TV/radio personality and author Ian McMillan’s new book looks at classic fairy tales and gives them a typically Yorkshire twist

Jack and the Beanstalk … Humpty Dumpty … Snow White … The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe … Goldilocks and the Three Bears … Oranges and Lemons – if you thought that you knew these famous fairy tales and children’s rhymes, think again. In his new book *Daft Yorkshire Fairy Tales*, Ian McMillan, the Bard of Barnsley, rewrites classic stories, giving them all a typically humorous Yorkshire twist; and these are depicted by award-winning cartoonist Tony Husband.

Discover the tale of Goldilocks and the Three Yorkshire Bears; Humpty Dumpty rewritten to the tune of ‘On Ilkley Moor Baht’ At’; Snow White and the Cantakerous Yorkshire Mirror; how Jack defeated the Giant with a Yorkshire Pudding; the Old Woman Who Lived in a Curd Tart; sing along to the original Yorkshire version of ‘Oranges and Lemons’; or delight in the now-lost tale of Prince Frank of Halifax’s Throne of Parkin.

**About the authors:** Ian McMillan hosts the weekly hit radio show The Verb on Radio 3. He’s Yorkshire Planetarium’s Poet in Space, Yorkshire TV’s Investigative Poet and has been a regular on Newsnight Review, The Today Programme, You & Yours, Any Questions, Just A Minute and Have I Got News For You.

Tony Husband, “legendary Private Eye cartoonist” (PR Weekly), has been awarded Strip, Gag & Sports Cartoonist of the Year no fewer than ten times by the Cartoon Arts Trust.

**Notes for editors:**
1) *Daft Yorkshire Fairy Tales* by Ian McMillan is published by Dalesman on 1st October at £7.99 hardback (ISBN 978-1-85568-310-5)

2) **Copies of the book are available as competition prizes**, please contact the publishers

3) **A selection of material from the book for use free of charge** in review or editorial features can be downloaded from the publisher’s online press page at www.dalesman.co.uk/press/

4) **Ian McMillan is available for interview**, please contact Linda McFadzean, 01756 693475 / 01756 701381, linda@dalesman.co.uk

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