

The top half of the cover is decorated with several stylized blue floral and leaf motifs. These include clusters of pointed leaves, starburst-like flowers, and larger, more complex floral designs, all rendered in various shades of blue and white. The motifs are scattered across the top and middle sections, framing the text.

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# *The Dreaded Needle*



A few weeks had now passed since Douglas had his fifth birthday and he was sitting quietly in the kitchen whilst Isabella was having her nap.

His Mummy started to tell him that now he was five he would have to go and see the Doctor to have some special injections.

Douglas wasn't much pleased about this as he didn't want anyone sticking needles into him.

His Mummy explained that since he was about to go to school it was important for him to have them; she told him that Martin and Benjie had already had their injections. Douglas wasn't impressed with this at all and started to sulk.

Soon it was time to go, Mummy told Douglas to put on his coat and shoes and Douglas thought: “OH NO!”

Once at the Doctor’s surgery Mummy lifted little Isabella out of her car seat and placed her in the pushchair, Douglas hesitantly got onto his little step behind the pushchair and off they went.

Once inside, the lady behind the desk asked his Mummy what they were here for and she told her they were here for Douglas to have his pre-school vaccinations. Just then Douglas shouted: “NO ITS ISABELLA THATS TO HAVE THEM”. Both the receptionist and Mummy tried to reassure Douglas that everything was going to be fine - Douglas wasn’t so sure.

As they sat in the waiting area Douglas could hear doors opening and closing then the dreaded thing happened: they called his name.

Douglas sat firmly in his chair and refused to move but his Mummy managed to move him. “Hello, my name is Dr Drummond”, said the Doctor but Douglas didn’t lift his head.

Once in the room Dr Drummond began to show Douglas the toys he had in his office and soon won Douglas over especially when he produced a shiny Fire Engine. “Cool”, thought Douglas, and then told his Mummy that he was going to be a brave boy.

Dr Drummond called the nurse into the room and she explained to him that she was going to give him two small scratches on his bottom; Douglas pulled a funny face but happily went along with this.

“OUCH”, said Douglas as the nurse put in the first needle, he did feel it and although he did want to cry he didn’t. Dr Drummond then gave Douglas a little sticker for being such a brave boy and said that he hoped to see him again soon.

“Not likely”, Douglas thought to himself!

Once at home Douglas couldn’t wait until his Daddy got in so he could tell him what a brave boy he had been.

*This book is aimed at younger children - 5 to 8 year olds.*

*It is a simple yet realistic story about a little boy and his family who face and challenge their experiences and new adventures together as a family.*

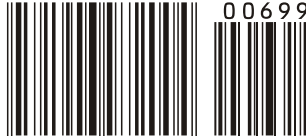


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