

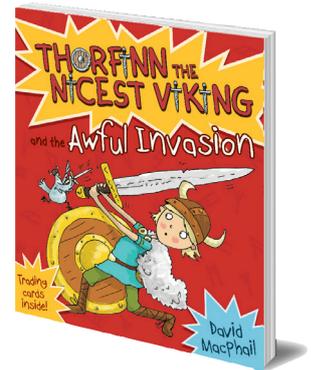
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Thorfinn the Nicest Viking is laughing out loud following shortlist success

Thorfinn and the Awful Invasion shortlisted for Scholastic LOL Award

Scholastic announce today that Thorfinn and the Awful Invasion is one of four titles shortlisted for the Best Laugh Out Loud Book for 6–8s, in their inaugural Laugh Out Loud Awards (LOLLIES).

The judging panel consists of comedian Jenny Éclair, film producer Will Clarke, YouTuber AmyLee33 and author Michael Rosen. School children across the country will now vote for their favourite books from the shortlist.



About the Thorfinn the Nicest Viking series

- Thorfinn the Nicest Viking is a funny and fearsome six-book series for 6–8 year olds who love *Horrid Henry* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, set in a world where manners mean nothing and politeness is pointless!
- David MacPhail takes readers on a hilarious journey filled with gruesome Viking heroes, adventurous battles – and a polite young Viking who would rather be at home with a mug of pinecone tea!
- Each book comes complete with Viking games and activities, as well as collectable trading cards

Everyone knows Vikings are ruthless barbarians whose idea of a good time involves pillaging, plundering and eating. But Thorfinn isn't an ordinary Viking! He is always polite and happily offers to wash the dirty dishes. Too bad his dad is Harald the Skull-Splitter, Village Chief and the roughest and toughest Viking of them all.

Tired of Thorfinn and his too-nice ways getting them into trouble, his dad decides it's time for Thorfinn to earn his gruesome Viking name. Stuck on a longboat with a ragtag bunch of adventurers who'd like to throw him overboard, how will the Nicest Viking cope with a dangerous voyage to Scotland?

Books 3 and 4 in the series are published on 18 February 2016.

Thorfinn and the Rotten Scots | 978-178250-229-6 | 136 pp | £4.99

Thorfinn and the Disgusting Feast | 978-178250-231-9 | 136 pp | £5.99



About the Author & Illustrator

David MacPhail left home at eighteen to travel the world and have adventures. After working as a chicken wrangler, a ghost-tour guide and a waiter on a tropical island, he is now based in Perthshire and has the sensible job of writing about yetis and Vikings. David's first book *Yeti on the Loose* was shortlisted for the Greenhouse Funny Prize. Richard Morgan is a professional illustrator who lives in Cambridge. His hilarious sketches of Thorfinn and the gang bring the series to life.

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