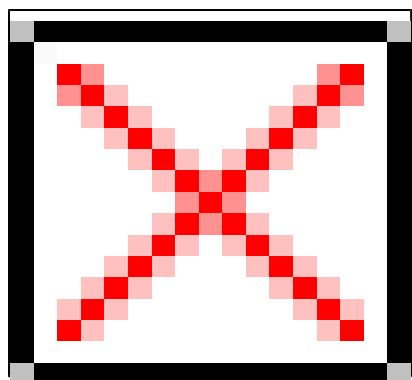




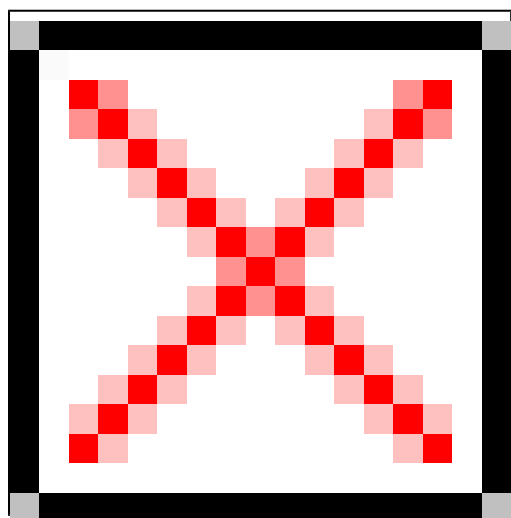
# LOLLIES 2020 SHORTLIST THE YEAR'S FUNNIEST CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Michael Rosen, children's novelist, poet and former Children's Laureate, has announced the shortlist for the **2020 Laugh Out Loud Awards (The Lollies)**, the awards that celebrate the funniest children's books.



A long-time champion of funny books for children, Michael Rosen said: "Anyone around children looking for books to have them giggling and laughing over and over again, these 12 books will do the job. Funny books are so important because they make you feel good. What could be better than that?"

The twelve shortlisted books are:



Best Laugh Out Loud Picture Book:

**Baby's First Bank Heist** by Jim Whalley and illustrated by Stephen Collins, Bloomsbury

[Spyder](#) [1] by Matt Carr Scholastic

**Ten Fat Sausages** by Michelle Robinson and illustrated by Tor Freeman Andersen Press

**You're Called What?!** by Kes Gray and illustrated by Nikki Dyson Macmillan

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

**Bad Nana: Older Not Wiser** by Sophy Henn HarperCollins

[The Legend of Kevin](#) [2] by Philip Reeve and illustrated by Sarah McIntyre OUP

[The Nothing to See Here Hotel](#) [3] by Steven Butler and illustrated by Steven Lenton Simon & Schuster

**World's Worst Children 3** by David Walliams and illustrated by Tony Ross HarperCollins

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

**I Bet I Can Make You Laugh** by Joshua Seigel and illustrated by Tim Wesson Bloomsbury

**I Swapped My Brother on the Internet** by Jo Simmons and illustrated by Nathan Reed Bloomsbury

**Kid Normal and the Rogue Heroes** by Greg James and Chris Smith, and illustrated by Erica Salcedo Bloomsbury

**Planet Stan** by Elaine Wickson and illustrated by Chris Judge OUP

Rosen and his judging panel, consisting of Alison Leach, founder of **BooksForTopics** and a primary teacher, Scott Evans, a primary school teacher and blogger, Andria Zafirakou, winner of the \$1 million Global Teacher Prize 2018, as well as Kate Newport, Product Director for **Scholastic Book Clubs and Book Fairs**, selected the shortlist from nearly 120 titles submitted by children's publishers.

Now the winning book in each category will be decided solely by children's votes, with schools and parents encouraged to help kids get involved and vote via the [Lollies website](#) [4], or via the Lollies PopJam channel.

The winning books will be announced in early 2020.

**The Lollies** are sponsored by **Happy Monkey Smoothies** and were created in response to findings from the [Scholastic Kids & Family Reading Report?](#) [5], which found that what two-thirds of children aged 6-17 looked for when choosing books for themselves were 'books that make me laugh'.

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