

First-time experiences have never been less scary, or more fun!



By Vivian French, Illustrated by Sue Heap  
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Meet Charlie, Cherry and Baby Lou, who are doing lots of things for the first time: staying overnight with their Grandma, going to the doctor's for a sore throat, and treating their toes to new shoes. These stories are a lovely introduction to situations that can be worrying for small children, making them into exciting adventures instead.

These are the first 3 of 6 books on this lovely family. Charming, funny picture books with gentle, non-didactic messages, the Buttons family are here to give children the reassurance they need to take their first steps in the world.

**Vivian French** is a professional storyteller as well as an acclaimed children's author who has written over forty picture books for Walker alone. She is the author of *Yucky Worms* and *T. Rex* in the *Nature Storybooks* series, and the fifth title in the comic fantasy series *Tales from the Five Kingdoms*, which began with *The Robe of Skulls*, is being released this August. She is also the popular author of the *Tiara Club* series. Vivian lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.

**Sue Heap** won the *Smarties Prize* for *Cowboy Baby* and has enjoyed success with her books with Sally Lloyd-Jones, including *How to Be a Baby*, *by Me, the Big Sister*, which was on the *New York Times* Bestseller List, and *How to Get Married, by Me, the Bride*. Sue lives in Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.

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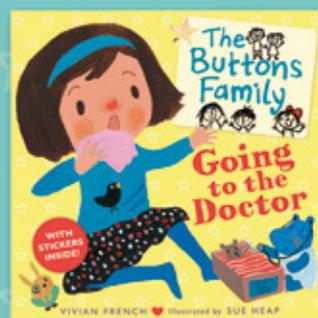
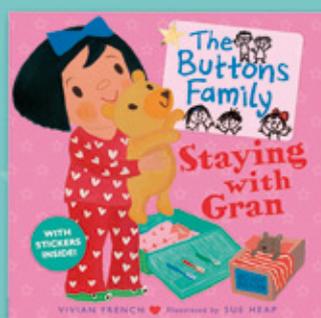
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**Dear everybody,**

**This is me, Vivian French, and I'm writing to say I really hope you love the Buttons family as much as I do! The very first time I saw Sue Heap's wonderful illustrations, Cherry, Charlie and Baby Lou sprang into life, and I now think of them as real children . . . which, in a way, they are. My two grandsons and my granddaughter have all had new shoes (and Jack did NOT want any), have come to stay with me (with GREAT reservations) and have been dragged to the doctor under severe protest . . . so every single one of the stories is written from real life. My daughter and I hunted for first experience books when all this was going on, and we couldn't find anything warm and funny and suitable for this day and age . . . so I'm hoping very much that these books will fill that gap. I had HUGE fun writing them, and they're dedicated to every parent and carer out there with one, two, three or more under-fives. Good luck – and enjoy the Buttons!**

**Vivian French**



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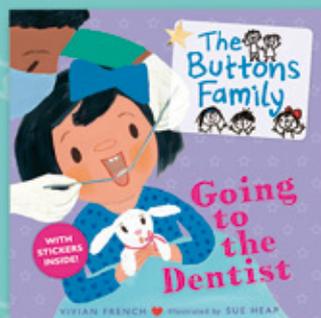
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