

ILLUSTRATOR “CREATOR” STUDY

Some quirky facts about the illustrator of the **SKY PRIVATE EYE** series:

★ LORETTA SCHAUER



About Loretta: Loretta originally trained as a dancer and worked for many years in conservation, while practicing her drawing skills at night. She won the 2011 Waterstones *Picture This* competition, which led to the publication of *Beauty and the Beast* by Michael Morpurgo. She has illustrated about twelve

children's books, including *Rumpelstiltskin* and *The Good Little Bad Little Pig* by Margaret Wise Brown. She lives in London at the top of a tall grey building with her husband and pet hamster Nanook, and occasionally escapes to go galloping around the Heath, or noodling for fossils. Find out more here: www.fivequills.co.uk/five-quills-authors-illustrators/

What does Loretta do? Loretta is the *illustrator* of the **SKY PRIVATE EYE** series. She has been involved in creating and drawing the characters and the setting from the beginning.

She usually starts by creating the main characters for the story. This is a bit like assembling a cast for a play or film. She draws them in lots of different poses, showing a range of emotions and doing lots of activities.

To design Sky, Loretta first thought about her character: she is an ace detective. She is also creative and designs cupcakes. She is always ready to jump in and solve problems. Loretta illustrated her as a friendly character, always ready to help.

She also thought about Sky's gadgets. Sky is smart so it made sense that she would use the latest magical Fairytale gadgets to help her solve each case. Loretta had fun inventing what these would look like.





cape and jeans

1 longer length shorts



original sample



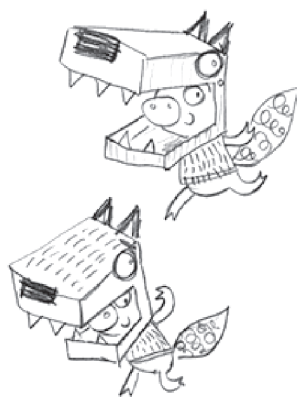
2 mid length shorts



3 short shorts!



Wolfe as Bo Peep



Prefer the box homemade head version



Not sure you can tell it's the pigs in this kind of outfit



Jack as a beanstalk



owl & pigycat



Billy goats as pirates (doesn't work as bears work)



duck or ugly duckling/pease in a parrot costume with the pirates?

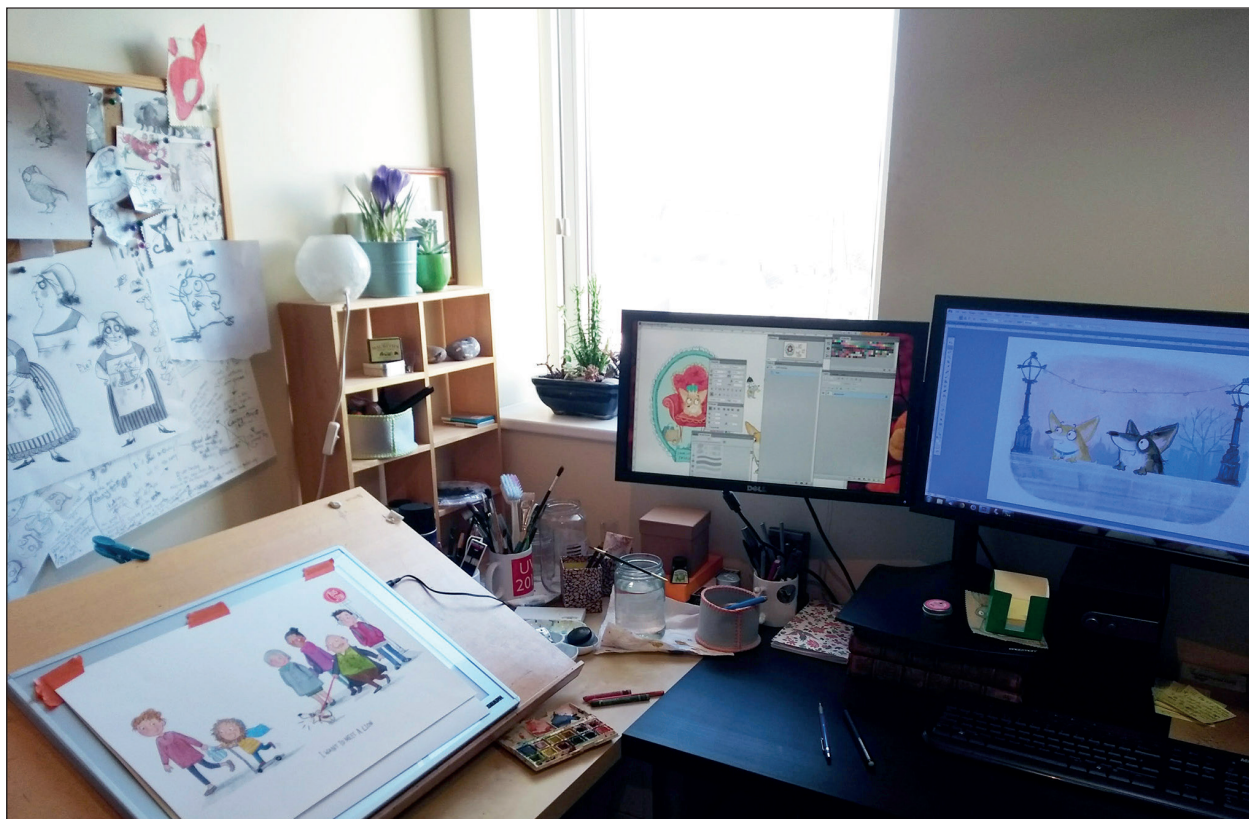


pink →



Bears in pink piggy costumes





Loretta's studio where she works

- ★ If the Prince invited Loretta to the Fancy Dress Ball, she would dress-up as a deep-sea explorer.
- ★ Loretta's motto is: keep practising, listen to feedback, and see if it can help make your work better.

