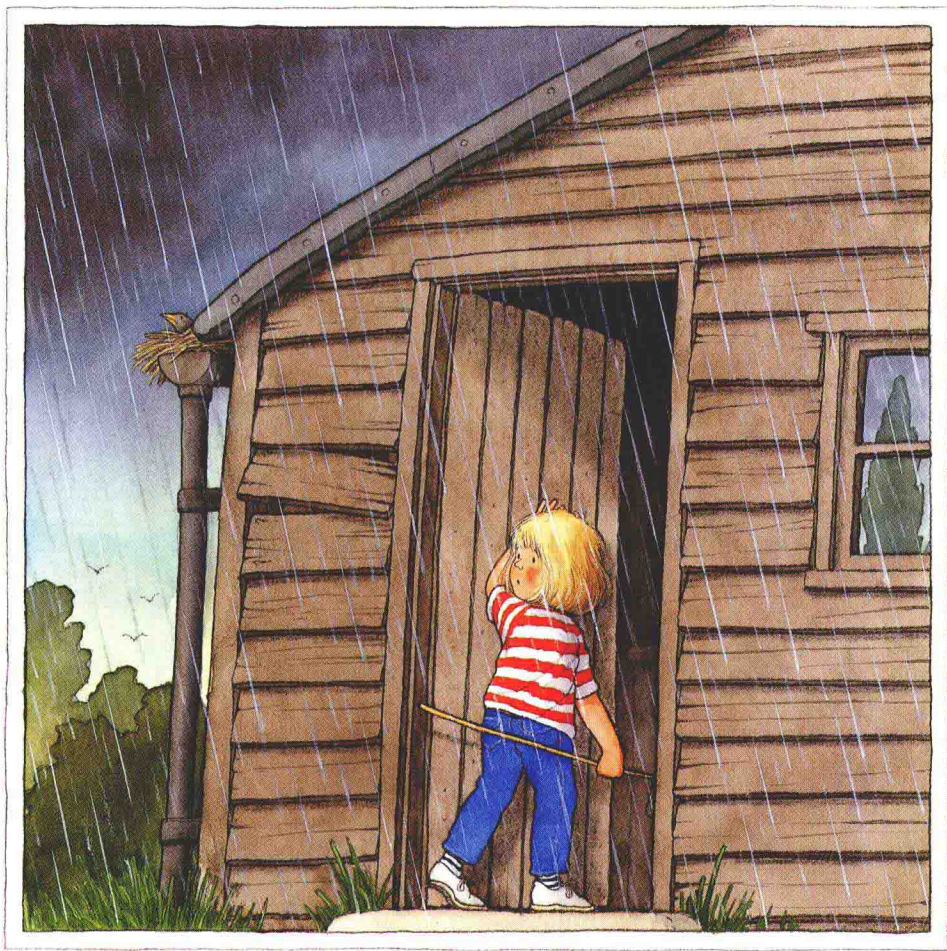
Out in the garden, I looked for a butterfly amongst the flowers. You have to move slowly with butterflies. They hide if you're too twitchy.



I think I must have twitched by the chrysanthemums. I decided to look in a patch of long grass and poppies at the end of the garden.



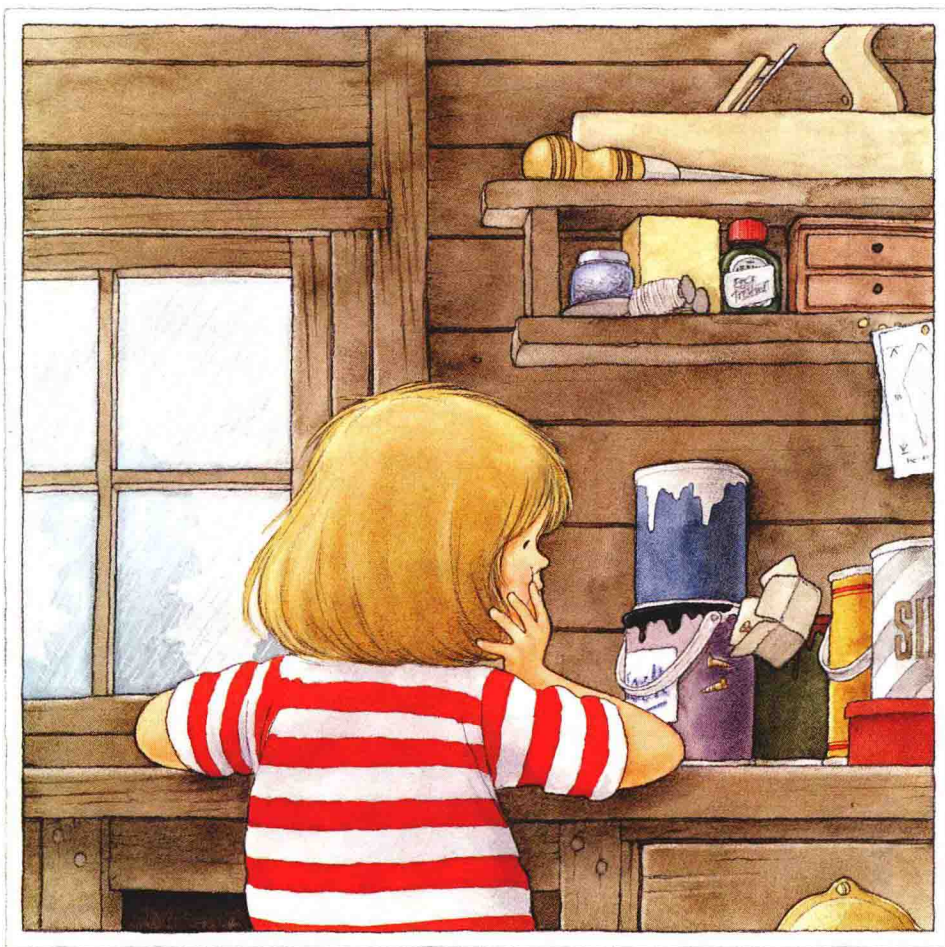
Suddenly the sun went in. The sky filled with clouds. Then it started to rain.



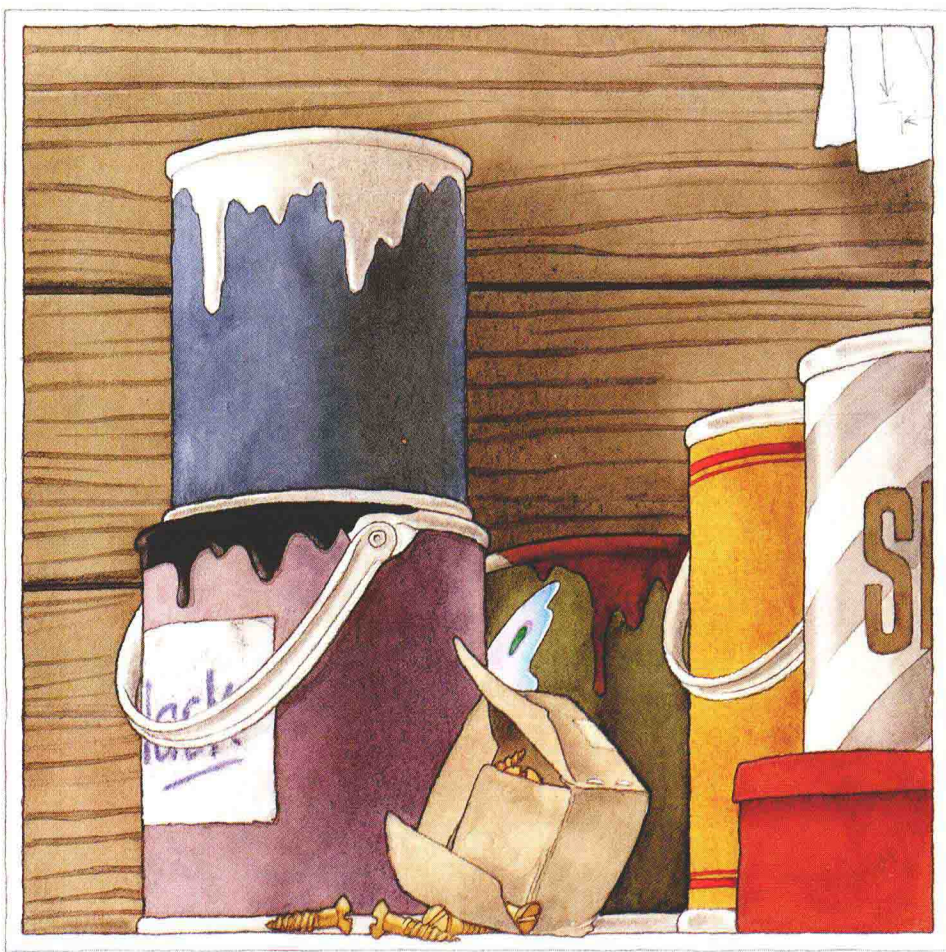
The rain got heavier. I thought I'd better take shelter.



I sat in the shed and waited. I watched the rain splashing on the windowsill and in the puddles on the path. It went on and on.



Suddenly, a little box of screws fell onto the bench next to me. It made me jump. What made it fall?



Then I knew! Behind the box I could just see the tip of a beautiful wing.



Very slowly, I reached out for my butterfly net.



But as I pulled away the box . . .



I got a big surprise! It wasn't a butterfly.
It was a fairy! A real fairy. A really real fairy!