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This pea is ready for an adventure! It is time for tea, but one pesky pea has decided to ping himself off the plate in search of fun! A rhyming tale begins as the pea bounds from one disaster to another?SPLAT! PLOP! SPLASH, bouncing from a puddle of sauce to a dog bowl to a fish tank. BANG! TWANG! Mousetrap and spider?s web and almost a red hot toaster waylay him as he next flies straight into the tumble drier. He is buffered and battered and bounced all about. All these near disasters are illustrated with a masterly hand, with lots of humour and characterisation of the creatures and the inanimate objects that pea encounters. UNTIL? finally deposited near a compost heap, pea starts to feel funny? sprouting out roots and shooting up shoots!! And of course, his offspring all have his adventurous gene, so the story ends with a warning; if one should hear POP, PING or SPLAT, or a SPLOSH in the sink.. it?s only those runaway peas! A quirky book which will be loved by all.

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