

# fairy rings



*A colouring book*

This colouring book about  
mushrooms and fairy rings is  
ideally suited for primary  
school children.

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This is Myco the maggot.

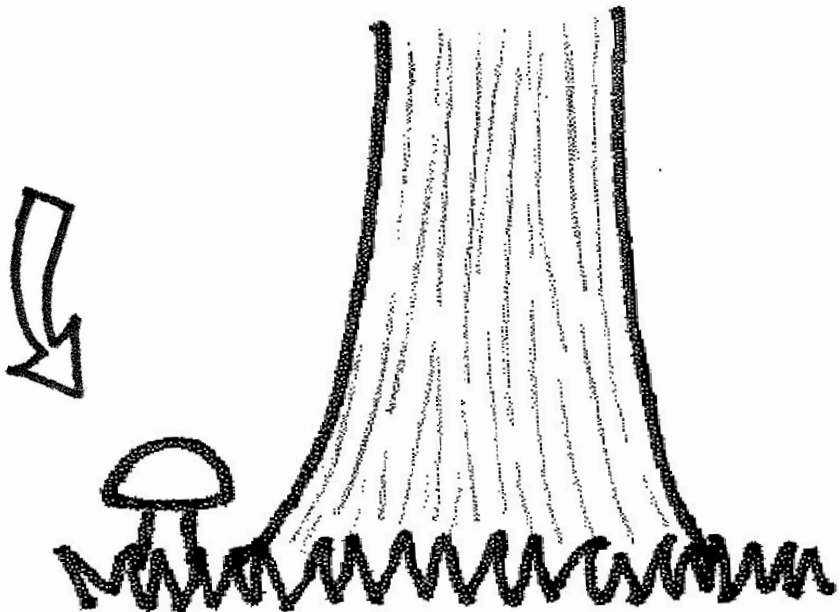
He would like to tell you about  
**mushrooms** and **fairy rings**!



If you go walking in the woods,  
To a place where a tree once  
stood,



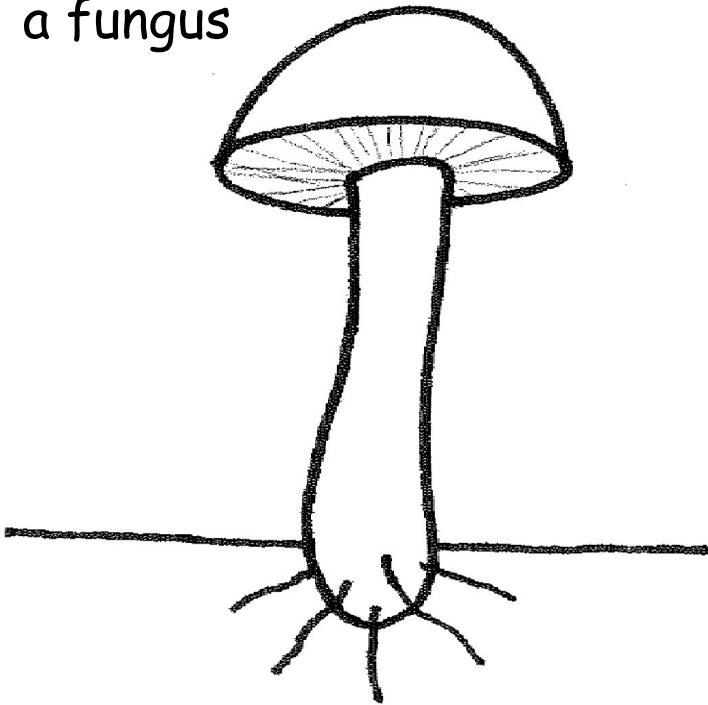
You might find something like a  
little tree,  
With a **cap** instead of leaves...

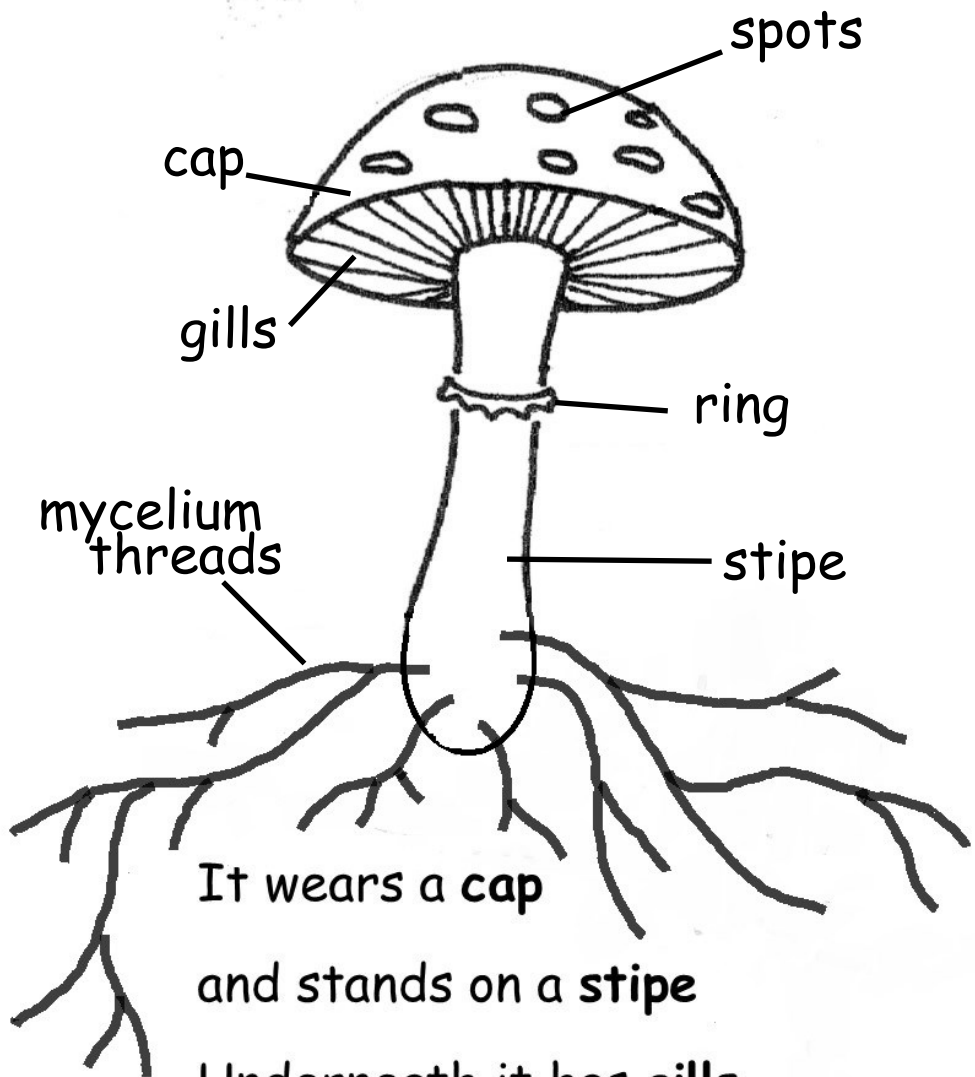




This is called a **mushroom**.

The mushroom is the fruit of  
a fungus





It wears a **cap**  
and stands on a **stipe**  
Underneath it has **gills**  
And a **ring** with frills  
And **threads** at the base  
that spread





Fungi like to  
grow among  
the **trees**, M

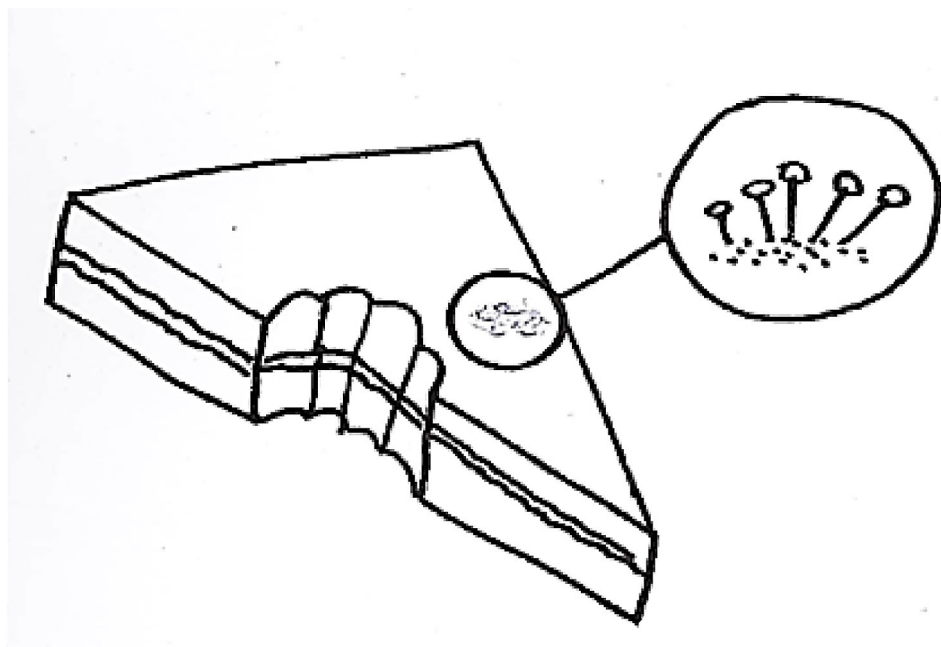


Or in the  
grass and in  
the **fields**.

Sometimes they can be found  
alone,



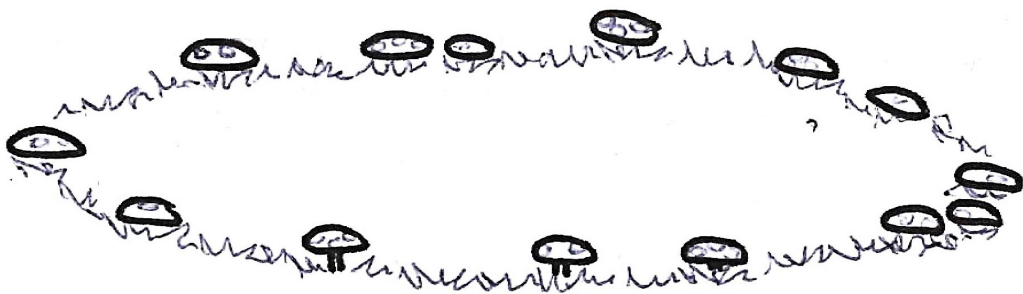
Or in a group or in your **home**.



Even on this sandwich!



But if you walk around and round  
And see a **circle of mushrooms** on  
the ground...



... if ever you find such a thing



You might have found a **fairy ring**!

Some say that fairies do exist



And fairy rings are proof of this!

They say that fairies cast spells at  
night,

But we can't see them in the light.





If in the fairy ring you stand,  
Some say you might see fairy land.

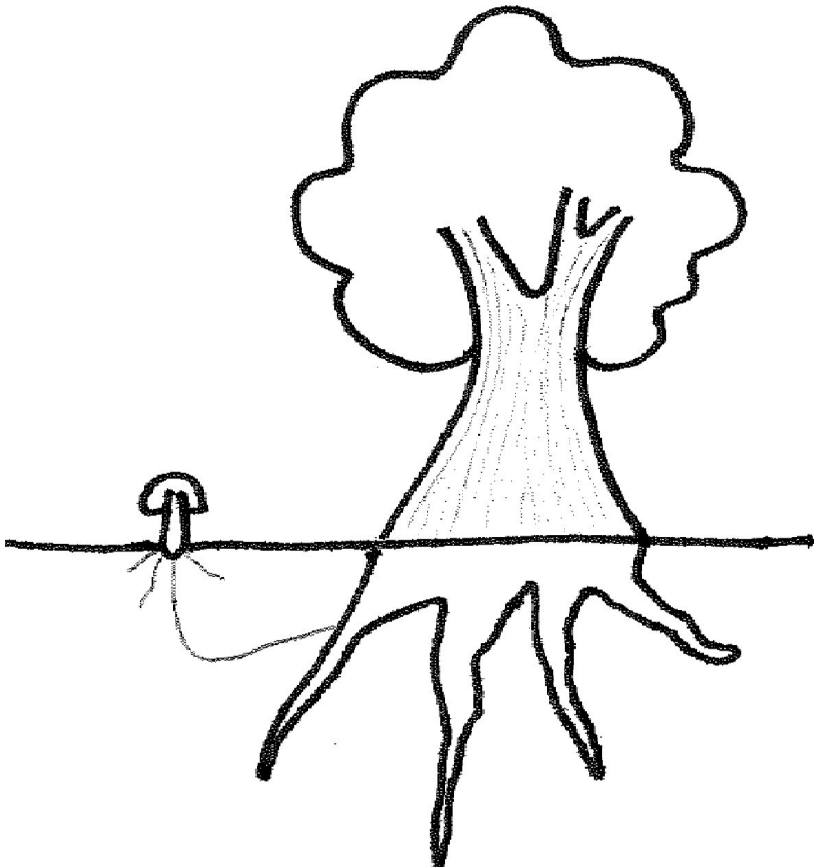


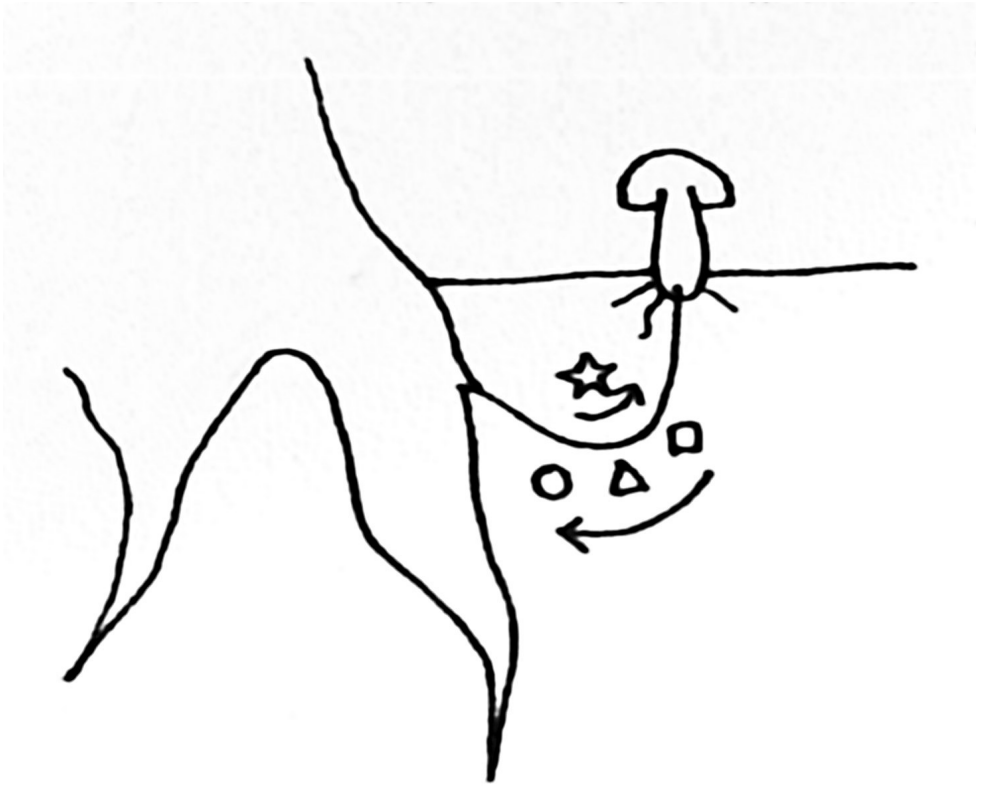
But scientists know differently:

The mushrooms threads make  
**friends** with the trees!



The mushrooms make **threads**  
in the ground,  
So there's enough **food** to go  
around.





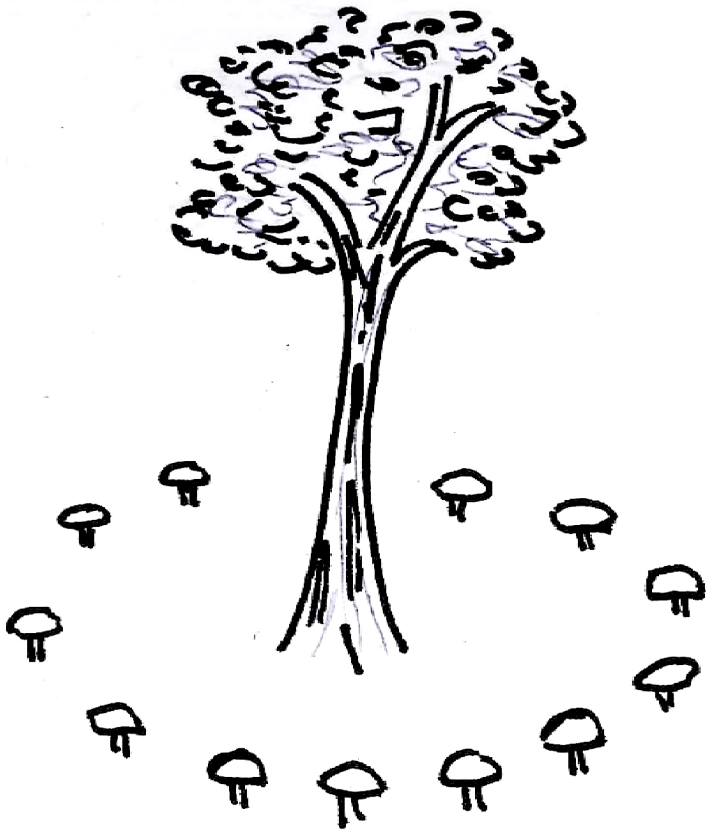
They link up with the roots of trees,  
And **share** their gifts out equally.



And even after the tree has gone,



His circle of friends can still live on!





Thanks for colouring  
me in and learning  
about mushrooms!

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