

Bookshelf

Oscar and Hoo, written
by Theo illustrated by
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(Collins Children's Books £9.99)
OSCAR is a young boy who lives with
his head in the clouds.

Unfortunately his tendency to day-
dream means he wanders off as his
parents board a minibus while the
family is holidaying in the desert.

Lost and alone the
upset youngster
begins to cry until
he is comforted by
a small cloud
called Hoo. The
majority of the story
is taken up by Oscar
and Hoo's search for
the boy's parents.

Their burgeoning
friendship is a delight
to behold and the
mixture of fantasy
and reality is skilfully done. A lovely,
moving story beautifully illustrated.

