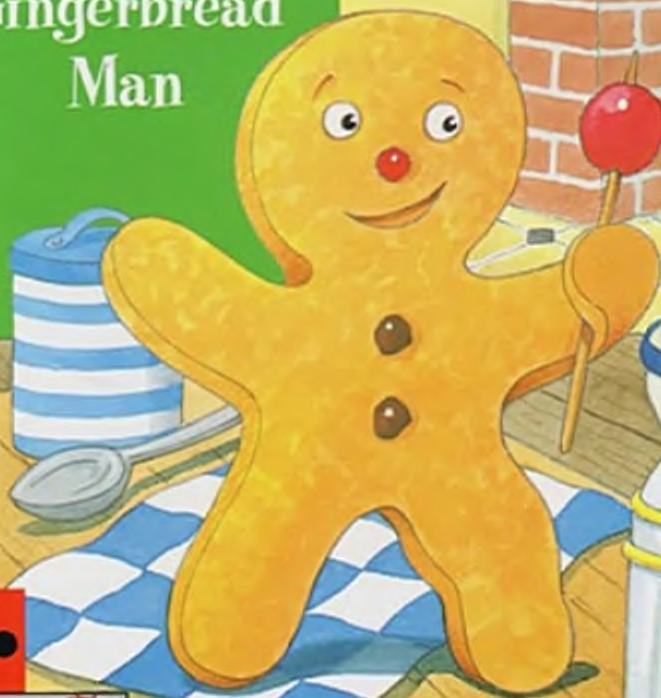


# Read it yourself

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## The Gingerbread Man



Ladybird

# The Gingerbread Man

illustrated by Stephen Holmes



Once upon a time,  
a little old woman  
made a gingerbread  
man. She put him  
in the oven to cook.





Soon, the gingerbread man was cooked. The little old woman took him out of the oven.

The gingerbread man jumped up and ran out of the door.



“Stop, little gingerbread man!” shouted the little old woman.

“I want to eat you for my tea.”





But the gingerbread man  
would not stop.

The little old woman  
chased the gingerbread  
man, but she could not  
catch him.



Soon, the gingerbread man met a cow.

"Stop, little gingerbread man!" shouted the cow.

"I want to eat you for my tea."





But the gingerbread man  
would not stop.

The cow chased the  
gingerbread man, but  
she could not catch him.





Soon, the gingerbread man met a horse.

“Stop, little gingerbread man!” shouted the horse.

“I want to eat you for my tea.”



But the gingerbread man  
would not stop.

The horse chased the  
gingerbread man, but he  
could not catch him.





Soon, the gingerbread man came to a river.  
There he met a fox.  
“I will help you to cross the river,” said the fox.  
“Jump up onto my tail.”



So the gingerbread man  
jumped onto the fox's tail.

"My feet are wet," said  
the gingerbread man.

"Jump up onto my back,"  
said the fox.





So the gingerbread man  
jumped onto the fox's back.

"My feet are still wet,"  
said the gingerbread man.

"Jump up onto my head,"  
said the fox.



So the gingerbread man jumped onto the fox's head.

**Snap!** went the fox. And that was the end of the gingerbread man.





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