

Somone Else's Shoes
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Books let you walk in someone else's shoes.
Any two shoes you care to choose.
A girl's. A boy's. A wizard's! Whose
two new shoes do you think you'd choose?

Studded shoes for scoring goals in.
Well-worn shoes with great big holes in.
Moccasins or ballet flats.
Padded paws of dogs or cats.
A boot? A heel? A clog? A welly?
Someone's sneaker – poo! It's smelly!

Two shoes. Blue shoes. Red shoes. Green?!
Where on earth's this person been?
What on earth's this book about?
Only one way to find out ...

Read their story, go beside them,
Walk in their shoes.
Once you've tried them
You will want to read some more,
At the library or book store.
Books piled high from floors to ceilings.
Read them. Feel somebody's feelings!
Do they feel like ones you've had?
Feeling happy. Feeling sad.
Feeling nervous and excited.
Feeling totally delighted.
Feeling worried. Feeling scared.

Reading helps us feel prepared.

Prepare to put new shoes on, please!
His or hers, or those or these.
Try books on for comfort. Niiice.
Read your favourite stories twice:
Once for each new shoe you walk in
While their owners do the talking.

Clip their buckles. Tie their laces.
Meet their friends, check out their places.
Take imaginative tours
Through homes that aren't a bit like yours.

Dive in deep-sea diver's flippers!
Try on Cinderella's slippers!
Slip out through the palace gates!
Whizz off in a pair of skates!
Travel through time in Roman sandals.
Creep down corridors lit by candles.
Tiptoe, gallop, stomp and run.
Try new shoes on. Have some fun!

The best fun you'll have had in ages
Waits for you inside these pages.
So: what are you waiting for?
Grab a book and go explore!

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