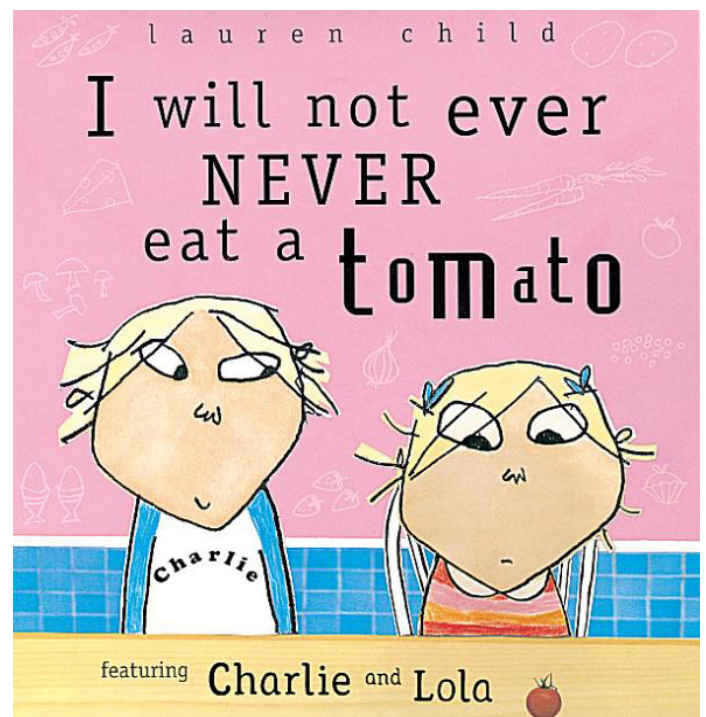


To celebrate 20 years of Artsmark, CILIP has teamed up with Arts Council England to create the Greenaway Greats reading scheme!

I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato

Written and illustrated by Lauren Child

I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato is the first book featuring popular book characters Charlie and Lola. The book focuses around Lola, a fussy eater who refuses to eat lots of different types of food and her older brother Charlie who gets creative to try to encourage her to try these. The book uses mixed media illustrations with photographic elements and hand-drawn illustrations used together. The book won the Kate Greenaway medal in 2000.



Discussion Points

- Charlie's mum and dad sometimes ask him to give Lola her dinner. Charlie tells us, 'This is a hard job because she is a very fussy eater.' Are there any foods you will ever never eat? What are they and why don't you ever want to eat them?
- What do the illustrations tell us about Lola's emotions and feelings? You might find it particularly useful to look at Lola's eyes and mouth.
- Is it okay to say you don't like something that you have never tried? Can you think of an example of something you've tried and enjoyed when you imagined you'd dislike this?
- Moonsquirters are Lola's favourite. What is your favourite food?



Activity Ideas



- A rebus is a puzzle that uses pictures and letters or words to help create words or phrases. Create a rebus using pictures cut out from magazines, newspapers or your own drawings.
- Charlie tells Lola about 'orange twiglets from Jupiter,' 'green drops from Greenland,' and 'cloud fluff from the pointiest peak of Mount Fuji.' Create your own weird and wacky names for food, where would this come from and what would it be like?
- The illustrations in the book are a combination of photos, scanned images and drawings. This is known as mixed-media illustration. Make a mixed-media picture of your own using photos from magazines or catalogues and your own drawings.
- Make a model of the supermarket under the sea.

Further Reading



Clarice Bean is another book by Lauren Child about a girl who is looking for a bit of peace but finds this difficult around the hustle and bustle of family life!

The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon by Mini Grey is another Greenaway Great title which looks at a pair of likeable characters, this time the titular Dish and Spoon from nursery rhyme, Hey Diddle Diddle.

That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown is written by Cressida Cowell and illustrated by Neal Layton. Like the Charlie and Lola books, this book captures early childhood incredibly well and has a very endearing lead character. Did you know Cressida Cowell and Lauren Child were childhood friends?

The Mirror by Jeannie Baker uses items from real life to create collage pictures like some of Lauren Child's. This clever and innovative book explores the similarities between the everyday routines of two boys, one in Morocco and one in Australia.

Illustrator biography

Lauren Child was born in Berkshire. She studied art at Manchester Polytechnic and London Art School. The first published book which Lauren illustrated was **Addy the Baddy** by Margaret Joy. The first book she wrote and illustrated was **Clarice Bean, That's Me** which won the Smarties Bronze Award for 6-8 year olds. Lauren won the Kate Greenaway medal for **I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato**. Lauren was children's laureate from 2017 to 2019.



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