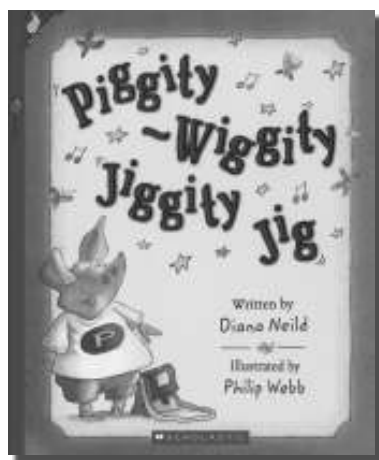




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Piggity-Wiggity Jiggity Jig

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Target Age 4+

Piggity-Wiggity Jiggity Jig lives with his parents and eight siblings, all of whom have ordinary names of ordinary length. He doesn't like being different -- until Dad explains just how special Piggity-Wiggity really is.



Diana Neild can still remember the poem she wrote at seven years of age. It rhymed and had a bit of rhythm and from then on she was hooked. Over the years she has always written little rhyming things and poems for people's parties and weddings but it was not until her youngest was a baby and her life was at its busiest that she started writing *Piggity-Wiggity*. It was something that she could create 'hands-free' as she just did it in her head, two lines at a time.



Philip Webb has been a freelance illustrator of children's books for over twenty years, mostly in the area of educational readers, chapter books and New Zealand short story compilations.

A second title, *Piggity-Wiggity Jiggity Jig Goes to Dad's Cafe*, is due out in April 2009.

Great Activity and Event Ideas...

1. Piggity-Wiggity Jiggity Jig has eight brothers and sisters, how many do you have?
2. The Jigs live in Karori. Find out which city Karori is in. How far is it from where you live?
3. New Zealand has the longest place name in the world. See if you can say it: Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokiwahenuakitanatahu.
4. What does Dad mean when he tells Piggity-Wiggity Jiggity that he and his mother "were thrilled to have four of each kind"?
5. Ask your mum and dad if they had any other names planned for you. Maybe if you are a boy but they thought you were going to be a girl they would have named you something else? If you are a girl did they have a boys name picked out for you?



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Activity

Draw a picture of your family with as many of your relations as you can think of. Add their names to the picture.

