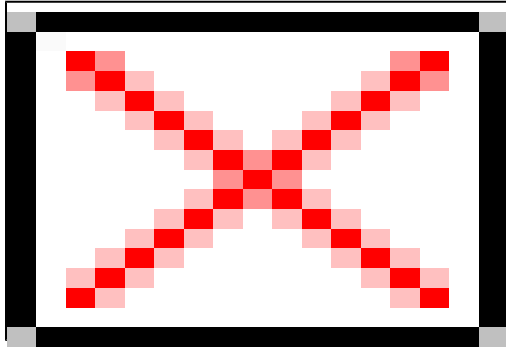




WINNERS OF THE LAUGH OUT LOUD BOOK AWARDS 2019

Funny Women win the Lollies!



Elys Dolan, Emer Stamp and **Tom Gates** creator **Liz Pichon** have been named the winners of the **2019 Laugh Out Loud Awards**, or **Lollies**.

Established by **Scholastic UK** in 2015 on the demise of the **Roald Dahl Funny Book Prize**, the **Lollies** celebrate funny books for children and awarded in three categories: Best Laugh Out Loud Picture Book, Best Laugh Out Loud Book for 6-8s and Best Laugh Out Loud Book for 9-13s.

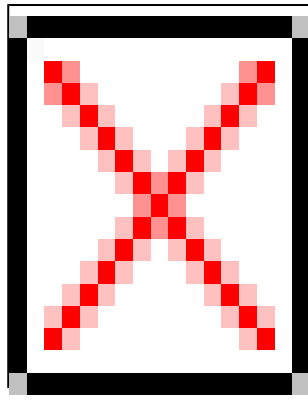
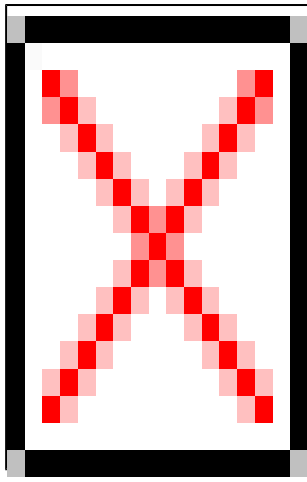
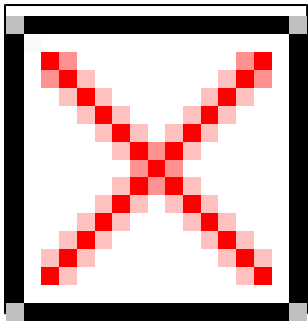
The winners were selected from a shortlist drawn up by a panel of judges headed up by Michael Rosen. He was joined by Katie Thistleton, presenter and host of the CBBC Children's Book Club, primary school teachers and bloggers, Jo Cummins and Jonny Walker, as well Kate Newport, Product Director for Scholastic Book Clubs and Book Fairs.

Teachers and their classes, parents and children were also involved voting for their favourites in each category to determine the winning titles.

Michael Rosen said: "It's fantastic to see the huge engagement from schools and children for the **Lollies**. The books that children have chosen are all worthy winners but even more importantly, it's provided a focus for children to read for pleasure and discover the joy that funny books can bring."

[Winner Elys Dolan answers our questions here](#) [1]. Read our [interview with winner Emer Stamp here](#) [2].

Winners and shortlists in full:



Best Laugh Out Loud Picture Book:

Mr Bunny?s Chocolate Factory by Elys Dolan (OUP)

Shortlisted:

The Squirrels Who Squabbled by Rachel Bright and Jim Field (Hachette)

Oi Cat! by Kes Gray and Jim Field (Hachette)

I Can Only Draw Worms by Will Mabbitt (PRH)

Best Laugh Out Loud Book for 6-8 year olds:

The Big, Fat, Totally Bonkers Diary of Pig by Emer Stamp (Scholastic)

Shortlisted:

Barry Loser and the Birthday Billions by Jim Smith (Egmont)

There?s a Werewolf in My Tent! by Pamela Butchart and Thomas Flintham (Nosy Crow)

Lyttle Lies: The Pudding Problem by Joe Berger (Simon and Schuster)

Best Laugh Out Loud Book for 9-13 year olds:

Tom Gates: Epic Adventure (Kind Of) by Liz Pichon (Scholastic)

Shortlisted:

My Mum?s Growing Down by Laura Dockrill and David Tazzyman (Faber)

Uncle Shawn and Bill and the Almost Entirely Unplanned Adventure by A. L. Kennedy and Gemma Correll (Walker)

Football School Season 2: Where Football Saves the World by Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton and Spike Gerrell (Walker)

The 2018 awards are sponsored by Happy Monkey Smoothies, with media partner PopJam also on board to provide an additional voting platform for children to pick their category winners.

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[1] <http://www.booksforkeeps.co.uk/issue/234/childrens-books/articles/elys-dolan-officially-funny>

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