

# Talking Points: Lauren Child

How can a story be brought to life through illustration?

Lauren Child [illustrates](#) her own stories as well as those by other authors. She starts with quick sketches made while reading the stories, before expanding them through [collage](#). Combining hand-drawn elements with found imagery, her character designs are full of life, weaving between the words on the page and the spaces in between.

Watch the videos below, in which she talks us through her process of illustrating novels, and use the following questions to begin a discussion about her work.

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## Lauren Child

Lauren Child is a childrens book author and illustrator. She is well known for the collection of books 'Charlie and Lola' which were later adapted into a childrens animation.

Find out more about Lauren's creative process in the sources below.

### [Lauren's Website](#)

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## Illustrating Pippa Longstockings Goes Abroad

### Questions to Ask Children

What do you like about the character Pippi

**Longstocking?**

**How might you make Pippi Longstockings move?**

**Why do you think that Lauren layers the body parts?**

## **Questions to Ask Children**

**Who's your favourite book character? Why do you like them so much?**

**Notice how the illustrator and designer work together. What did they do that was so important?**

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