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Two further additions to the Puffin 'I Can Read' series for readers just beginning to go it alone. Red Indian boy, Red Fox wants a bigger canoe -- 'the bigger the better' -- but the problem with a big canoe is that it can carry an awful lot of passengers as he all too soon discovers. So, small is beautiful after all. Mooch the Messy is a young rat who just cannot keep his home tidy. But when dad comes to visit, his young son is forced to tidy up though somehow his home doesn't seem the same and when father leaves Mooch happily reverts to his messy ways. In both stories, humorous pictures extend the text and the enjoyment of the reader.

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