



Think melons, shopping carts, teapots, trainers, doorknobs, taps, cookers, schoolbags, biro, plugs and pebbles can't talk? Think again. Jim 'Treacle-pudding' Wilson isn't weird, but the things he has conversations with most definitely are: shopping carts, teapots, seashells, benches, roadsigns, sailboats, a passing crow, a flip-flop, a watch, a stethoscope, pants and plugs and doorknobs, his trainers, a robot, a woolly shark, and all manner of other objects that you'd never believe could talk, but do. Jim misses his dad, who disappeared two years ago. But Jim still has his dad's old 'phone, and now it offers to help Jim find his dad. The two of them then set off on a fantastic journey, chased by two bungling crooks, and along the way have some amazing adventures. It's a true story of course - except for the tame toilet roll. (It was actually still a bit wild.)

About the Author Harry Poggins went to art school before joining a small UK advertising agency where he studied typography, commercial illustration, layout, graphic design and copywriting. Following a number of years spent writing advertising copy for major national brands in London agencies, Harry left to explore philosophical and metaphysical concepts, subsequently combining both in a novel about reincarnation, then again for a second novel whose narrator reviews her life after death. His first children's book, *Now We're Talking*, is 'a mad, logic-bending book for kids of any age who are not content to think in straight lines'; it was written with the help of a parsnip, three safety pins, a bag of peanuts and some underpants, with contributions from a chicken and two bananas.