

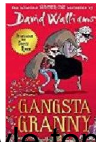
Last minute World Book Day costume ideas

Take a look at some of these ideas and have a rummage at the back of your wardrobe.

“This must be a simply enormous wardrobe!” thought Lucy, going still further in...

— **C.S. Lewis, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**

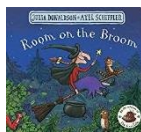
1. Gangsta Granny



Do you have a “granny” style top (or you could borrow one)? Pair it with a black shirt and a bandit eye mask.

You don’t need a grey wig, but do you have any talcum powder. Then, fill a sack or hessian bag with screwed up paper.

“All you can do in this life is follow your dreams. Otherwise you’re just wasting your time.” **David Walliams, Gangsta Granny**



2. Room on a Broom

A story about witches.

Do you have leftover Halloween costumes? Get a dress and a witches hat, finish the costume with a plait and a cuddly toy cat.

“The witch had a cat and a very tall hat, And long ginger hair which she wore in a plait.” **Julia Donaldson, Room on a Broom**

3. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

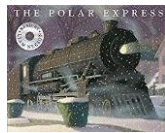


An Oompa-Loompa may be a stretch, but dressing up as Charlie Bucket is super-easy.

You need a pair of school trousers, blue jumper and a bar of chocolate. Feeling a bit crafty? Make your own golden ticket too.

“Oh, books, what books they used to know, Those children living long ago! So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, Go throw your TV set away, And in its place you can install A lovely bookshelf on the wall.” **Roald Dahl, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

4. Polar Express

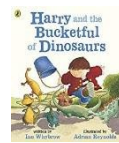


Nothing too fancy here.

A simple costume that just needs PJs and a dressing gown.

“Seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can’t see.” **Chris Van Allsburg, The Polar Express**

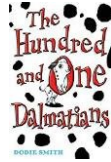
5. Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs



Wear anything and grab a bucket from your last trip to the beach and some plastic dinosaurs.

“One, two, three, jump Harry!” **Ian Whybrow, Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs**

6. 101 Dalmations



Don't go as them all, but dressing up as one dog might work.

Have a "white" t-shirt that's seen better days? Instead of trying to bleach it back to its original brightness, repurpose it and just colour in some black spots.

"Like many other much-loved humans, they believed that they owned their dogs, instead of realizing that their dogs owned them." **Dodie Smith, The 101 Dalmatians**

7. Matilda



Matilda wears a blue dress, has a red ribbon and carries some books.

"We've got a lovely telly with a twelve-inch screen and now you come asking for a book! You're getting spoiled, my girl!" **Roald Dahl, Matilda**

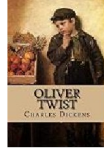
8. Harry Potter



Harry is an easy character to dress up as.

Grab some glasses frames, a cloak, a wand and draw on a scar.

"Of course it is happening inside your head, Harry, but why on earth should that mean it is not real?" **J.K. Rowling, The Deathly Hallows**



9. Oliver Twist

Time to get out the clothes that are too small. Cut the bottoms off the trousers and put a few holes in the top.

If you've got a bit of dirt on them it'll look much better – the kids will love helping with this bit!

"Please, sir, I want some more." **Charles Dickens, Oliver Twist**



10. Tintin

Tintin sports a blue jumper and some trousers. Have a white teddy dog and make sure to gel the hair up big.

"Hooray! Hooray! The end of the world has been postponed!" **Hergé, The Shooting Star**