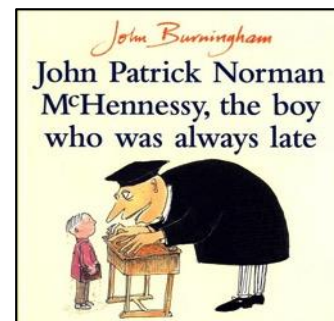
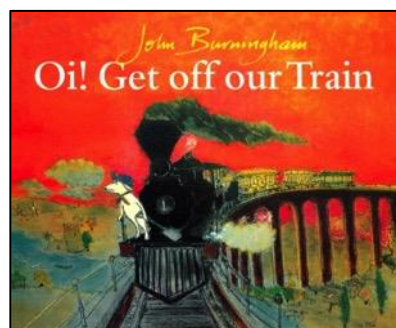
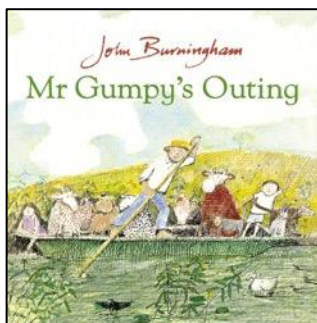
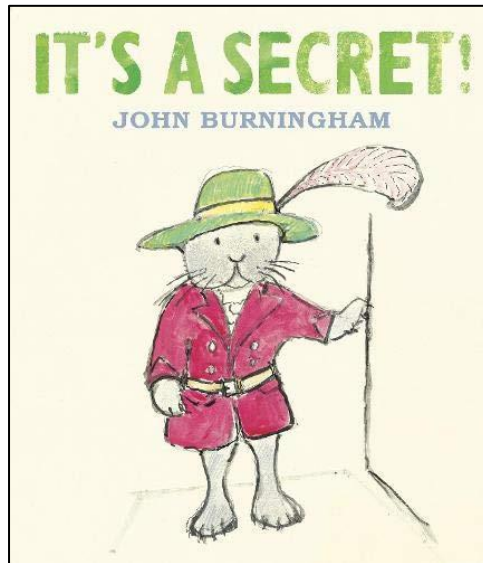


## John Burningham



*John Burningham was a famous children's book author, who wrote more than 60 books and won lots of prizes and awards for his stories. Some of his most famous books are **Mr Gumpy's Outing**, **Oi! Get Off Our Train** and **John Patrick Norman McHennessy**. The books are often about children or animals who have exciting adventures. Some are funny and some are a little bit sad. Not only did John Burningham write his stories, he also drew all the pictures in the books! His illustrations are often bright and colourful with lots of funny things going on in them. Next time you are in the Library, see how many John Burningham books you can find!*





**One *evening* in the *summer*, *Marie Elaine* came down into the *kitchen* to get a cold *drink* from the *fridge*.**

**There, by the *cat flap*, was *Malcolm* the *cat*, and he was all dressed up in very fancy *clothes* and a *hat* that was *extremely wide and green*.**

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## *The Cat Queen's Party*



*Highlight the nouns in the passage below.*

*Then try to find the adjectives.*

Malcolm the cat was very happy. He got ready for his big night out. He dressed in smart clothes and combed his beautiful whiskers. He started to leave the house. Then Marie Elaine came into the room! She wanted to come to the party so Malcolm agreed to take her. Her friend Norman wanted to come too. They dodged the scary dogs and got there just as the elegant Cat Queen arrived. They all danced and there were fun games and a great feast. When the dawn came, Malcolm and the children left. Marie Elaine didn't tell her Mum where she had been – it was a big secret!

## Malcolm's Big Night Out



*Highlight the nouns in the passage below. Then the adjectives.*

Malcolm the cat spent a long time getting ready for his adventure. He dressed in very smart clothes and combed his beautiful whiskers. But just as he was about to leave the quiet house, who should come into the room but Marie Elaine! She was so keen to go to the party that Malcolm agreed to take her. Then Marie Elaine's friend Norman wanted to come too. All of them dodged the scary dogs and made it to the party just before the Cat Queen arrived. They all danced and there were funny games plus an enormous feast that lasted for several hours. When the dawn came, Malcolm and the children went back to their homes. Marie Elaine was really tired the next day but she didn't tell her Mum where she had been – it was a big secret!