

HOP LOLA HOP: A Magical Christmas Adventure

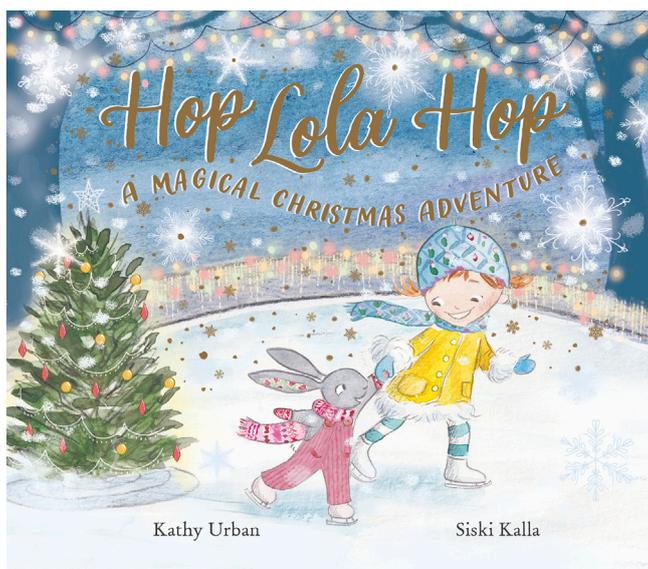
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SYNOPSIS

It's very nearly Christmas and it promises to be a magical one for Lola and Ella ... that is until our little bunny realises that someone else is about to enter their lives and change everything. Will Ella still have time for her bunny? And what's Santa got to do with it? Join the little toy bunny as she Hop! Hop! Hops! ... onto her most amazing adventure so far.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kathy Urban is a multilingual journalist and the author of *Hop Lola Hop* - a series of children's books about a beloved comfort toy that goes missing. With her nose stuck in books for as long as she can remember, Kathy grew up admiring the works of great storytellers and the imaginary worlds they created. But it was listening to the stories her dad would tell her that prompted Kathy to make up stories for her own children. A world nomad, Kathy has lived in the UK, US, Denmark, Germany, and these days calls Dubai her home. Like Lola, Kathy loves to spend time outdoors. If she's not busy looking after her three young children or working on freelance assignments, you'll most likely catch Kathy running, painting, or scribbling down ideas for more children's books.

You can follow Kathy and Lola's adventures on Instagram @hop_lola_hop, Website: hoplolahop.com and Facebook @hoplolahopofficial

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Born in London, Siski has lived in various countries and currently resides in Chile with her family of humans and dogs. Painting watercolours gives her the same joy as swimming, eating scones with jam or swinging in a hammock. She is largely self-taught, having taken a handful of watercolour and illustration courses over the years. More than anything, Siski loves children's books. She would eat them if she could. But they don't taste as good as scones.



EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

Hop Lola Hop: A Magical Christmas Adventure is the third book in a delightful series about a much-loved toy bunny who likes to go on fun adventures. Sometimes the bunny gets lost. Most children have a comforting toy so this story has universal appeal. In this book, another toy enters the story – much to Lola's sadness, but we see how a happy story can play out with themes of acceptance and change. Set just before and during Christmas time, this book takes the reader into a world of festive wonder. There are secret bunnies to spot and find throughout the book, too.

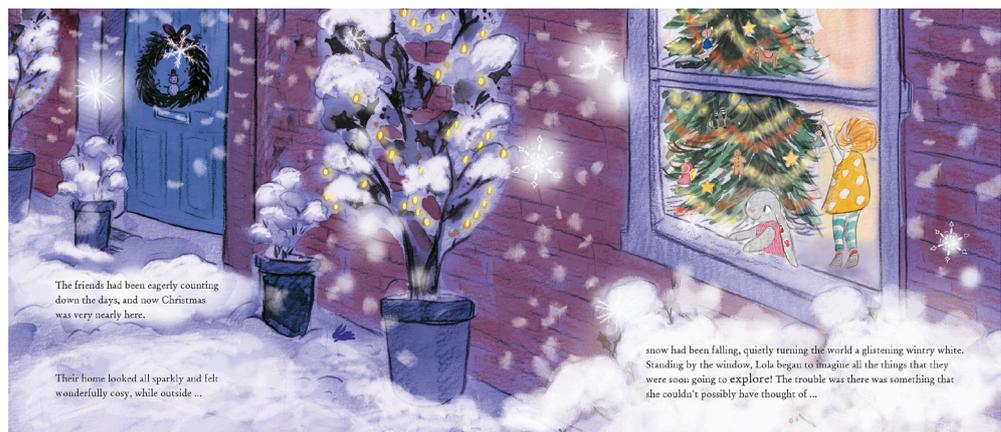


DISCUSSION TOPICS

Read the book together, asking questions throughout.

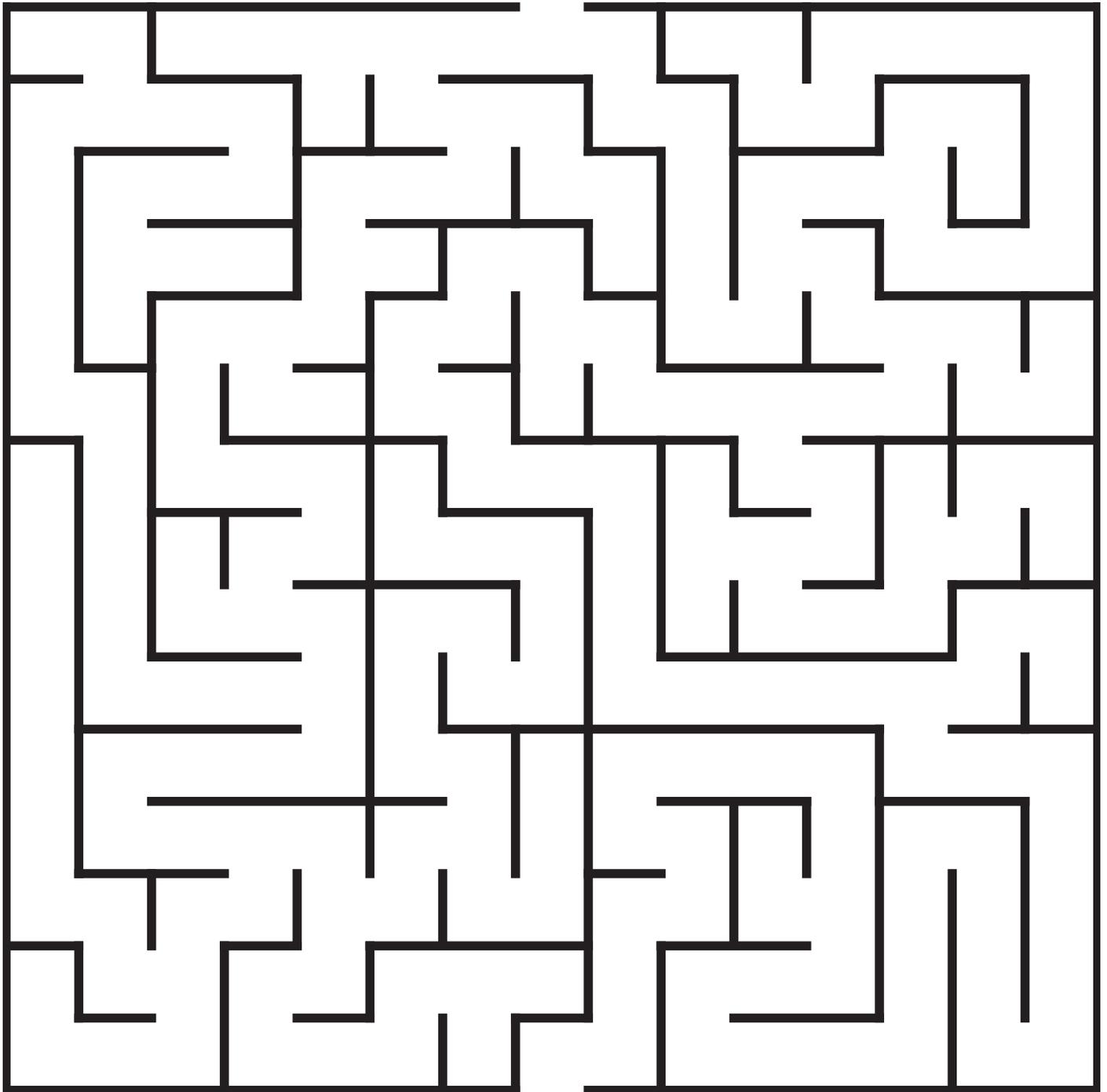
1. Look at the cover of the book together. What do you think the story might be about?
2. Ask the children if they have a special toy/cuddly animal/doll that they adore. How does it make them feel?
3. What are Ella and Lola doing to prepare for Christmas? What do you do?
4. Why do you think Lola 'feels different' when she sees Ella preparing for 'the new arrival'? What feelings do you think Lola is experiencing? Sadness, jealousy, anxiety, rejection?
5. Where does Lola go? Who does she meet?
6. When the little girl, Ella, realises Lola has disappeared, how do you think she feels? How would you feel if you lost your special toy?
7. What do you think Ella asks Santa for for Christmas?
8. How does Ella feel when she finds Lola? Ella has been on a roller coaster of emotions. What do you think this means?
9. Lola gives Ella a Christmas present. What is it?
10. Has Lola learnt to accept 'the new arrival'? What does Lola understand at the end of the story?
11. What did the children think of the book? If they liked it, why did they like it? What was their favourite part?

For extra teaching notes, go to www.hoplolahop.com



A-MAZE-ING LOLA

Help Ella find Lola!



WRITE A CHRISTMAS POEM

Write an acrostic poem using the word CHRISTMAS. An acrostic poem is a poem in which the first letter of each line spells out a word. You could write about all the things you love about Christmas time.

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WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA

In the story, Ella writes a letter to Santa. Why don't you write a letter to Santa? What will you ask him for?

Dear Santa,



Love from,



HOP LOLA HOP WORDSEARCH

Find all the words below in the *Hop Lola Hop: A Magical Christmas Adventure* wordsearch.

Name:

Class:

Date:

word search

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P L Y P E R F O R M E
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O B N S H W I U O P I

CHRISTMAS
DOLL
ELLA
FEELINGS
HAPPY
ICESKATE

LOLA
MAGIC
PERFORM
PREPARE
PRESENT
REINDEER

SAD
SANTA
SNOW
STAGE
STOCKING
THEATRE

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SOLUTION TO HOP LOLA HOP WORDSEARCH

Answer Sheet

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