

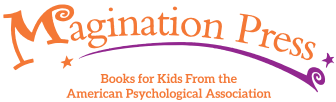
Once Upon a Garden

Doug's Dung



Jo Rooks

For Mum and Dad, who always encouraged my creativity. —*JR*



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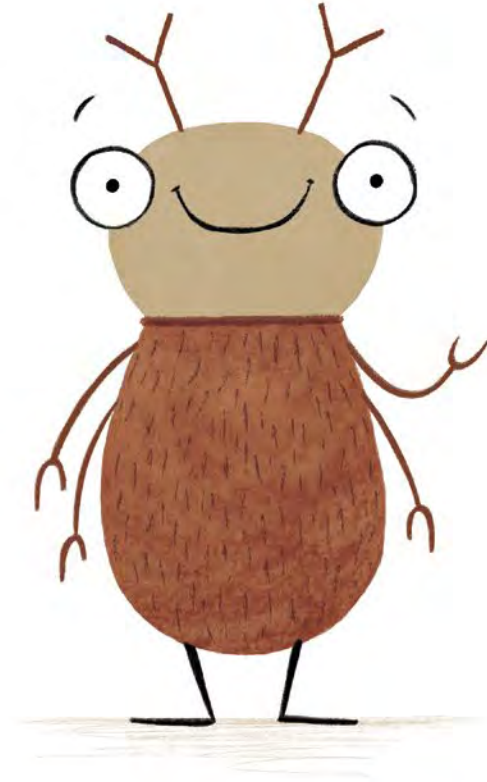
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Doug was a dung beetle.

Dung beetles are very strong. Every day,
they practiced lifting, pulling, and pushing
the heaviest balls of dung.

Meanwhile, Doug admired nature.
“Look at these beautiful butterflies!”
called Doug. But no one was interested.



“You need to be **strong**, like this!” said Dan.



“You need to have **power**, like this!” said Doris.



“You must **never** give up, like this!” said Dave.

“You try!” they said.

But even though Doug tried ...



and tried ...



Doug just couldn't do it.





“You’re not strong or powerful.
You’ve just given up!” they jeered and raced off.

“Don’t worry about them,” said Belinda.
“You are strong in another way.”
And off she flew.

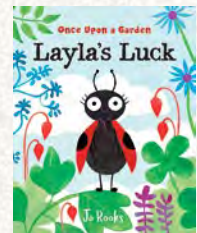
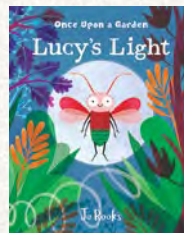




To be a dung beetle you must
be **strong**, be **powerful**,
and **never** give up. Does
creative and unique Doug
have enough determination
and grit to make it?



Explore a world of self-discovery with
Lucy, Sophie, Layla, and Doug in
Once Upon a Garden.



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