

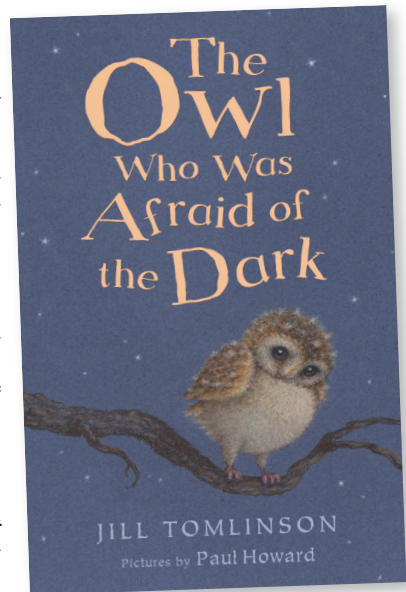
## Children's Book Review

Plop is a young Barn Owl, unhappy with his place as a night bird. Plop is afraid of the dark and no matter what his mum and dad say, he still wants to be a day bird.

That is until he learns a thing or two from a few friendly wood visitors. The combination of her thoughtful story and Paul Howard's beautiful pictures has made Jill Tomlinson's *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* famous across the world.

This book is ideal to be read to and then to be read by younger ones still learning to read as it loses none of its charm in rereading. Its lesson, that we are all afraid of what we do not know, is particularly beneficial to those taking their first strides out on their own. *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*,

*by Jill Tomlinson, with pictures by Paul Howard* Egmont Books, 2002 Paperback rrp.£5.99, Mini Hardback rrp.£4.99.



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