

The Mum-Minder

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ABOUT THE BOOK

'I'm Sadie, and I'm nearly nine. Mum's a childminder, but she doesn't have to mind me. I can mind myself, easy-peasy. Lucky for Mum, because now she's got the flu, so I've got to mind her - and help with all the babies!'

A hilarious, entertaining and lively account of one chaotic week in the life of a young girl whose mother is a childminder.

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*For the Dimwits who aren't dim at all,
but are very witty*

I wonder if you used to be looked after by a child-minder while your mum went out to work? Or maybe, like Sadie in this book, your mum is a child-minder herself? I think child-minders do a wonderful job, but there's always the big problem. What happens when the child-minder gets ill? Who gets to look after all the babies?

I heard a bunch of young mums discussing this one day at a party and decided that this might make a good funny story. I had great fun inventing all the different naughty little children - and I think Nick's baby drawings are superb. I especially like the way he draws babies' hair with those little spiky bits on top (I have a similar hairstyle!).

I used to have a friend called Dominic who kept begging me to put him into one of my children's books.

"Go on, Jacky," he'd say. "I could be an animal if you like. I could be Dominic the Dragon or Dominic the Dinosaur. Or I could be just a little tiny sweet shy animal - Dominic the Vole?"

So Sadie's little sister, Sara, loves her picture book *Dominic the Vole* and poor Sadie has to read it to her over and over again. I think Sadie's mum is very lucky to have such a kind helpful daughter.

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