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**‘Paul’s artwork is as dynamic and arresting as ever. His comic touch is perfectly judged, stretching the simple story within reach of a wide age group.’**  
 - The Guardian, Amazing Stories Supplement

# Mini Winnie



## Using this book in your classroom

### Quick summary

This is a hilarious collection of four complete short stories about Winnie the Witch and her faithful cat, Wilbur. Together, Winnie and Wilbur see off Winnie's awful Auntie Aggie, narrowly avoid complete disaster when they take on a cleaning job at the local school, win a writing competition (with a little help from a ghost-writer) and solve a fashion crisis when Winnie needs to dress to impress. These lively and inventive stories are the perfect foil for Korky Paul's deliciously detailed and zany drawings.

### Story themes

These funny stories explore the **friendship** between Winnie and Wilbur. The stories involve using **imagination and ingenuity** to **solve problems**.

### The story session

#### 1. Introducing the story

Show the children the front cover, and read the blurb. Talk about any other Winnie the Witch stories the children may have read (though it doesn't matter if they haven't met Winnie before). Ask: "What kind of character do you think Winnie is? Do we get any clues about what will happen in these stories?" Discuss children's ideas.

#### 2. Reading the story

- Read the first story, 'Winnie's Awful Auntie'.
- Pause on page 17, and ask children how Winnie is feeling at this point. What does she think of Auntie Aggie? Is she worried about Wilbur? Ask: "What do you think will happen next?" Read on to see if the children were right.
- If you have time, ask the children to choose another story from the contents page, and read it to them.

#### 3. Follow-up

- In pairs or small groups, ask the children to think up another adventure for Winnie and Wilbur, and plan a new story about them. You could give the children an idea to start them off – for example, what if Winnie went shopping in the supermarket? Or what if she took part in Sports Day?
- Ask some of the groups to tell their Winnie stories to the class. You could follow up by making a class book about Winnie and Wilbur.

### Did You Know?

- The Winnie the Witch series has sold over two million copies worldwide.
- The first Winnie the Witch book was published in 1987.



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