

OAKY AND THE VIRUS



ATHOL WILLIAMS

Illustrated by TARYN LOCK

OAKY

AND THE VIRUS



ATHOL WILLIAMS

Illustrated by Taryn Lock

*This book is dedicated to all healthcare and
emergency workers around the world fighting the
coronavirus.*

OAKY AND THE VIRUS

ATHOL WILLIAMS

FIRST EDITION

Published in South Africa by Theart Press

Copyright © ATHOL WILLIAMS 2020

www.atholwilliams.com

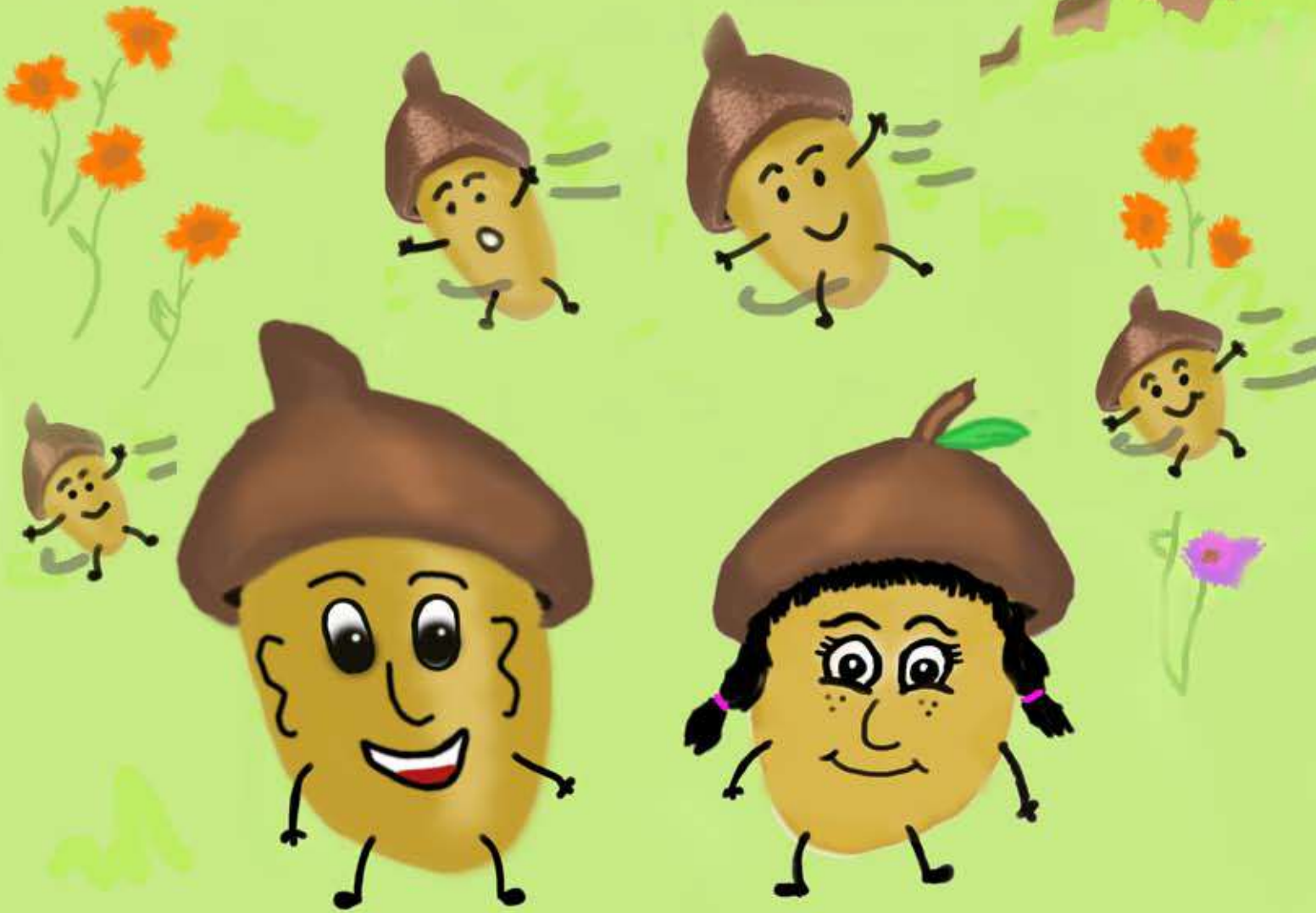
Illustrated by Taryn Lock

Book design by Theart Press

www.theartpressbooks.com

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means without the prior permission of the copyright holder.

Oaky and Oaket were acorns who loved to play outside with their friends. Oaky and Oaket were brother and sister.



One day a bad virus came to town. If the virus went into Oaky's or Oaket's mouth or nose they could get very sick.





“Where is this virus?” Oaket said to Oaky. “I want to trap it in my net.”

“The virus is too small to trap in your net,” Oaky said, “It is so small that we cannot even see it.”



“Oh no,” Oaket said, “I do not want to get sick. What can we do?”

“I know a song that tells us what to do,” Oaky said and he started to sing:



I... must... stay at home, not go out
Wash wash wash wash wash my hands
Wear a mask, don't see friends
Wash wash wash wash wash my hands



Did you know? People need to wash their hands for 20 seconds to make sure that their hands are clean, so sing the Oaky Virus Song twice while you are washing your hands.

*Visit Youtube and search for The Oaky Virus Song or go to the following link to listen to The Oaky Virus Song:
<https://youtu.be/TDAGr7FERjY>*

So Oaky and Oaket put on masks, just like the song said.



“Come we must wash our hands,” Oaky said, “and we can sing the Virus song as we wash our hands.”

So Oaky wet his hands with water, rubbed on soap and washed all over his hands.

Oaket did the same.

They sang the Virus song:





I... must... stay at home, not go out

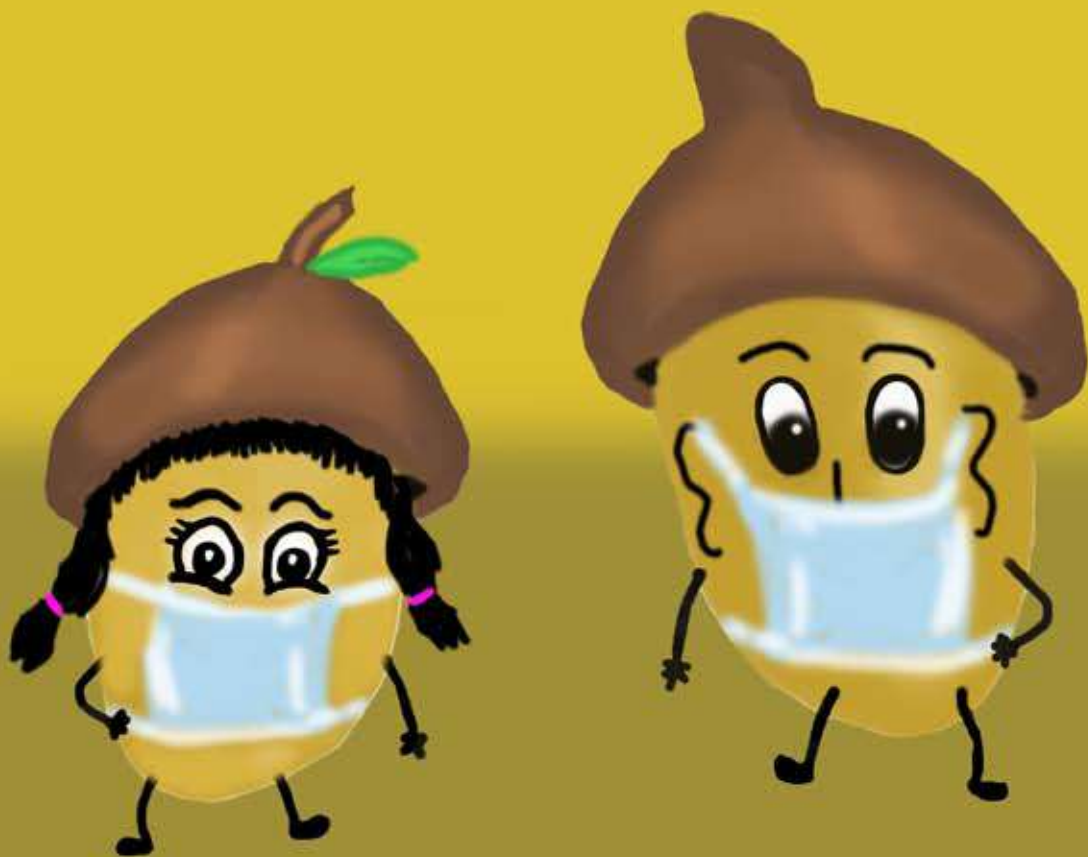
Wash wash wash wash wash my hands

Wear a mask, don't see friends

Wash wash wash wash wash my hands



Then Oaket said to Oaky, “If I stay home like the song says, I will not be able to play with my friends.”



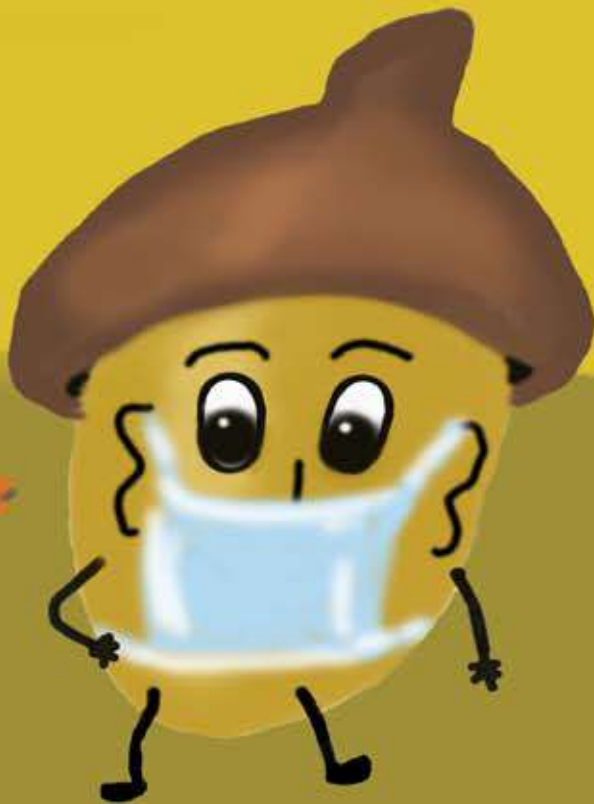
“Yes Oaket,” said Oaky, “We must stay home if we do not want to get sick. If we get sick we will make our friends sick.”



Oaket was sad that she was not going to play with her friends.

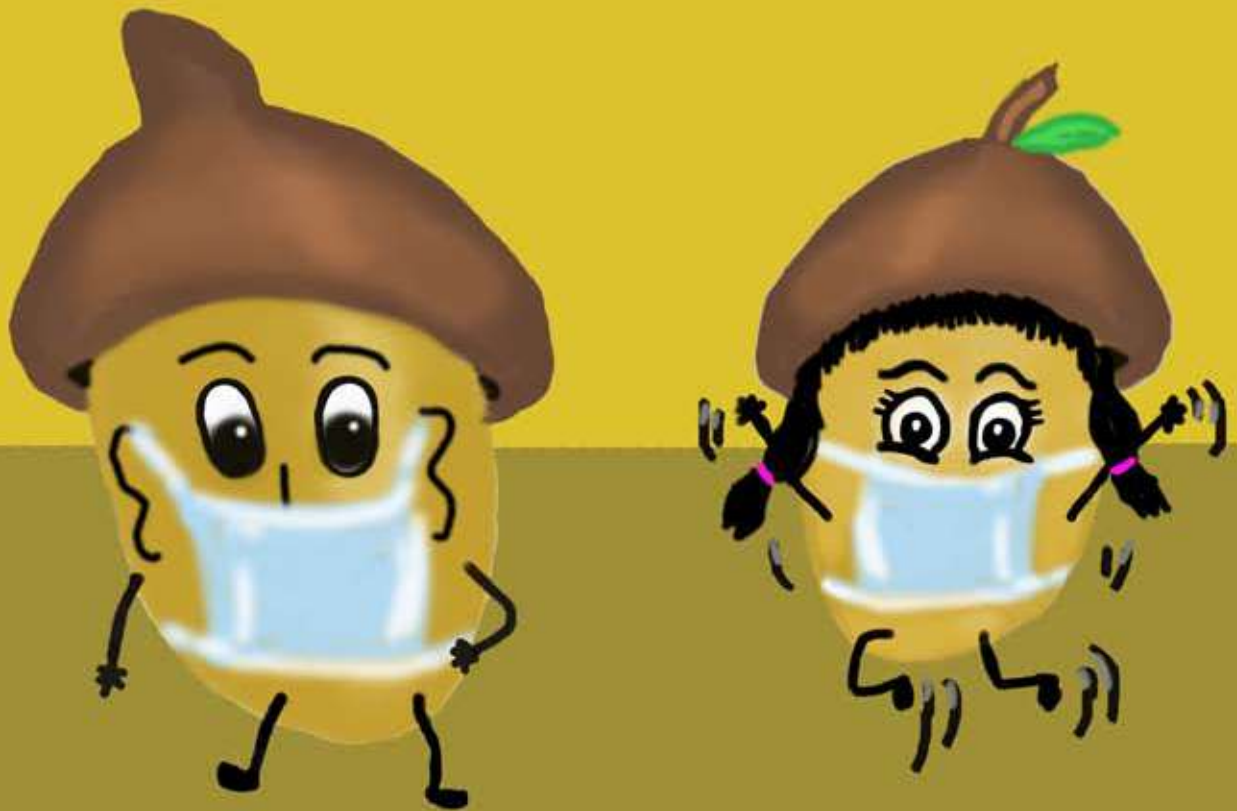


“But you can read books,” Oaky said to his sister.



“Yes,” said Oaket, “I like to read books and I can play with my toys.”

“And if we wash our hands and sing the song, we can bake a cake,” Oaky said.



“I love cake and I love to bake,”
Oaket said. Oaket was happy.

So she and Oaky went to wash their hands. They sang the Virus song:



I... must... stay at home, not go out

Wash wash wash wash wash my hands

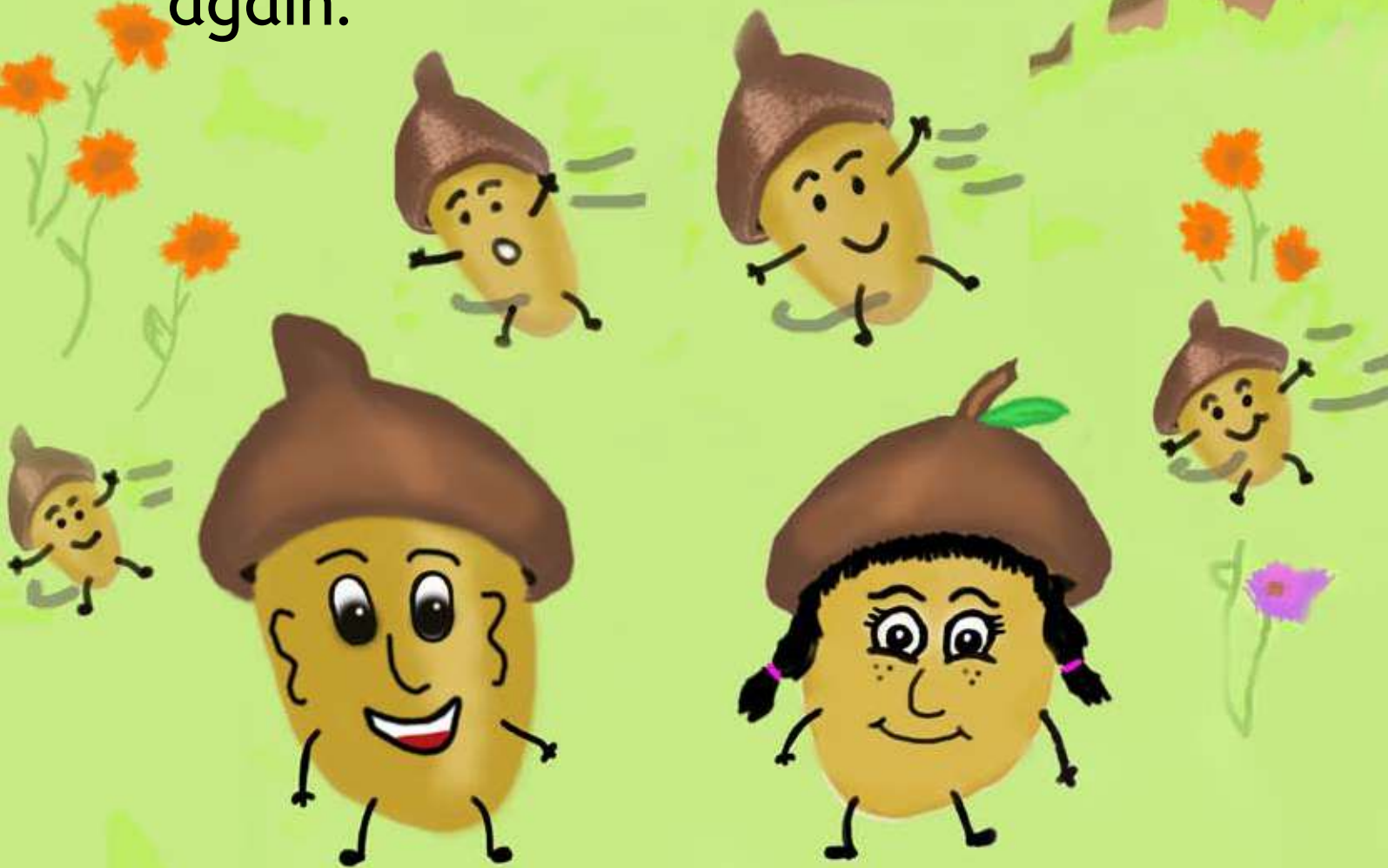
Wear a mask, don't see friends

Wash wash wash wash wash my hands

So Oaky and Oaket did not go out and did not get sick. They had lots of fun at home.



When the virus finally left their town, Oaky and Oaket could play with their friends once again.



The End

OAKY AND THE VIRUS

Do you know the answers?

1. Oaky is an (a) apple

(b) acorn

(c) avocado

Choose the correct answer.

2. What is Oaky's sister's name?

3. What comes to the town where Oaky lives?

4. What would happen if the virus went into Oaky's or Oaket's mouth or nose?

5. Can Oaky see the virus?

YES or NO

Choose the correct answer.

6. Can Oaket catch the virus with her net?

YES or NO

Choose the correct answer.

7. Why can't Oaket catch the virus with her net?

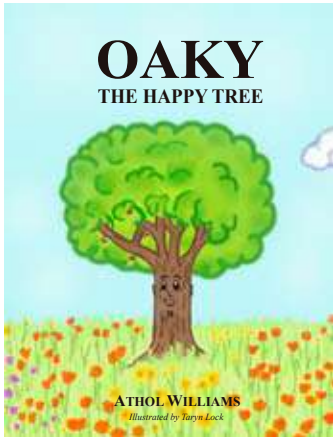
8. How do the acorns know what to do so that they do not get the virus?

9. What is the name of the song?

10. Sing the Virus song.

19. What did Oaket say she could do while staying at home?
20. Does Oaket love to read?
YES or NO Choose the correct answer.
21. Do you love to read?
YES or NO Choose the correct answer.
22. What did Oaky say he and Oaket could do together while staying at home?
23. What must Oaky and Oaket do before they can bake a cake?
24. Do you love cake?
YES or NO Choose the correct answer.
25. What is your favourite cake?
26. Did Oaky and Oaket get sick while the virus was in town?
YES or NO Choose the correct answer.
27. Why did Oaky and Oaket not get sick?
28. What song did Oaky and Oaket sing while washing their hands?
29. Will you sing this song when you wash your hands?
YES or NO Choose the correct answer.

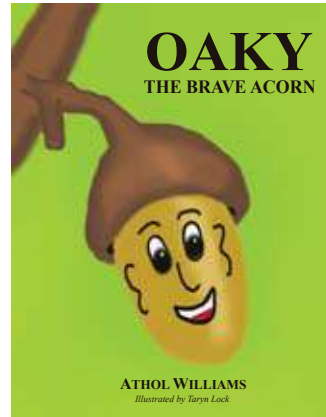
Other books in the OAKY Series



OAKY THE HAPPY TREE

A positive story in which OAKY, the big oak tree, is visited by a bird and zebra. The book teaches us an important lesson about the secret to being happy.

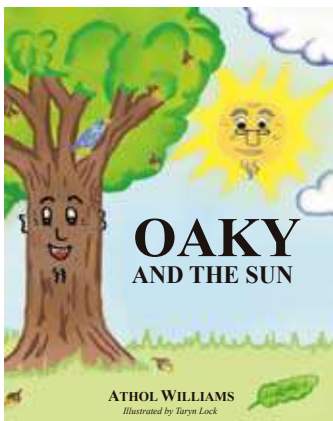
ISBN 978-0-620-67193-4



OAKY THE BRAVE ACORN

A fun story about an acorn who must take a huge leap of faith to give himself the chance to fulfil his destiny. When it counts, OAKY proves himself to be a brave acorn.

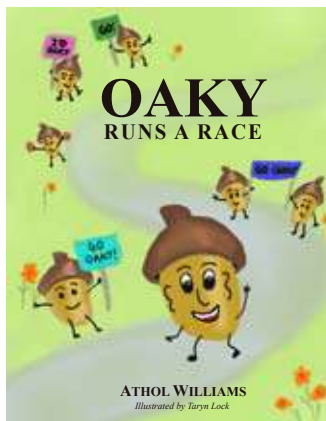
ISBN 978-0-620-73945-0



OAKY AND THE SUN

A fun story about an acorn, named OAKY, who grows into a big oak tree. The story encourages us to stay true to our purpose and to listen carefully for good advice.

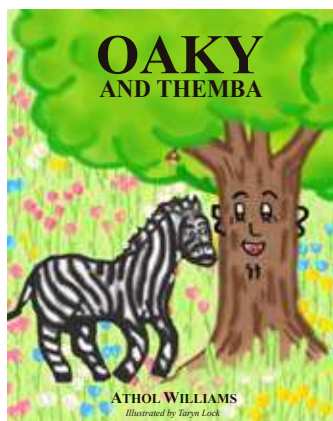
ISBN 978-0-620-61848-9



OAKY RUNS A RACE

An lively story about a gruff pine cone who challenges Oaky to a race. Oaky accepts the challenge but he runs much slower than the pine cone. However, there is a surprising outcome to the race.

ISBN 978-0-6399373-0-4



OAKY AND THEMBA

Oaky the oak tree and Themba the zebra are friends. The other zebras mock Themba for having a tree as a friend. When a storm breaks out, Oaky rescues Themba while the other zebras go tumbling.

ISBN 978-0-639-9373-7-3



WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OAKY?

An intriguing story involving interactions between OAKY and his three friends. The story teaches us that change is part of life and that change can be good for us. We also learn about the value of friendship.

ISBN 978-0-620-73456-1

Books can be purchased from Theart Press
www.theartpressbooks.com

Due to the global coronavirus pandemic, Theart Press has allowed ***Oaky and the Virus*** to be freely distributed to help encourage children to stay at home, read and avoid the virus. Should you wish to make a donation, **READ to RISE** (www.readtorise.org) a non-profit organisation that promotes youth literacy in under-resourced communities in South Africa is currently fundraising for Care Packs for children in vulnerable communities. Donate here: <https://gogetfunding.com/care-packs-for-children-in-mitchells-plain/>

Please share your child's reactions to the story on social media with the hashtag #OakyFun

Feel free to email us: theartpressbooks@gmail.com



<https://www.facebook.com/oakytheacorn/>



https://twitter.com/Oaky_the_Acorn



https://www.instagram.com/oaky_the_acorn/



Athol Williams, Author

Award-winning South African poet and social philosopher.

www.atholwilliams.com



Taryn Lock, Illustrator

Executive Director READ to RISE, publisher and artist.

www.tarynlock.com