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Cressida Cowell [00:00:14] Hello there. I'm Cressida Cowell, author and illustrator of How to Train Your Dragon and Wizards of Once and Which Way to Anywhere, my new book series. And I'm so glad you've joined me for the Reading is Magic Festival. Sometimes things that you do or say have a way of turning into something bigger than you imagined and carrying on longer than you thought they would, like the Reading is Magic Festival, which started in 2020, when I was the Waterstones Children's Laureate and was inspired by my belief that reading is magic and magic is for everyone. All the events during the festival explore the themes of the charter I wrote when I was the laureate and celebrate all the things you have the right to. Creativity, having a planet to read on, seeing yourselves in a book, reading for the joy of it and getting brilliant advice about books and about reading from people whose job it is to do that. I hope you enjoy this event.

Lauren Layfield [00:01:32] Hi, everyone. I'm Lauren, I'm a TV presenter. I'm wearing a black t shirt today. I've got a pink bobble in my hair and I'm in front of this brilliant Reading is Magic Festival Bunting. And right now it is time to journey all the way over to Toronto in Canada, where we're about to meet Fay and Fluffy. So what are you waiting for? Let's go!

Fay and Fluffy [00:02:01] Hi, everyone!

Fay Slift [00:02:03] Oh, we're so excited to be here today. Now, at the beginning of every one of our storytimes, we always start with a little song. So if you know any of these words at home, please join in big and loud. Are you ready? One, two, three.

Fay and Fluffy [00:02:20] We're all together again. We're here. We're here. We're all together again. We're here. We're here. And who knows when we'll be all together again?

Fay Slift [00:02:34] We are Fay and Fluffy storytime!

Fluffy Souffle [00:02:40] We said that we're Fay and Fluffy. But remind everybody which one you are.

Fay Slift [00:02:44] Well, thank you for asking, because sometimes even I forget. I am Fay Slift the lady bear extraordinaire!

Fluffy Souffle [00:02:53] Is everyone out there saying hi Fay?

Fay Slift [00:02:55] Hi, everyone. And my friend, why don't you introduce yourself?

Fluffy Souffle [00:02:59] Why, thank you so much. I am Fluffy Soufflé and we've been doing storytimes together for over five years. And right now we are in one of our favourite places in Toronto that we brag about getting to do storytimes at, Harbourfront Centre. So we're so excited that together the Festival and Harbourfront are living in harmonious beauty and we get to be here with all these great people. So we're going to share some of our favourite stories. But first, let's finish this song.

Fay and Fluffy [00:03:28] We're all together again. We're here. We're here.

Fluffy Souffle [00:03:35] Woah!

Fay Slift [00:03:35] I figured we're on stage. I may as well up the ante a little bit.

Fluffy Souffle [00:03:38] Well, that was beautiful.

Fay Slift [00:03:39] That was a lot of words that came out of your mouth there, my friend.

Fluffy Souffle [00:03:43] I got excited. We haven't done as many storytimes. And you know, I live alone.

Fay Slift [00:03:47] Yeah.

Fluffy Souffle [00:03:49] So we're going to read our first story by one of our friends named Vivek Shraya. This book is called The Boy and the Bindi. This one's even signed by her. That's exciting! She wrote this one a few years ago now.

Fay Slift [00:04:03] Yeah, and Vivek read with us at an event that we did at one of our storytimes a few years ago and shared this with our audience. Have you seen my Amee's dot? It's a bright and pretty spot.

Fluffy Souffle [00:04:21] Her dot comes in every hue. She likes red and sometimes blue. She peels and pastes it like a sticker, gently with her thumb and finger.

Fay Slift [00:04:34] Above her nose is where it goes. What is this, dot? I want to know.

Fluffy Souffle [00:04:41] What are you noticing about the pattern of some of these words?

Fay Slift [00:04:44] Well, they're rhyming. They sound very similar at the end of the words. I love rhyming words.

Fluffy Souffle [00:04:53] And even this one was even in the same sentence.

Fay Slift [00:04:57] Yes.

Fluffy Souffle [00:04:57] 'Above her nose is where it goes'.

Fay Slift [00:04:58] Yes.

Fluffy Souffle [00:04:59] I love that. Mommy, why do you wear that dot? What's so special about that spot? 'It's not a dot,' says my amee. 'It's not a spot. It's a bindi.'

Fay Slift [00:05:15] What's a bindi? What does it do? 'My bindi keeps me safe and true.'

Fluffy Souffle [00:05:23] How does it do that, Amee? How? 'Well, when I stick it on my brow, my bindi tells me where I'm from. My bindi reminds me of my mum. And when she gave me my first one.'

Fay Slift [00:05:41] I look at her bindi with this view. I, too, would like to be safe and true. Amee, can I have a bindi to wear? Do you have one more to spare? She smiles and reaches in her drawer. She says, 'This one is yours!'

Fluffy Souffle [00:06:01] Yes. Look, these little illustrations all around this page are all different kinds of bindis. Different colours and shapes and designs. She sticks it on my

bare forehead, but in the mirror I don't see red. What a surprise to discover yellow is my bindi's colour.

Fay Slift [00:06:23] As soon as it's on, I feel so calm. Like all the noise around is gone. And one of the things that we encourage is that especially in those moments where things are loud and distracting, the importance of going in and focussing on your breath, closing your eyes and just simply breathing. Try it anywhere.

Fluffy Souffle [00:06:52] But when I'm outside, people stare. Maybe they want a bindi to wear. My friends at school all want to know, 'What is that dot above your nose?'

Fay Slift [00:07:04] So many questions.

Fluffy Souffle [00:07:06] My favourite thing is that he's wearing a tank top that says poppadom. Yeah, that's one of my favourite snacks.

Fay Slift [00:07:13] I love poppadoms. I do not have the words to say, but if I close my eyes and wait, my bindi turns into a star and then my forehead turns into the sky. That's when all my fears fade out of sight and my body feels so light. Ameer was so very right.

Fluffy Souffle [00:07:37] So now I leave it on my face. My bindi will always have its place when I bathe or go to bed, my bindi stays on my forehead. Do you prefer a bath or a shower?

Fay Slift [00:07:52] I prefer showers in the morning. However, I love having a bath because it allows you to take your time and relax and unwind. And who doesn't love having a bubble bath? Right? Not just because of the glue or because it keeps me true. But sometimes I felt small, like a dot and sometimes ugly, like a blot. Those feelings can be hard to manage and deal with, right?

Fluffy Souffle [00:08:25] But if a bindi can be more than a spot and bring beauty where there was not, maybe I can too.

Fay Slift [00:08:35] Have you seen my yellow dot? It's a bindi, not a spot. Why do you wear a bindi? You say. Why is it so special anyway?

Fluffy Souffle [00:08:49] Well, my bindi is like a third eye watching over me all the time, making sure I don't hide everything I am inside and everything that I can be.

Fay Slift [00:09:03] Thank you, Ameer, for my bindi.

Fay and Fluffy [00:09:09] The end.

Fluffy Souffle [00:09:12] That was The Boy and the Bindi.

Fay Slift [00:09:14] You'll probably notice us doing this with our hands. And this is applause in American Sign Language, also known as ASL. So at home, if you're watching us today and you've enjoyed the stories, put both your hands up and waved them like such. And that is applause.

Fluffy Souffle [00:09:35] We find it great to do over zoom and things like face time because then we really get a visual of that.

Fay Slift [00:09:42] Yeah.

Fluffy Souffle [00:09:43] Let's do another book.

Fay Slift [00:09:44] Oh, I cannot wait.

Fluffy Souffle [00:09:46] Okay.

Fay Slift [00:09:46] What shall we do next, my friend?

Fluffy Souffle [00:09:48] Well, you brought this one, and we've never read this one before, but it's one of our favourite author and illustrator duos because they wrote a book called All Are Welcome.

Fay Slift [00:09:57] One of our favourites.

Fluffy Souffle [00:09:59] This one's called Big Feelings. And then, da dun da dun! Always check when you get a hardcover book with a protective cover on it. Sometimes there's a different art on the book itself.

Fay Slift [00:10:13] And...

Fluffy Souffle [00:10:16] What?

Fay Slift [00:10:17] This incredible poster inside that identifies a few of the multitude of feelings that we can experience, like happy and mad and scared and hungry and anxious.

Fluffy Souffle [00:10:31] Right now, I'm surprised because I didn't know this poster was here.

Fay Slift [00:10:35] Yeah.

Fluffy Souffle [00:10:35] And I'm pretty proud of us for being a part of this festival.

Fay Slift [00:10:39] And we have jealous and tired and excited and curious just like the children and the little boy in The Boy and the Bindi, very curious. Embarrassed, calm, surprised and sad. And of course, our feelings are like visitors. You let them come in and you let them go because we're not going to stay in the same feelings all day. They will change and morph throughout the day.

Fluffy Souffle [00:11:05] Sometimes just like that.

Fay Slift [00:11:07] Yeah, exactly. It's time to play!

Fluffy Souffle [00:11:13] Big plans today!

Fay Slift [00:11:16] Look at how beautiful that is.

Fluffy Souffle [00:11:20] They're in a big field right now. There's a lot of like overgrown plants and flowers, but there's also some garbage and rubbish in this field. So let's see what's going to happen.

Fay Slift [00:11:31] But sometimes things get in the way. Feeling bold, feeling mad.

Fluffy Souffle [00:11:40] Goodbye, happy. Hello, sad. Since we don't have any friends here, why do you think they're feeling sad right now?

Fay Slift [00:11:52] Well, it looks like they have forgotten how to communicate with one another using words. And now it looks as though, based on their facial expressions, that they're having a really, really hard time and everyone wants a piece of the art that they worked on. But no one is really willing to talk about it by the looks of it.

Fluffy Souffle [00:12:15] Yeah. Maybe they're disagreeing about what to do.

Fay Slift [00:12:17] Possibly.

Fluffy Souffle [00:12:18] Some kids are yelling, some are sad.

Fay Slift [00:12:21] And sometimes the feelings we experience, Fluffy, can be so overwhelming that in the moment we can't even say the words to describe how we feel. Has that ever happened to you? It's happened to me before. How about you?

Fluffy Souffle [00:12:34] Definitely. Sometimes it's helpful for people to go, are you feeling mad? Are you feeling sad? Or even just to see you to say, seems like you're having a tough day today.

Fay Slift [00:12:44] Yeah.

Fluffy Souffle [00:12:44] What can we do? What can we do that will turn that mood around? Well, let's see. Maybe this book will have some ideas.

Fay Slift [00:12:49] Fingers crossed. I have big feelings. Like I'm sure many of you do.

Fluffy Souffle [00:12:57] Did you write this book? You do have big feelings.

Fay Slift [00:12:59] Mine are huge. You have them too. How can I help? What can we do?

Fluffy Souffle [00:13:07] Talk it out. Talk it through. I'm sorry. I am too. That's a great start.

Fay Slift [00:13:18] New plans today, and that's okay. We won't let this get in the way, which is a really important message, because sometimes when things happen and there's been frustration or disagreement or conflict with somebody who usually you get along really well with, sometimes we may want to carry those feelings with us rather than just let them go. It's important to talk about them, absolutely, for sure. But carrying them with you and not talking about them, they can weigh you down so much.

Fluffy Souffle [00:13:53] Doesn't feel good.

Fay Slift [00:13:53] Not at all.

Fluffy Souffle [00:13:55] It can be hard when plans change. You know that, right? You're expecting to go somewhere, maybe it rains or maybe somebody else gets sick and you

can't. Changing plans can be very challenging. But I feel hopeful. I feel tired. I feel frustrated. I feel inspired.

Fay Slift [00:14:16] Oh. I have big feelings. You have them too. How can I help? What can we do? Work together. Build a crew. You realise that this...

Fluffy Souffle [00:14:32] What?

Fay Slift [00:14:34] ...opens up? There's that beautiful weeping willow tree. Begin again and start anew. It's always so easy to do.

Fluffy Souffle [00:14:45] I feel excited.

Fay Slift [00:14:51] I feel scared. I feel nervous. I feel prepared. And that's the thing, each of us are our own unique beings, right? And so we're not all going to feel the exact same thing.

Fluffy Souffle [00:15:06] I feel hopeless. I feel low. I want to quit. Give up and go.

Fay Slift [00:15:15] We all have big feelings, both me and you. How can we help? What can we do?

Fluffy Souffle [00:15:28] See another point of view? See, they're looking in that big puddle that they saw. The rain left this big puddle.

Fay Slift [00:15:38] And they're seeing their reflections.

Fluffy Souffle [00:15:45] They turned it into a splash pad!

Fay Slift [00:15:48] Doesn't that look like so much fun? Oh, that is such a beautiful, bright and joyful image, isn't it?

Fluffy Souffle [00:15:57] And everyone is getting to participate.

Fay Slift [00:16:00] Sometimes you just got to be silly and have fun and jump in a puddle. This is our world, this is our home. Whatever we're feeling, we're never alone.

Fay and Fluffy [00:16:12] The end.

Fluffy Souffle [00:16:16] I love that one. That was our first time.

Fay Slift [00:16:19] Yeah. Were you going to ask me a question?

Fluffy Souffle [00:16:22] Hmm, nope. Okay, I got a question for you.

Fay Slift [00:16:28] Oh, wonderful. What a surprise!

Fluffy Souffle [00:16:30] Fay, can you tell me, how are you feeling after that book?

Fay Slift [00:16:35] Thank you, friend. Hmm, I'm feeling happy, and I know it, and I kind of want to show it.

Fluffy Souffle [00:16:44] How do you show it if you're happy?

Fay Slift [00:16:47] Like this!

Fay and Fluffy [00:16:48] If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. If you're happy and you know it, and you really want to show it, if you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet. If you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet. If you're happy and you know it, and you really wanna show it, if you're happy and you know it, stomp your feet. If you're beautiful and you know it shout hooray, hooray! If you're beautiful and you know it shout hooray, hooray! If you're beautiful and you know it, and you really want to show it, if you're beautiful and you know it shout hooray, hooray!

Fay Slift [00:17:38] Do you think we could do all three together?

Fluffy Souffle [00:17:41] It's been a while.

Fay Slift [00:17:42] My wig feels like it's falling off my head. How does it look?

Fluffy Souffle [00:17:45] Great.

Fay Slift [00:17:45] Oh, wonderful. I'm just going to...

Fluffy Souffle [00:17:47] Let's do all three.

Fay Slift [00:17:48] Shall we do all three? Okay, let's do all three.

Fay and Fluffy [00:17:51] If you're happy and you know it, do all three, clap, clap, stomp, stomp, hooray! If you're happy and you know it do all three, clap clap, stomp, stomp, hooray! If you're happy and you know it, and you really want to show it, if you're happy and you know it do all three, clap, clap, stomp, stomp, hooray!

Fay Slift [00:18:17] Did you like that?

Fluffy Souffle [00:18:19] I did, yeah. Did you like how I forgot the words at the end?

Fay Slift [00:18:22] Yes, I was a little bit confused by your confusion.

Fluffy Souffle [00:18:24] And that's okay.

Fay Slift [00:18:26] I mean, that's really the first time we've ever sang that song.

Fluffy Souffle [00:18:30] I don't think we've ever seen that song before. We should sing that song more. Maybe I'll learn it next time.

Fay Slift [00:18:35] I hope so. Fingers crossed.

Fluffy Souffle [00:18:39] Here's another book for us. It's called Swift Fox All Along by Rebecca Thomas.

Fay Slift [00:18:45] And when you get a new book, what's one of the first things that you do?

Fluffy Souffle [00:18:49] I smell it.

Fay Slift [00:18:50] I love the smell of new books. And then you take a look at the front page of the book and you try to figure out, do I recognise these letters? Do I know the sounds? What about these pictures? The artwork that's on the front of the book gives you a great clue of potentially what might be inside the book. And often the back has stories about the author or a little synopsis of what the story is about.

Fluffy Souffle [00:19:16] I always look at every page. Sometimes there's just little bits of extra art to enjoy.

Fay Slift [00:19:26] Swift Fox's belly fills with butterflies. Have you ever had that feeling?

Fluffy Souffle [00:19:33] I had some butterflies before we started today.

Fay Slift [00:19:36] So did I. Have any of you out there ever had butterflies in your tummy before?

Fluffy Souffle [00:19:41] Doing something new, meeting some new people. Usually if her dad visits, they go for ice cream or to the park. Most of the time her big sister comes too. But not today. Today he's taking her on a long drive to a place she's never been before. Mom says she's old enough now. Are you excited? Her dad asks. You're going to meet your aunts and uncles. Cousins, too. Today you're going to learn how to be Mi'kmaq.

Fay Slift [00:20:10] Dad says he is proud to be Mi'kmaq. But what does that mean? Swift Fox eyes the red bundle in the back seat. What's Mi'kmaq? It's who you are from your eyes to your toes. It's what's inside of you. It's how you walk, it's how you talk and how you think. Her father winks. Swift Fox already knows how to walk and talk. And how does she think Mi'kmaq? The butterflies in her belly are getting bigger. Now, when you think about butterflies in your tummy and when you watch butterflies fly around and everything like that, what feelings would you describe the butterfly in the tummy represents?

Fluffy Souffle [00:20:58] Like when you are nervous?

Fay Slift [00:20:59] Yeah.

Fluffy Souffle [00:21:00] Or scared?

Fay Slift [00:21:02] Yeah.

Fluffy Souffle [00:21:03] Or, something that you're wanting me to say.

Fay Slift [00:21:06] Yeah.

Fluffy Souffle [00:21:09] What is it?

Fay Slift [00:21:10] Anxious.

Fluffy Souffle [00:21:11] Anxious, right. That's a mixture of all those things.

Fay Slift [00:21:16] Absolutely.

Fluffy Souffle [00:21:17] Before long, her dad pulls into a driveway, we're here! Swift Fox swallows hard to keep the butterflies from getting out. Dad, I don't want to go in. I'm scared. It's okay, Swift Fox. It's who you are. They're your family. They're a part of you. What if they don't like me? What's the matter with you, child? Don't worry. It'll be fine. Before she can say anything else to her dad, he nudges her into the house.

Fay Slift [00:21:48] Swift Fox looks around the room. She notices a red bundle like the one her dad has in his car, and she wonders what's in it. A woman who looks like her dad walks over. Look at you, Nsim, my niece. Those freckles sure are cute. All the eyes in the room turn to her. Swift Fox' cheeks get very, very hot. Her heart begins to beat faster. The butterflies want out.

Fluffy Souffle [00:22:21] Uh oh, we're just about to do a smudge, a man says, taking a braid of grass from the red bundle. Swift Fox, this is your uncle, her dad smiles. Go on. He's waiting. The butterflies in her tummy grow into birds. But I don't know how, Swift Fox whispers. Sure you do, her dad nudges her shoulder, it's who you are. Suddenly Swift Fox' cheeks feel wet, a wine escapes her throat. If it's inside me, why can't I find it?

Fay Slift [00:22:53] She sounds like she's feeling overwhelmed as well.

Fluffy Souffle [00:22:56] Definitely.

Fay Slift [00:22:56] Oh, Swift Fox covers her tear-stained freckles and runs out of the door. She spies a place under the porch and crawls in. I can't believe she didn't know how to smudge, one cousin says. Everybody knows how, says another. I'll race you to the store. When you look at Swift Fox in that image, how do you think she's feeling right there, hearing that from her cousins?

Fluffy Souffle [00:23:25] She's definitely feeling sad, but everybody knows nothing until they learn it.

Fay Slift [00:23:31] Exactly. So making mistakes is the biggest piece of the learning, isn't it?

Fluffy Souffle [00:23:37] Swift Fox listens to the voices of her new family drift out the window. Poor girl. She'll come back when she's ready. I'm not coming back, whispers Swift Fox. She already has a sister, she doesn't need any more family. Why didn't her dad just take her to the park? Swift Fox picks at the bandage on her knee. She studies the pebbles on the ground, with her eyes she traces the edges of the leaves. She's just kind of taking some time to look around at her surroundings.

Fay Slift [00:24:09] Swift Fox listens to the wind rustling in the trees, the same kind of trees that are in the park she goes to with her dad. She notices a familiar smell drifting from the house. It's the bread her dad makes her in the frying pan. Sometimes he puts raisins in it, he always serves it with butter and molasses. Swift Fox loves that bread.

Fluffy Souffle [00:24:37] Do you love fry bread?

Fay Slift [00:24:38] Mm hmm.

Fluffy Souffle [00:24:39] You like any kind of bread.

Fay Slift [00:24:40] I like anything that's fried, basically.

Fluffy Souffle [00:24:43] If it's anything fried or if it's anything bready, we love it. So fry bread, hello!

Fay Slift [00:24:49] Hello, best of both worlds, my friends.

Fluffy Souffle [00:24:52] Swift Fox hears another car pulling up outside. Mom, a boy asks, I don't want to go inside. I don't know them. Come on, it's time to meet your cousins. The boy's mom walks up the stairs and into the house. The boy has freckles just like her. He looks like he has a belly full of butterflies, too.

Fay Slift [00:25:13] Who are you? The boy asks. Swift Fox, she stands a little taller, who are you? Sully, he says. Sully eyes her up and down, Swift Fox feels her cheeks get hot all over again. Who is he, anyway? What's that smell? He wrinkles his nose.

Fluffy Souffle [00:25:38] It's the best bread in the world. My dad puts molasses and butter on it, it's so good. Yeah? Then why aren't you in there eating it? That's a good question.

Fay Slift [00:25:53] Swift Fox hears her dad's laughter coming from inside the house. She takes a big sigh. A few butterflies manage to escape. You want to go try some? She starts to climb the stairs.

Fluffy Souffle [00:26:10] Even her face, she looks braver, more confident now. Look who came back! Her uncle smiles. I see you've met your cousin. Her aunt gathers them both in a hug. Are you ready? Asks her dad. There's some fry bread.

Fay Slift [00:26:33] Mm mm hmm. Swift Fox' dad takes the braid of grass and shows her what to do. She leans in and pulls the smoke over her head to her eyes and her mouth and of course, her heart. She knows that smell, her butterflies fly away. I told you you'd figure it out, one of the cousins whispers.

Fluffy Souffle [00:27:00] Swift Fox stops in front of Sully. He hesitates and looks at her. It's okay, she says, it's inside of you. Sometimes it's just hard to find. And there she is, celebrating.

Fay Slift [00:27:18] Oh, I love fried bread.

Fluffy Souffle [00:27:21] And that is the end. Swift Fox All Along. You know, I think we have time to blast through one quick book.

Fay Slift [00:27:30] Do you think so?

Fluffy Souffle [00:27:31] I think so. But it's a serious book.

Fay Slift [00:27:33] Of course, I'm glad that we're finally getting a little bit serious and not silly.

Fluffy Souffle [00:27:38] Put on your serious face, this is dedicated to the Toronto International Festival of Authors. It's called the Thank You Book.

Fay Slift [00:27:43] Thank you.

Fluffy Souffle [00:27:46] Some art, because we're here at Harbourfront Centre.

Fay Slift [00:27:48] Yeah.

Fluffy Souffle [00:27:49] I am one lucky pig. I have a lot to be thankful for. I had better get thinking! I'm going to thank everyone who is important to me.

Fay Slift [00:28:04] Everyone? I'll play the elephant.

Fluffy Souffle [00:28:06] Everyone.

Fay Slift [00:28:09] Hmm, no way. You will forget someone. You will forget someone important.

Fluffy Souffle [00:28:18] I will thank everyone. It will be a Thankorama!

Fay Slift [00:28:27] Wow.

Fluffy Souffle [00:28:28] Off I go! Squirrels!

Fay Slift [00:28:32] Piggy!

Fluffy Souffle [00:28:34] Thank you for your great ideas.

Fay Slift [00:28:36] Aw, shucks!

Fluffy Souffle [00:28:38] I didn't know you did good squirrels.

Fay Slift [00:28:40] Thank you. I talk to the squirrels often, and that's how they communicate with me.

Fluffy Souffle [00:28:43] Snake!

Fay Slift [00:28:44] Piggy!

Fluffy Souffle [00:28:46] Thank you for playing ball with me.

Fay Slift [00:28:52] Aw, that's the sound of contentment.

Fluffy Souffle [00:28:54] The pigeon! Thank you for never giving up. And I am sorry you did not get to be in our books.

Fay Slift [00:29:03] That is what you think.

Fluffy Souffle [00:29:06] I love that pigeon.

Fay Slift [00:29:09] Thanking is nice, but you will forget someone.

Fluffy Souffle [00:29:14] I will not! Mouse, birdies, rhino, hippo's big sister, barking dog, pelican, bear, hippo, worms, thank you all for being great friends.

Fay Slift [00:29:30] Aahh! That's all of them at once. Did you like that? I am theatre trained, hello?

Fluffy Souffle [00:29:35] Yeah, probably more of a, aww.

Fay Slift [00:29:38] Aahh! I like that one better. Just follow my heart, you know?

Fluffy Souffle [00:29:44] Artist's choice. See that, Gerald? I am a thanking machine.

Fay Slift [00:29:50] Piggy, you've forgotten someone very important.

Fluffy Souffle [00:29:59] Do not worry, Gerald. My next thanks will be a big one.

Fay Slift [00:30:03] Good.

Fluffy Souffle [00:30:06] Thanks whale! You are nice!

Fay Slift [00:30:09] So are you.

Fay Slift [00:30:14] That's how whales talk, right?

Fluffy Souffle [00:30:15] Ice cream penguin. Thank you for your ice cream.

Fay Slift [00:30:18] It is what I do. Piggy?

Fluffy Souffle [00:30:25] Dr. Cat, thank you for being a great doctor.

Fay Slift [00:30:29] Oh, you're welcome. Did you get that purr in there? You like that purr? Piggy?

Fluffy Souffle [00:30:38] Brian bat! Thank you for drawing with me.

Fay Slift [00:30:42] That was fun! Piggy! You are forgetting someone, someone very important!

Fluffy Souffle [00:30:57] Really? Oh, now I know who you're talking about.

Fluffy Souffle [00:31:03] The flies! Thank you for cooking with me.

Fay Slift [00:31:07] Any time, dude. Not the flies, Piggy.

Fluffy Souffle [00:31:13] I cannot think of anyone else I've forgotten to thank, Gerald!

Fluffy Souffle [00:31:19] Oops, I goofed. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Elephant Gerald, you are the best friend a pig could ever have.

Fay Slift [00:31:37] That means a lot to me, Piggy. But I did not think that you would forget me.

Fluffy Souffle [00:31:45] Well, who did I forget to thank?

Fay Slift [00:31:51] Our readers, you forgot to thank our reader.

Fluffy Souffle [00:31:55] Oh, you're right. Thank you for being our reader.

Fay Slift [00:32:05] We could not be us without you.

Fluffy Souffle [00:32:08] And you all are the best.

Fay Slift [00:32:14] You did it. Great thanking Piggy.

Fluffy Souffle [00:32:17] Thanks to you. Yep, I am one lucky pig.

Fay and Fluffy [00:32:25] The end.

Fluffy Souffle [00:32:30] And that, friends, is our storytime for today. Thank you so much, everybody. Have a great day.

Fay Slift [00:32:36] Bye!

Fluffy Souffle [00:32:37] Bye!

Lauren Layfield [00:32:46] Did you have fun? Which of the tales was your favourite? A massive thank you to Fay and Fluffy for that. And remember, if you want to check out any of these events, they're going to be free and on demand for you to see over on the Reading is Magic Festival website so you can enjoy them again and again and again.