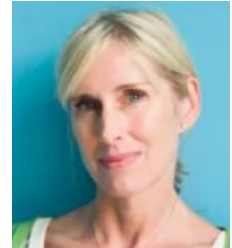


## Lauren Child

Lauren Child is a British author and illustrator best known for creating picture books and children's stories. She is especially famous for the Charlie and Lola books and her creative, collage-style artwork.



### Childhood

- Born in 1965 in Marlborough, Wiltshire, England
- Her full name is Helen Child, but she later chose to use "Lauren"
- Loved making things and drawing from an early age
- Had two sisters, and her father was a teacher
- Enjoyed reading and making up stories as a child

### Education

- Attended Marlborough College, a boarding school
- Studied Art briefly at Manchester Polytechnic
- Took a break from education and worked as an artist's assistant
- Later studied at City and Guilds of London Art School
- Learnt about using mixed media and collage in her artwork

### Career

- First book, Clarice Bean, That's Me, was published in 1999
- Gained huge popularity with the Charlie and Lola series
- Created unique, playful illustrations using photos, patterns, and drawings
- Won many awards, including the Kate Greenaway Medal
- Appointed as the UK Children's Laureate in 2017
- Also designed sets for theatre and worked in animation

## Quotes

“I’m not just illustrating a story, I’m telling it visually.”

“I like to make pictures that children can look at again and again and still find something new.”

“Books are the perfect place for children to explore their emotions.”

## Art

