For my swimming buddy Roe, and all at Thame pool. PH

For Sandy and Charlie and all my pals at Ainslie Park. CJ

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Lollipop and Grandpa are going swimming.
Lollipop has a brand new swimsuit...

inflatable armbands that took
all of Grandpa's puff to blow up...

and the biggest towel Mum could
find, for drying off afterwards.



Lollipop peers out from the changing rooms.

The pool is very noisy with everyone
splashing and shouting, and splooshing
and whooping and having fun in the water.
Everyone, that is, except Lollipop.

Lollipop doesn't know how to swim.

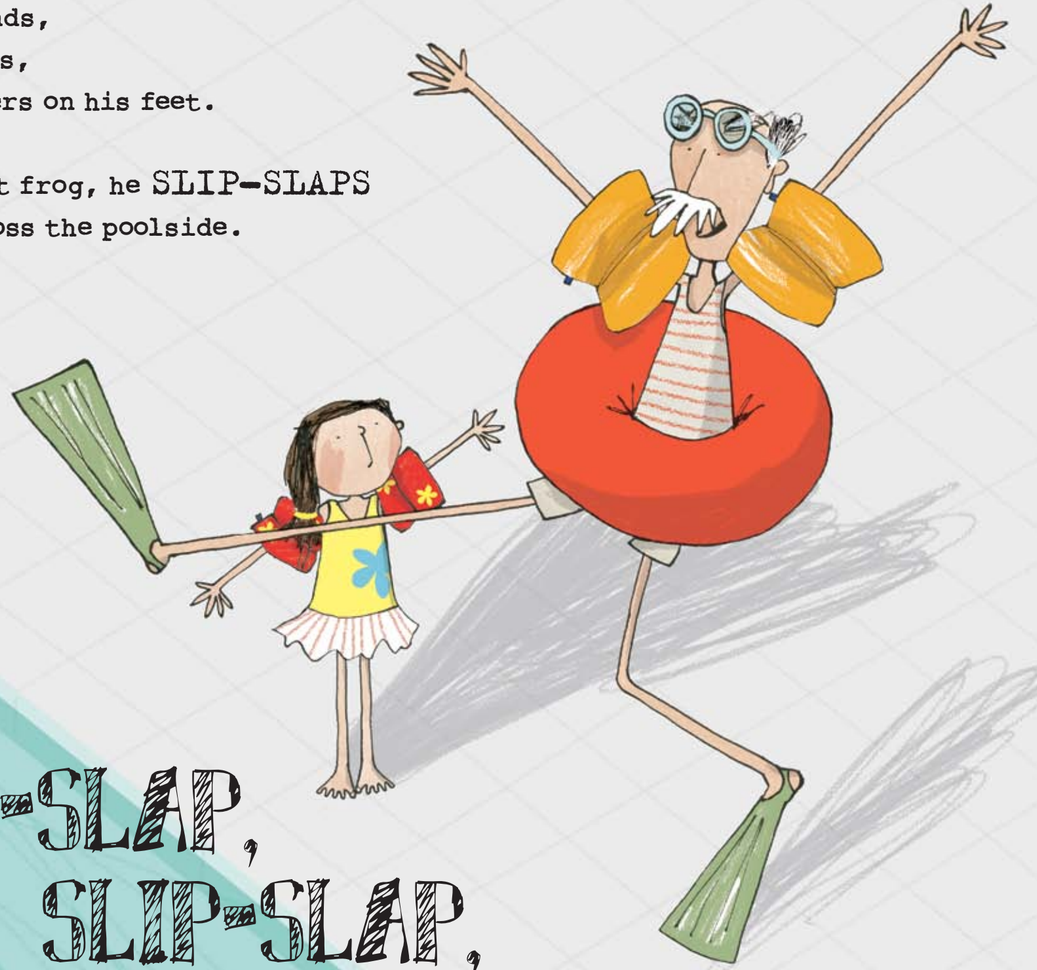
Just when she thinks she might change her mind
and peel her swimming costume off again...



Grandpa takes her hand and whispers,
"Just a bit of water, Lollipop."

Grandpa is wearing a swimsuit that looks like it comes from a museum.
He has an ENORMOUS rubber ring around his middle,
AND armbands,
AND goggles,
AND flippers on his feet.

Like a giant frog, he SLIP-SLAPS
his way across the poolside.



SLIP-SLAP,
SLIP-SLAP,
SLIP-SLAP...

"Don't worry, Lollipop," says Grandpa,
"we're going to start off in the little pool.
In ten minutes, I'm sure you'll love it."

"First, floating!" says Grandpa, and he shows
Lollipop how to take her feet off the bottom
of the pool.



Lollipop finds it easy, but Grandpa keeps bobbing upside down.







