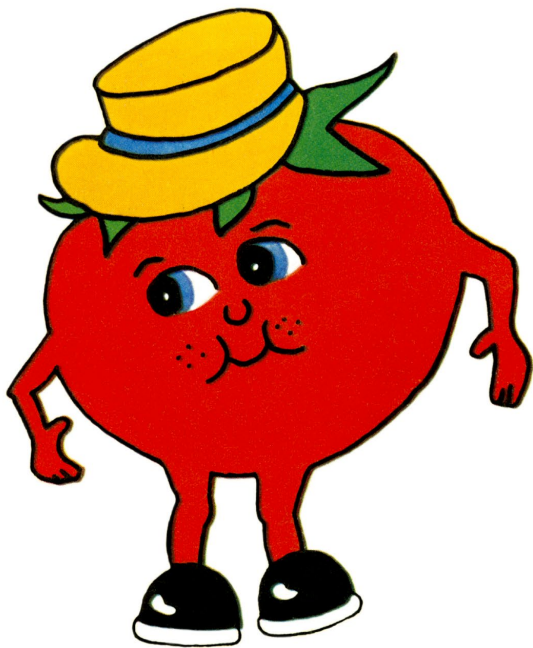


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A **MUNCH
BUNCH** Book

The Munch Bunch are a group of fruits, vegetables and nuts.

One day they ran away from the grocer's shop where they lived.

They made their new homes in and around an old, forgotten garden shed.

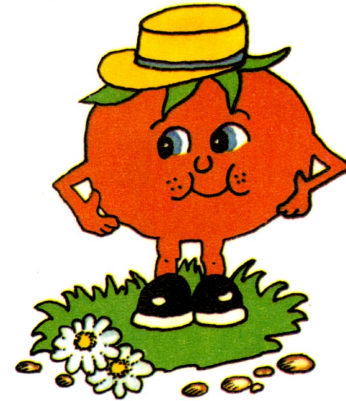
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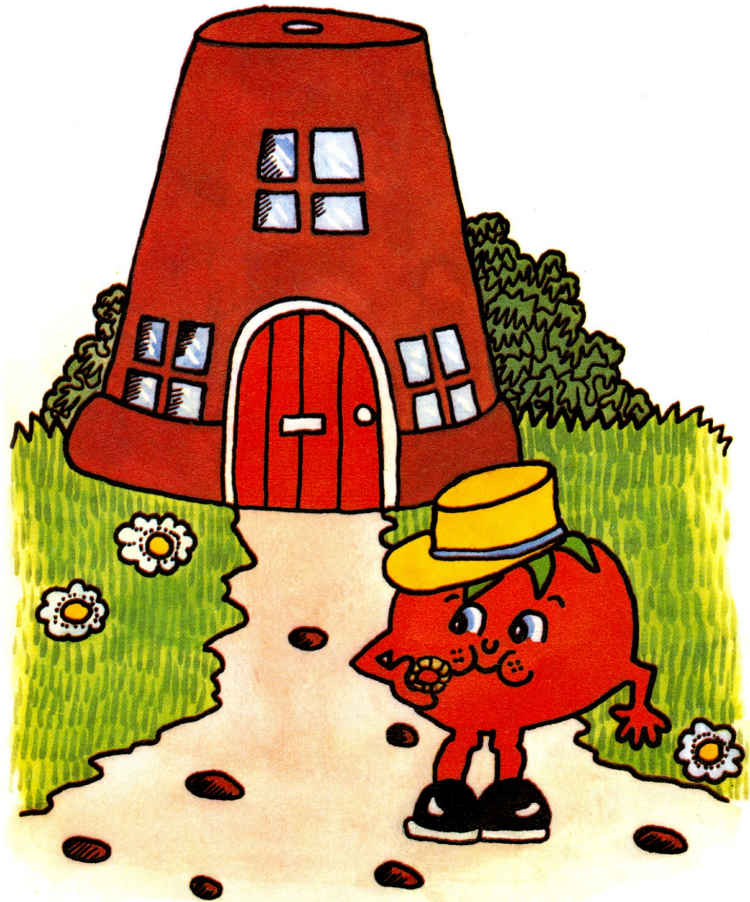
The **MUNCH BUNCH** Books

Tom Tomato is one of the
Munch Bunch.

He lives in a flowerpot next door
to Pete Pepper.

Tom is a very kind and lovable tomato.

He likes to help his Munch Bunch
friends whenever he can.



He is also a very tidy tomato.

He keeps his own house very neat and tidy. But... he does have one teeny-weeny problem.

Every time he helps his friends, something seems to go wrong!

And his Munch Bunch friends love him so much that they just can't say no when he offers to help them.

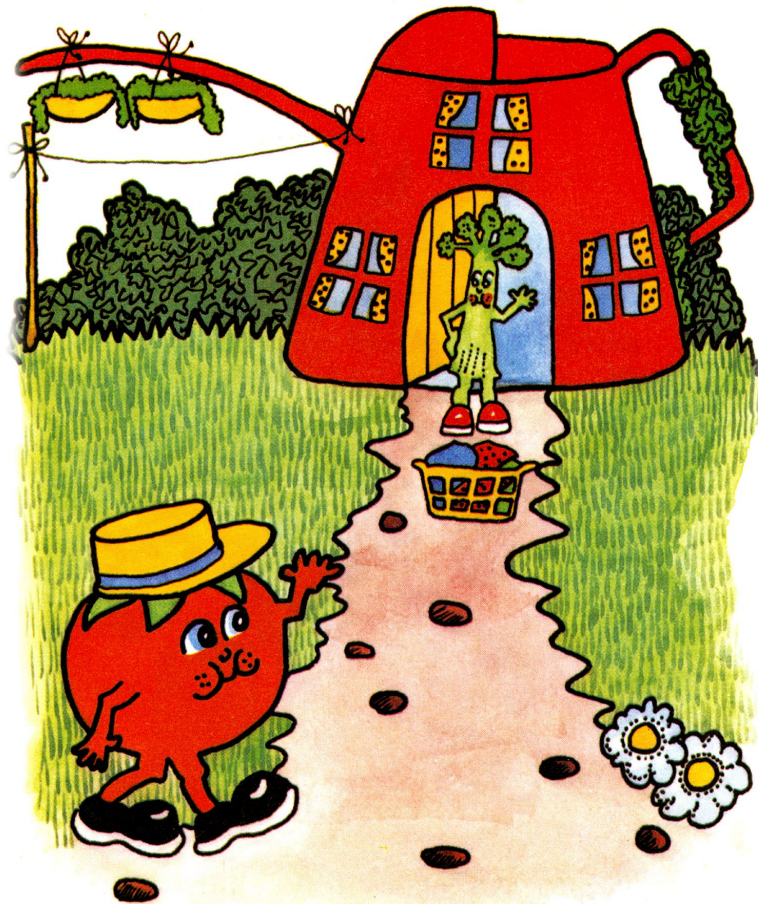


Today was Saturday.

And Saturday is the day that Tom
always goes to help his friends.

He went to see Suzie Celery in her
oilcan home.

« Hello Suzie, » called Tom, « can I help
you with your work? »



Suzie didn't like to say no.

So she let Tom do her washing for her.

Tom rubbed and scrubbed and scrubbed and rubbed until he thought the washing was clean.



Then he hung the washing on the linen line to dry.

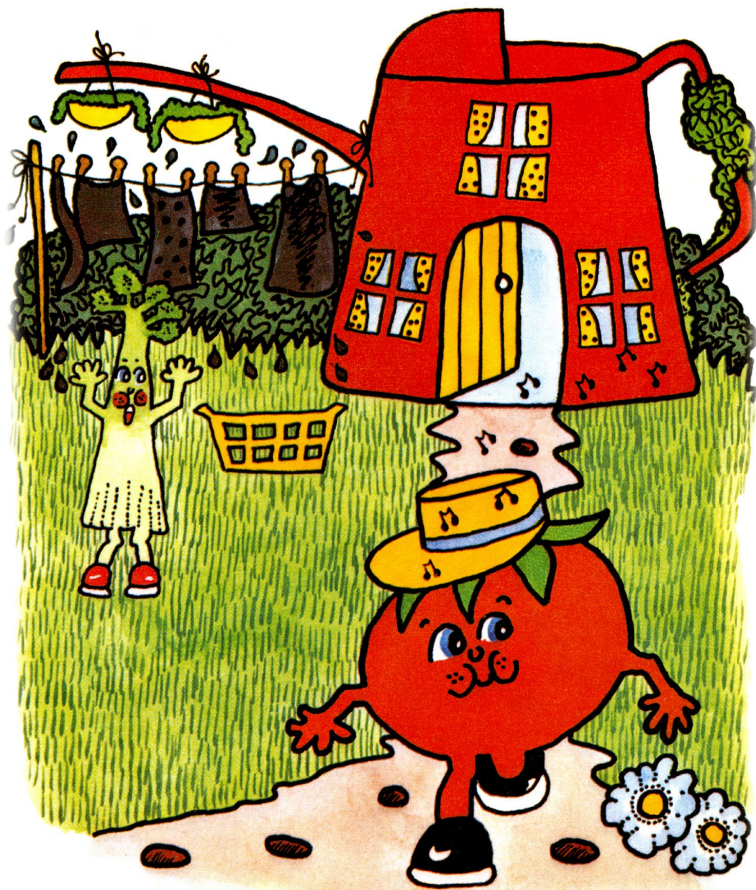
Suzie was horrified.

Tom had put all the washing into the same tub.

Red tablecloths; blue towels; green scarves.

And they had all changed their colour.

To a horrible muddy brown!



He called to see Olive, who lived in a
stone jar.

She was very pleased to see Tom.

Because her kettle had just broken.



« I'll soon fix that, » Tom said.

And in no time at all he had taken the kettle to pieces. Then he put it back together again.

With all the pieces upside down!



Olive decided to make a pot of tea.
She plugged the kettle in.
Bang**! Crackle**! Pop**!
Poor Tom.
He had done it wrong again.



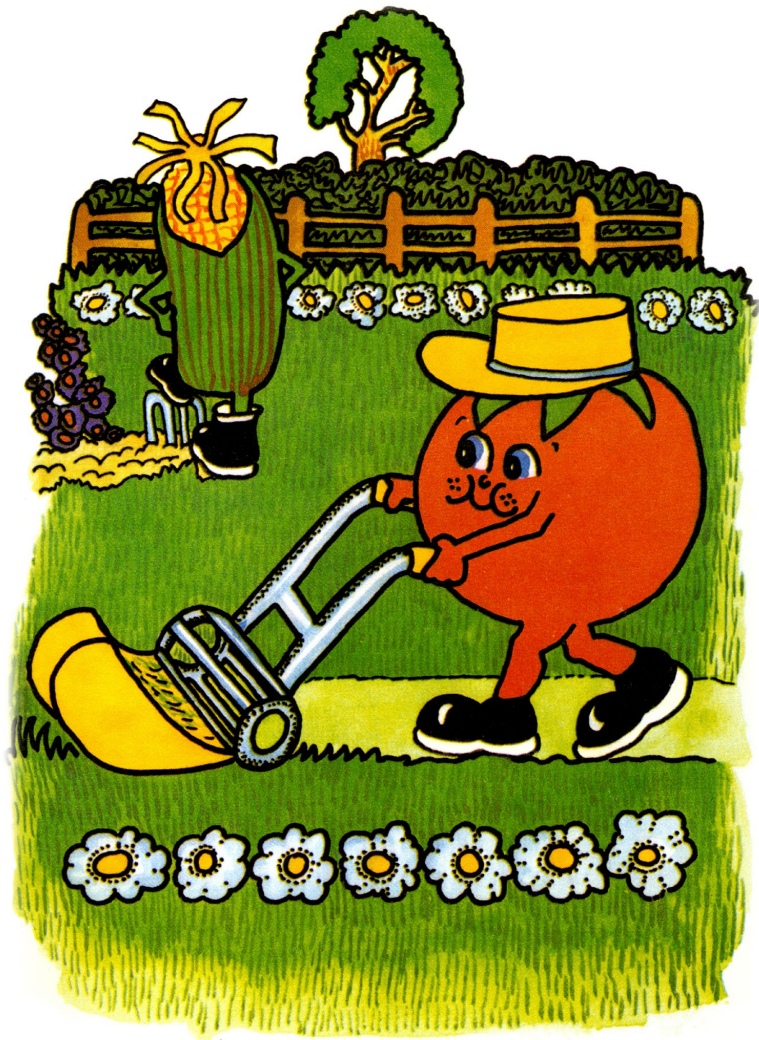
Next, Tom went to see
Corny-on-the-Cob.

Corny was very busy in his garden.

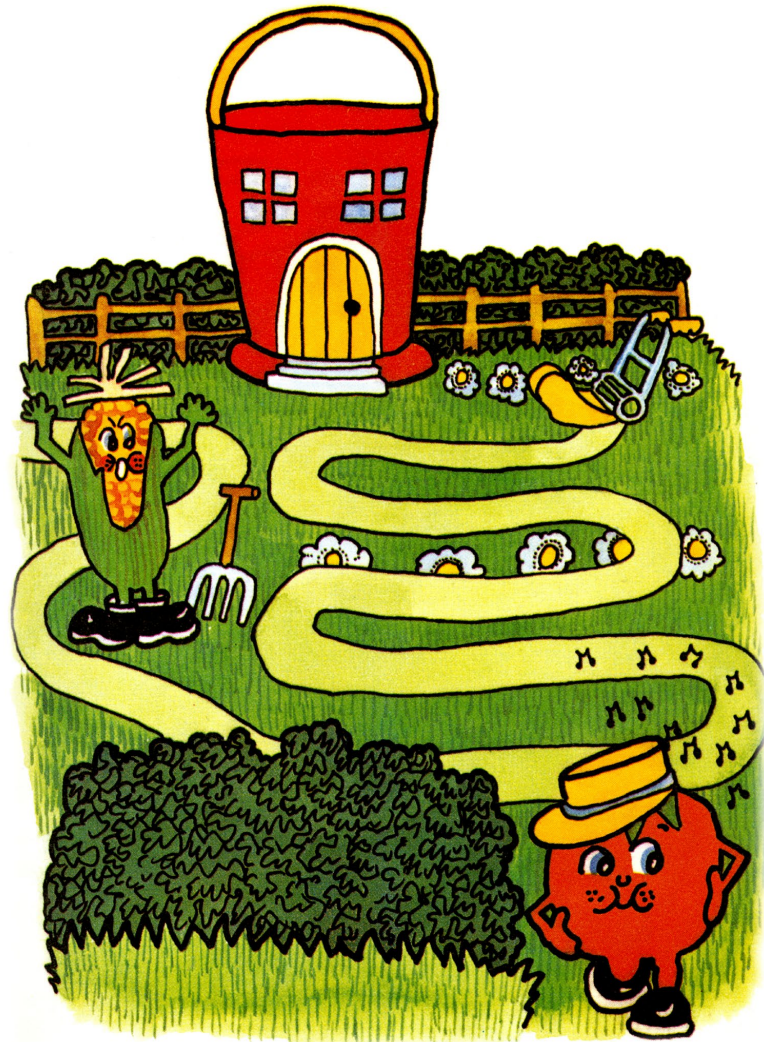
« Hello Corny, » said Tom, « can I help
you do your gardening? »



Corny was very proud of his garden.
So he let Tom cut the grass.
Tom was very pleased. He thought it
was great fun.



But Tom didn't just cut the grass.
He cut the flowers as well.
Poor Tom.
He just can't seem to get
anything right!



Tom went to see Sally Strawberry.

Sally was busy painting when he arrived.

« Can I help you Sally? » Tom asked.



Sally was just about to go for her afternoon tea with Lizzie Leek.

So she asked Tom to clean her paints and brushes for her.

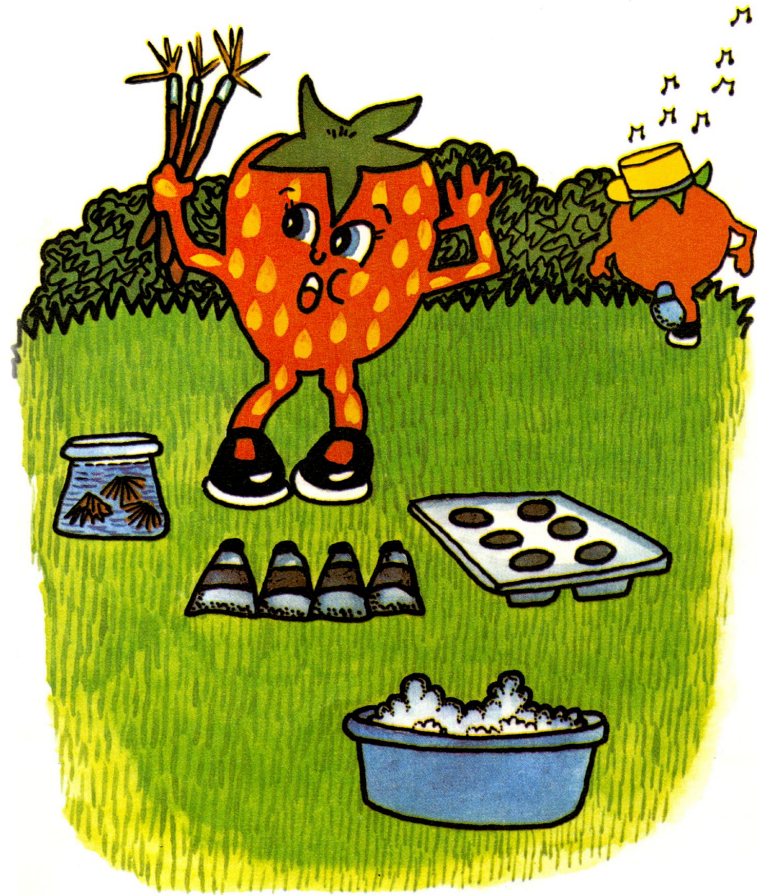
Poor Tom.

He didn't know that he should clean each tube of paint one at a time.

He put them all in the bowl together. In soapy water!



The colours all mixed together.
Sally's paints had all turned black.
And the hair had fallen out of her
brushes, because Tom had left them
for too long.
« That's another job well done, »
said Tom.
Then he went home.



When Tom got home, he was very tired.
He found a book which his Munch
Bunch friends had left for him.
The book was called « How to Wash
Linen and Mend Kettles and Cut Grass
and Clean Paints. »



The **MUNCH BUNCH** Books

Perhaps Tom will help his friends properly next time!

ADAM AVOCADO	PEANUT
AUBREY AUBERGINE	PEDRO ORANGE
BARNABUS BEETROOT	PENNY PARSNIP
BILLY BLACKBERRY	PERCY PRUNE
BOUNCE	PETE PEPPER
BUTTON and TINY	PIPPA PEAR
CASPER CARROT	PROFESSOR PEABODY
CHUNKY PINEAPPLE	RORY RHUBARB
CORKY COCONUT	ROZZY RASPBERRY
CORNY-ON-THE-COB	RUNNER BEAN
DICK TURNIP	SALLY STRAWBERRY
EMMA APPLE	SCRUFF GOOSEBERRY
LIZZIE LEEK	SPUD
LUCY LEMON	SUPERCOOL
MERV MARROW	SUZIE CELERY
NURSE PLUM	THE BANANA BUNCH
OLIVE	TOM TOMATO
OLLY ONION	WALLY WALNUT



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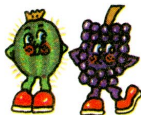
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