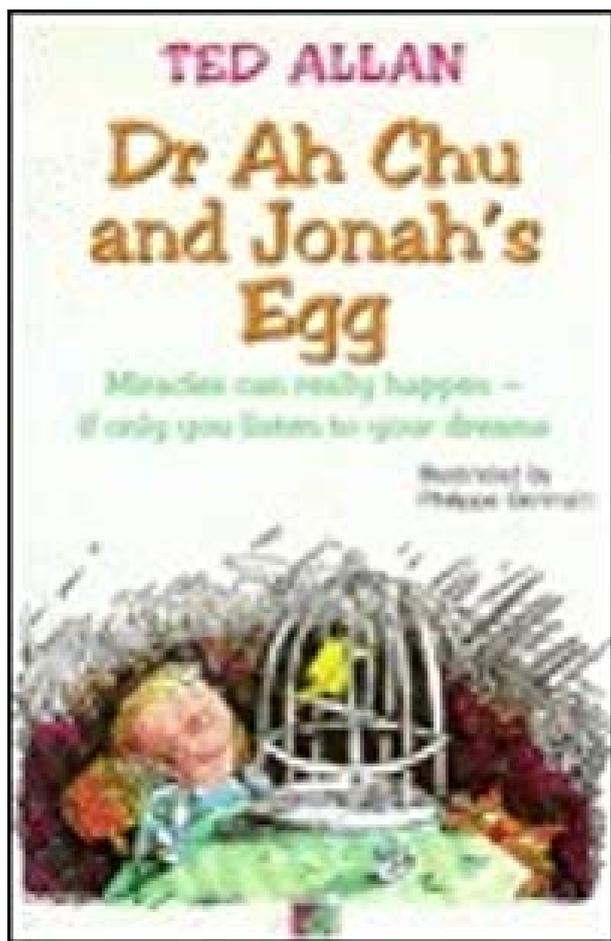


Dr Ah Chu & Jonah's Egg



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When lonely but inventive little Jonah decides to have Minny, the family cat, hatch an egg so he can have a new friend, everyone tells him it is a foolish idea. Maia, his teenage older sister derides him: You are a total moron! But Jonah sticks to his guns, and the results astound his family, friends, and even Miss Ah, the local librarian. With delightful and funny prose tastefully illustrated by Philippe Germain, we learn all about eggs and chicks, how species reproduce, and meet Dr Ah Chu whose name sounds like a sneeze and who tells us about the strange creatures in the Beijing zoo, how trees can talk, and why caring about your loved ones is so much more important than always being right. About the Author: London-based playwright and close friend of Sean Connery, Sir Lawrence Olivier, Bertold Brecht, and Zero Mostel, Ted Allan was also the author of the million-copy best-selling *The Scalpel, The Sword*, a fictionalized biography of Dr Norman Bethune which was made into a Hollywood movie starring Donald Sutherland. Born in Montreal, Allan was twice married, worked as a journalist in Madrid during the Spanish Civil War, moved to Los Angeles in the late forties and was eventually blacklisted in his Hollywood screenwriting years during the McCarthy period when in response to the standard, dreary HUAC question: Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?, he cracked wise — We aren't allowed to tell! Allan is the author of *Gog and Magog*, a play which still holds the longevity record for performances in Paris, and penned the London Times Literary

Award-winning children's story Willie the Squouse.