



**The Laugh Out Loud Book Awards** –known as the Lollies – are a celebration of the funniest books for children and the winners are voted for by children themselves!

The award was set up by Scholastic UK in 2016, after the withdrawal of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize and is supported by BookTrust and Michael Rosen- who instigated the formation of the Funny Prize during his term as Children’s Laureate. The intention with both awards was and is to focus attention on funny books, which are invaluable for creating readers, but which are often overlooked in other awards.

Publishers submit their funniest children’s books of the previous year to be nominated for the award and a panel of judges is chosen to help whittle down this long list of Lollies entries to create a shortlist in 3 categories which is published in June of each year.

The website <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/lollies> provides teaching resources including fun activities for the summer holidays and how to vote, as well as class decoration packs!

Voting concludes in December and the winner’s announcement is live streamed.

### WINNERS OF THE 2020 LOLLIES ANNOUNCED

After voting by tens of thousands of children, the annual children’s book award ceremony was held at the Bloomsbury Ballroom in London on 6th February. Attended by children from seven primary schools, alongside authors, illustrators and publishing professionals, it was hosted by Radio 1’s Katie Thistleton and with special guests including Julia Donaldson and Roman Kemp.

<p><b>Best Laugh Out Loud Picture Book:</b>  <b>Ten Fat Sausages</b> by Michelle Robinson and Tor Freeman. Andersen Press ISBN: 978-1783447510          Ten fat sausages sizzling in the pan... decide to escape, if they can! Come on the great escape through the kitchen as reader’s follow each sausage that decides to make a run for it. Will they succeed or will the cat, blender, plug hole or fan prove their downfall? Merciless and absolutely hilarious illustrations match the jaunty rhyming text perfectly.</p>	
<p><b>Best Laugh Out Loud Book for 6-8-year-olds</b>  <b>World’s Worst Children 3</b> by David Walliams and Tony Ross. Harper Collins. ISBN: 978-0008304591          Another collection of caustic, cautionary tales brought to life by the brilliant illustrations of Tony Ross. From ten-year old Hank and his endless pranks on his poor, long-suffering family, to Tandy and her titanic tantrums, these are truly horrible children and the legions of fans know exactly what to expect.</p>	

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

**I Bet I Can Make You Laugh** by Joshua Seigal, illustrated by Tom Wesson. Bloomsbury ISBN: 978-1472955487

A brilliant anthology of funny poems including new ones from anthologist Joshua Seigal that demonstrates his subversive humour and insight into the world of children. A win that clearly shows the growing popularity of poetry.

