

# Pia's Pet Club: Iguana Escape Activity Pack

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## About the book:

I'm Pia, and I LOVE pets so much that I've set up a club with my friends! Today we're all SO excited about seeing the Amazing Animal Roadshow, and especially its star, Iggy the Iguana. But somehow Iggy has disappeared! This is Pet Club's BIG moment. It's time to work together, think fast and use all our pet knowledge to find him – otherwise the show will be ruined!

But Iggy is nowhere to be seen. Can an iguana really just vanish...?

## About the author:

Serena Patel is the author of the Anisha, Accidental Detective series which has won the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award, The Week Junior Book Award and the Crimefest Best Novel for Children.



She lives in the West Midlands with her family and believes all children deserve to feel seen in the stories they read and that books are an important tool for empathy. When she's not writing Serena enjoys watching movies, reading and eating cake. Chocolate cake preferred.

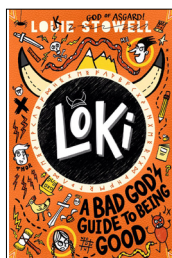
## About the illustrator:

Emma McCann is a freelance illustrator, sporadic painter/print maker, occasional cake baker, and regular mess maker.



She lives in Cornwall and works from an attic studio where her ideas are scribbled, Wacom'd, and Photoshopped into existence. In her spare time, Emma undertakes scientific research into Cornwall's best cream tea and takes it very, very seriously.

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## Book chat:

1. Do you have a pet or would you like to have one?
2. What things do you need to think about when looking after a pet? How would you make sure that your pet is happy, clean, and well-fed?
3. Have you ever set up your own club or gone to someone else's? What do you think is the best thing about being in a club?

## A game you could play:

### Join Pia's Pet Club!

Here's a game for 2 or more players.

Imagine you are a member of Pia's Pet Club.

One player chooses a pet to be – you could be a dog, a cat, a rabbit, a fish, a guinea pig or even an iguana! Can you bark like a dog? Swim like a fish? Or wiggle your nose like a rabbit? The other player's job is to train the pet. Give simple commands like 'Sit', 'Stay', 'Come here' or 'Do a trick!' and see if the pet can follow these instructions.

If you have more than one other player, then the trainer can choose which pet was the best at listening or had the best trick.



## Activity 1:

Have fun role-playing your own version of the story with your child. Choose an animal toy to be in the starring role – or draw and cut out an animal shape. Taking turns, one of you hides the toy and the other person hunts for it. You could choose character roles from the book if you like.

## Activity 2:

Paint an iguana on a pebble/stone and then release it into the wild! Find a spot in your house where you think your iguana might like to live. They like warm wet places!

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