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Notes: There appears to have been two previous versions, *Guards of the Royal Household* and *Kidnap of the Merbabies* that evolved into the final story *Merbaby Rescue* . Many of the related preliminary works have explanatory sticky notes attached in what appears to be the author's handwriting. (Item ID JC 291 - JC217)

Title/Author/Year Published	Format	Media	Dimensions (H X W)	Description	Item ID	Comments
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Final	Watercolour and pencil on art paper	33 X 52.cm	pp 8,9 Twosip is being kidnapped by the sting rays. The octopus and other creatures look on in dismay	JC 253	A brown paper coloured border has been stuck on the art paper. Artwork has been marked with printers layout lines. Good condition.
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Final	Watercolour and pencil on art paper	32.6X 52 cm	pp10,11 Twosip, riding on the back of a stingray, the tail around her neck, arrives at the stingray's cave	JC 254	A brown paper coloured border has been stuck on the art paper. Artwork has been marked with printers layout lines. Good condition.
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Final	Watercolour and pencil on art paper	33 X 49 cm	pp 12,13 The stingrays are gathered (LHS), while Nimit the pilchard hides in the crack in the roof (upper RHS)	JC 255	A brown paper coloured border has been stuck on the art paper. Artwork has been marked with printers layout lines. Good condition.
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Final	Watercolour and pencil on art paper	34 X49.5 cm	pp 16,17 Octopus LHS confronts a stingray, RHS guarding the door to the "prison"	JC 256	A brown paper coloured border has been stuck on the art paper. Artwork has been marked with printers layout lines. Good condition.

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Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Final	Watercolour and pencil on art paper	34 X 52 cm	pp 18,19 RHS The octopus has captured the stingray guarding the merbabies. The stingray is trying to stab the octopus with a bar from the prison gate. A merbaby is peeping out of the hole in the prison gate.	JC 257	A brown paper coloured border has been stuck on the art paper. Artwork has been marked with printers layout lines. Good condition.
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Final	Watercolour and pencil on art paper	34 X 50.5 cm	pp 22,23 LHS Nimit darts in front of one of two stingrays, RHS Nimit escapes the falling rocks.	JC 258	A brown paper coloured border has been stuck on the art paper. Artwork has been marked with printers layout lines. Good condition.
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Final (?)	Watercolour and pencil on art paper	33.7 X 53 cm	pp 26,27 LHS four stingrays in a dark murky sea, RHS The young swordfish is being reunited with his father as King Neptune looks on.	JC 259	A brown paper coloured border has been stuck on the art paper. Artwork has been marked with printers layout lines. Part of the lower picture has been cut out and replaced. The inserted piece has been sticky taped to the main picture, otherwise Good condition.
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Final	Watercolour and pencil on art paper	36.2 X 28.5 cm	p 32 Two scenes of merbabies at play with other sea creatures, Twosip touching Nimin features centre of the lower scene. A central square has been left blank for text.	JC 260	A brown paper coloured border has been stuck on the art paper. Artwork has been marked with printers layout lines. Good condition.
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Publishers Proof	Print	29.7 X 42 cm	p 3, Grey nurse shark and merbaby (Twosip) washed up on the beach, seagulls looking on.	JC 261	Two Copies Good condition

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Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Publishers Proof	Print	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 4,5 Twosip, who is sucking her thumb, is sitting with the motherly octopus, watched by sea snakes, a baby swordfish, a school of pilchards, some skates, jelly fish and other fish.	JC 262	One copy Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Publishers Proof	Print	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 6,7 LHS The octopus, Nimit and Twosip sit listening to the eel's news, RHS the mermen riding on the backs of the swordfish are fighting the stingrays.	JC 263	Two Copies Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Publishers Proof	Print	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 8,9 Twosip is being kidnapped by the sting rays. The octopus and other creatures look on in dismay.	JC 264	Three copies Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Publishers Proof	Print	29.7 X 42 cm	pp10,11 Twosip riding on the back of a stingray, the tail around her neck arrives at the stingray's cave.	JC 265	Three copies Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Publishers Proof	Print	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 12,13 The stingrays are gathered (LHS), while Nimit the pilchard hides in the crack in the roof (upper RHS).	JC 266	Three copies Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Publishers Proof	Print	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 14,15 The captured distressed merbabies are in the stingray prison cave. Twosip looks happily up at Nimit who is arriving.	JC 267	One copy Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Publishers Proof	Print	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 16,17 Octopus LHS confronts a stingray RHS guarding the door to the "prison"	JC 268	One copy Good condition

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Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Publishers Proof	Print	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 18,19 RHS The octopus has captured the stingray guarding the merbabies. The stingray is trying to stab the octopus with a bar from the prison gate. A merbaby is peeping out of the hole in the prison gate.	JC 269	Three copies Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Publishers Proof	Print	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 20,21 The merbabies have escaped the cave with the help of the skates and baby swordfish and are being protected by the octopus. The wounded stingray is lying on the sand with his eyes closed.	JC 270	One copy Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Publishers Proof	Print	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 22,23 LHS Nimit darts in front of one of two stingrays RHS Nimit escapes the falling rocks.	JC 271	One copy Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Publishers Proof	Print	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 28,29 The merbabies are returned to their mothers by the skate, baby swordfish and the octopus.	JC 272	One copy Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Publishers Proof	Print	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 30,31 King Neptune has assembled his court to thank the guardians (octopus, swordfish, skates, eels etc). In the crowd are the merbabies and their parents. Standing next to him is his wife and Twosip (his daughter).	JC 273	One copy Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Publishers Proof	Print	29.7 X 42 cm	p 32 Two scenes of merbabies at play with other sea creatures, Twosip touching Nimin features centre of the lower scene. A central square has been left blank of text.	JC 274	One copy Good condition

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Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 4,5 Twosip, who is sucking her thumb, is sitting with the motherly octopus, watched by sea snakes, a baby swordfish, a school of pilchards, some skates, jelly fish and other fish.	JC 275	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 6,7 LHS The octopus, Nimit and Twosip sit listening to the eel's news, RHS the mermen riding on the backs of the swordfish are fighting the stingrays.	JC 276	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 8,9 Twosip is being kidnapped by the sting rays. The octopus and other creatures look on in dismay.	JC 277	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp10,11 Twosip is riding on the back of a stingray, the tail around her neck arrives at the stingray's cave.	JC 278	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 12,13 The stingrays are gathered (LHS), while Nimit the pilchard hides in the crack in the roof (upper RHS).	JC 279	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 14,15 The captured distressed merbabies are in the stingray prison cave. Twosip looks happily up at Nimit who is arriving.	JC 280	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 16,17 Octopus LHS confronts a stingray RHS guarding the door to the "prison".	JC 281	Good condition

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Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 18,19 RHS The octopus has captured the stingray guarding the merbabies. The stingray is trying to stab the octopus with a bar from the prison gate. A merbaby is peeping out of the hole in the prison gate.	JC 282	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 20,21 The merbabies have escaped the cave with the help of the skates and baby swordfish and are being protected by the octopus. The wounded stingray is lying on the sand with his eyes closed.	JC 283	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 22,23 LHS Nimit darts in front of one of two stingrays, RHS Nimit escapes the falling rocks. Page numbers on photocopy have been transposed with JC287.	JC 284	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 24,25 LHS merbabies splash in rockpools, RHS octopus helps the baby swordfish climb inside the old stingray skin. Page numbers on photocopy have been transposed with JC286.	JC 285	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 26,27 LHS four stingrays in a dark murky sea, RHS The young swordfish is being reunited with his father as King Neptune looks on.	JC 286	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 28,29 The merbabies are returned to their mothers by the skate, baby swordfish and the octopus.	JC 287	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 28,29 The merbabies are returned to their mothers by the skate, baby swordfish and the octopus.	JC 288	Good condition

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Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp. 30,31 King Neptune has assembled his court to thank the guardians (octopus, swordfish, skates, eels etc). Standing next to him is his wife and Twosip (his daughter). In the crowd are the merbabies and their parents.	JC 289	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 30,31 King Neptune has assembled his court to thank the guardians (octopus, swordfish, skates, eels etc). Standing next to him is his wife and Twosip (his daughter). In the crowd are the merbabies and their parents.	JC 290	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 4,5 Twosip is sitting with the motherly octopus, watched by sea snakes a baby swordfish, a school of pilchards, some skates, jelly fish and other fish. Sketch less developed than JC 275.	JC 291	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	59.3 X 42 cm	pp 4,5 Twosip is sitting with the motherly octopus, watched by sea snakes a baby swordfish, a school of pilchards, some skates, jelly fish and other fish. Two alternative texts are stuck to LHS. Text is less developed than JC 275.	JC 292	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	Text and picture not used. Two stingrays are in front of the whale bones leading to the prison. Two copies.	JC 293	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 18,19 Earlier version of JC 282.	JC 294	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	pp 18,19 Earlier/alternative version of JC 284.	JC 295	Good condition

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Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	26 X 42 cm	pp 30,31 Earlier/alternative version of JC 290.	JC 296	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	59.3 X 42 cm	Relates to earlier story *Guards of the Royal Household* . Half of this page is storyboard with First Pictures ideas. There are 17 double page spread draft pictures stuck on to the paper. Half of the remaining space is handwritten story line concepts.	JC 297	Fair
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	Stingray is guarding the front door of the prison is having his tail tied to the bars by the eels. Text and picture not used.	JC 298	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	Same as JC 298 but top of picture has been extended.	JC 299	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	Relates to earlier story *Kidnap of the Merbabies* . Storyboard. Fifteen concept double page sketches and two single page sketches one of which is back cover.	JC 300	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	Proposed cover for *Kidnap of the Merbabies,* later used as p 6 *Merbaby Rescue.* The octopus, Nimit and Twosip sit listening to the eel's news.	JC 301	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	26 X 42 cm	LHS Text, RHS Octopus grapples with the stingray while the merbabies escape their prison.	JC 302	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	Same as JC 303 with redrawn octopus and stingray.	JC 303	Good condition

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Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	LHS text, RHS fallen rocks in the mouth of the cave. An eel wiggles vertically.	JC 304	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	Same as JC304 with much heavier outlines and shading. Text box has been stuck on.	JC 305	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	LHS Octopus has stingray RHS by the tail.	JC 306	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	Two copies of same drawing of possible book cover drawing has strong elements from p14 - JC267.	JC 307	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch and preliminary text	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	A group of stingrays, reused as p12 (see JC 255).	JC 308	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	Five sketches of octopus, or parts of octopus. Two copies.	JC 309	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	More than thirteen sketches of stingrays, a shark and a fish and parts of other sea creatures.	JC 310	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	More than twelve sketches of stingrays, a rat fish sword fish and skate.	JC 311	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	Sketch of devil ray and octopus.	JC 312	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	Sketch of a sting ray.	JC 313	Good condition
Merbaby Rescue/ Judith Crabtree/2006	Preliminary sketch	Photocopy	29.7 X 42 cm	Multiple sketches compiled for endpapers. Unused.	JC 314	Good condition

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