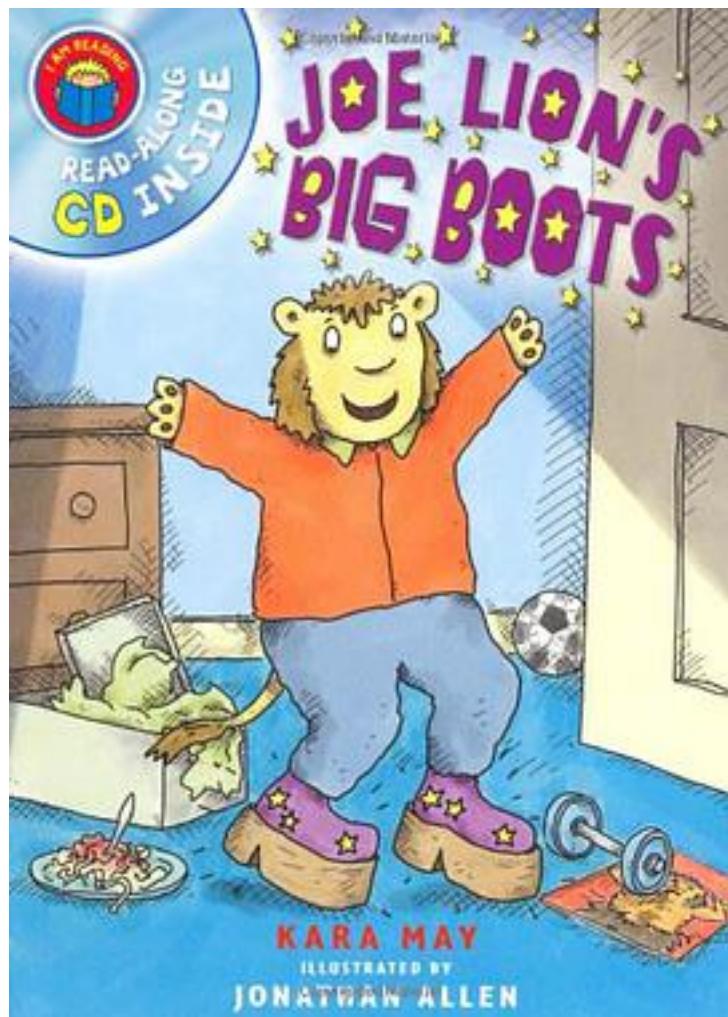


# Joe Lion's Big Boots



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Joe Lion's fed up with being the smallest: he wants to be Bigger! Working out in Gus

Gorilla's gym isn't the answer, though: what he needs are bigger, taller boots! But big boots are no fun: they trip Joe up at football, and mean he is big enough to help with the chores at home...Events take a dramatic turn when daffy neighbour Geoff Giraffe locks himself out. Who can squeeze through the tiny bathroom window to turn off Geoff's running bath taps, and save his home from flooding? Cue super Small Joe Lion to the rescue! Casting his boots aside, our new hero decides it's not so bad being small, after all!

Kindergarten-Grade 3-In The Giant Postman, an oversized letter carrier frightens the villagers and damages their property. It takes the ingenuity of a brave young boy to figure out a way for a well-meaning Mr. Postman to continue his appointed rounds. In Joe Lion's Big Boots, a cub is upset that he's the smallest both at home and at school. After many failed attempts at increasing his height, he finally settles on wearing a specially made pair of "Clomping Clompers." These boots have the desired effect, but they also have their downside: the little lion can no longer play soccer and he is tall enough to reach the kitchen sink and help wash the dishes. In the end, Joe realizes his size has advantages of its own and he gives up the clompers. There is a distinctive charm to the writing that sets these stories a bit apart from the usual fare. Both have colorful, cartoonlike illustrations that add to the child-friendly appeal. With its pacing, placement of text, and visual clues in the art, the format encourages beginning readers.

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