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## WEBSITE

<https://louiestowell.com/>

## LINKS

Q & A with Louie

<https://www.imagininghistory.co.uk/post/interview-author-louie-stowell-on-loki-a-bad-god-s-guide-to-being-good>

Dedicated website which includes trailers, activity sheets and teachers' notes by CLPE. [www.lokibooks.com](http://www.lokibooks.com)

Mr Dilly meets Louie who answers questions sent in by young readers and reads a short passage from the second book. Ends with a Viking themed quiz. Section starts 33 minutes in.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JTVwDE-uEQ>



# LOKI A BAD GOD'S GUIDE TO BEING GOOD

Younger Readers Shortlist 2023

## INTRODUCTION

As a punishment for cutting Sif's hair (again), the infamous **Trickster** god Loki is banished to the mortal realm in the guise of an eleven-year-old boy. Three other immortals accompany him, posing as his 'family'. Loki is required to record his progress towards self-improvement in a (doodle-filled) **diary**, monitored by Odin, which provides a **hilarious** running commentary on everyday human life.

When introducing the book, a good passage to read aloud would be pages 35-43, which describe Loki and Thor's first day at school.

## ACTIVITIES

**Read:** Research and read some of the Norse myths that inspired Loki.

**Write or Illustrate:** Choose one or more of these activity sheets to complete <https://lokibooks.com/activities/> Try writing a page for your own diary using cartoons, doodles, funny comments and descriptions (but no rude words!).

**Make:** In preparation for reading the next Loki book, create a book mark using the same style of cartoons and doodles. Children could also add their own name written in the Norse alphabet/runes.

<https://discoverkelpies.co.uk/2018/11/features-for-teachers-norse-code/>

## NOW READ ON

*Loki A Bad God's Guide to Taking the Blame* by Louie Stowell (Walker, 2022) In spite of being (surprisingly) innocent, Loki is blamed for taking Thor's hammer.

*How to be a Hero* by Cat Weldon & Katie Kear (Macmillan Children's Books, 2021) First in a hilarious and fast-paced trilogy about the worst-ever trainee valkerie.

*Norse Tales: Stories from Across the Rainbow Bridge* by Kevin Crossley-Holland & Jeffrey Alan Love (Walker Studio, 2020) Stunning retellings.

*Illustrated Norse Myths* by Alex Frith, Louis Stowell & Matteo Pincelli (Usborne, 2013). A thrilling collection of Viking Myths.