

Small but mighty!

# TOO Small TOLOLO



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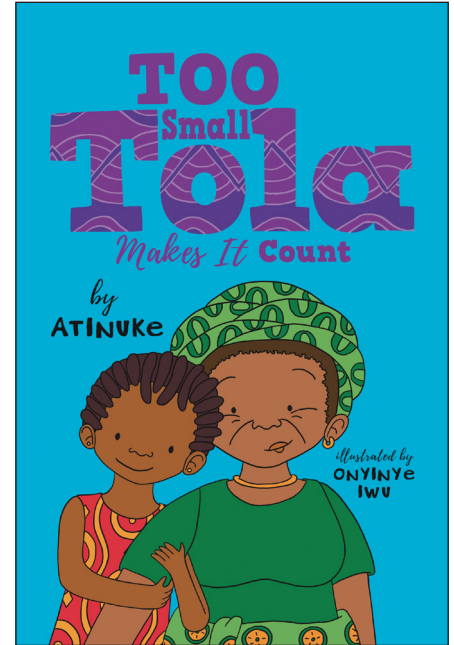


# Too Small Tola: Small but mighty!

## Too Small Tola Makes It Count

In the fourth book of this irresistibly charming series, Tola finds creative solutions to her neighbors' difficulties—but can Tola solve her own problem when her friends call her a liar?

Lockdown is over and Too Small Tola is happy to be home with her family again in their apartment in Lagos, Nigeria. Tola loves solving problems, in both math and real life, and there are plenty of problems for her to tackle in their crowded building: Mrs. Shaky-Shaky is having trouble climbing the stairs to her apartment, Mr. and Mrs. Abdul need someone to watch sweet Baby Jide, and Grandmommy needs help deciding what to do on a day out with Tola. Luckily, Tola has ideas to help everyone! But how will Tola solve her own problem—the fact that her classmates don't believe she worked for Mr. Diamond, the famous music star? One of the Odidi boys even calls her a liar! With support from her family, friends, and neighbors, Tola learns about true friendship and the power of self-belief. There's no problem too big for Too Small Tola! Community, wit, and love abound in this latest story from award-winning author Atinuke, with whimsical illustrations by Onyinye Iwu.



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**Atinuke** was born in Nigeria and spent her childhood in both Africa and the UK. She is the author of the best-selling Anna Hibiscus series, as well as *Africa, Amazing Africa: Country by Country*, illustrated by Mouni Feddag, and the celebrated *Too Small Tola*, illustrated by Onyinye Iwu. Atinuke started her career as an oral storyteller of tales from the African continent; now she writes about contemporary life in Nigeria. Atinuke lives on a mountain overlooking the sea in Wales.

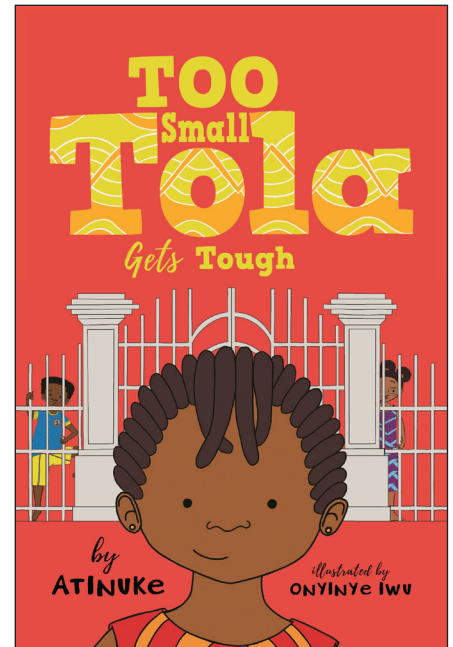


**Onyinye Iwu** was born in Italy to Nigerian parents and moved to England when she was thirteen. She is a designer, illustrator, and educator. She illustrated *Too Small Tola*, which was her first book for children. Onyinye Iwu lives in London.

# Too Small Tola Gets Tough

It's a strange, scary time for Too Small Tola when a new virus separates her family, but Atinuke's small-but-mighty heroine proves once again how wise, kind, and resourceful she can be.

In ordinary times, Tola lives in an apartment in Lagos, Nigeria, with her clever sister, Moji; her sporty brother, Dapo; and bossy Grandmommy. Tola is so happy! But news of a new virus—and a lockdown, too—sends Moji away in one direction and Dapo in another. Then, when Grandmommy can no longer go out to work, Tola goes instead. She works for the wealthy Diamond family and makes new friends among the household staff. But even the wealthy have problems—and only Too Small Tola is big enough to rise to solve them. Brimming with genuine emotion and ultimately reassuring, Atinuke's third book to feature the brave and endearing Tola, illustrated with zeal by Onyinye Iwu, shines with the light of resilience and hope.



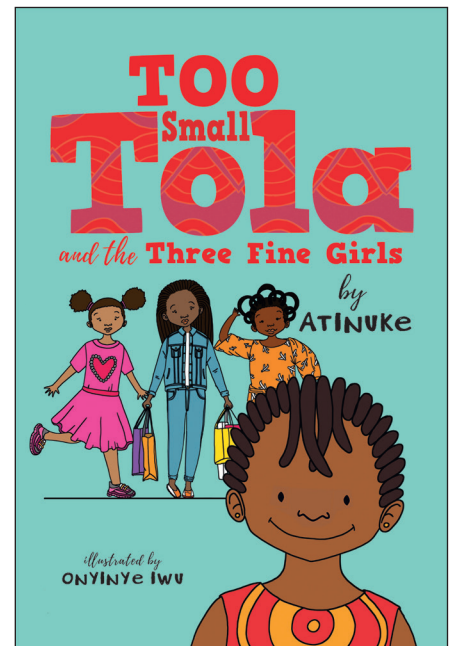
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# Too Small Tola and the Three Fine Girls

**Too Small Tola is back—and as determined as ever—in a second trio of winning stories about a diminutive heroine with a big-big heart.**

Acclaimed author and storyteller Atinuke reunites with illustrator Onyinye Iwu for a follow-up to their highly acclaimed first chapter book about a little girl with a mighty will and charm to spare. In the first of three endearing new adventures, Tola is sized just right to wriggle under the bed and rescue Grandmommy's prized possession when it goes missing. Her savvy and math skills save the day when Grandmommy gets sick, and when the family can't afford new clothes, industrious Tola finds a way—with a little help from Grandmommy—to be just as fine as the three fine girls she so greatly admires. Richly patterned black-and-white art and Atinuke's captivating wit evoke an authentic and close-knit urban community and the vibrant energy of Lagos, Nigeria, through the eyes of a tiny but resolute heroine with something to teach us all.



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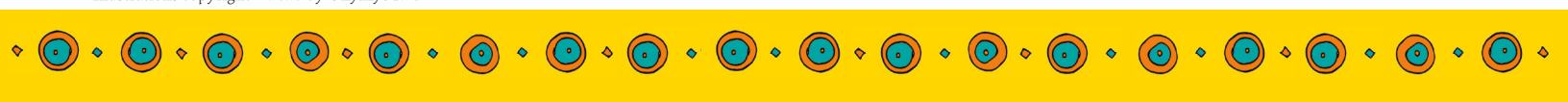
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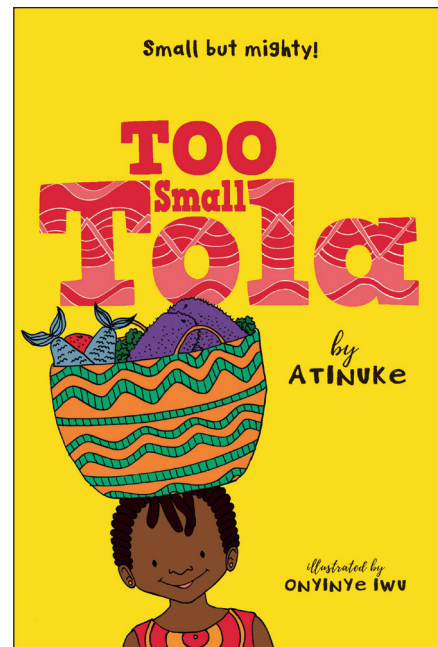
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# Too Small Tola

In a trio of droll stories, Atinuke introduces us to an endearing and enduring character with plenty to prove. Tola lives in an apartment in the busy city of Lagos, Nigeria, with her sister, Moji, who is very clever; her brother, Dapo, who is very fast; and Grandmommy, who is very bossy. Tola may be small, but she's strong enough to carry a basket brimming with groceries home from the market, and she's clever enough to count out Grandmommy's change. When the faucets in the apartment break, it's Tola who brings water from the well. And when Mr. Abdul, the tailor, has an accident and needs help taking his customers' measurements, only Tola can save the day. Atinuke's trademark wit and charm are on full display, accompanied by delightful illustrations by Onyinye Iwu.



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## Praise for *Too Small Tola*



★ “Tola is small, but she is mighty. In three episodic chapters, Tola uses her not-inconsequential perseverance to help her grandmother, other family members, and those in her wider Lagos community. . . . Atinuke’s writing is rich with imagery and replicates the music and rhythm of Tola’s daily life. . . . The friendly format, universal emotional truths, helpful illustrations, and strong writing work together to immerse young readers in Tola’s world.”

—*The Horn Book* (starred review)

★ “This collection of stories is perfect for transitioning readers, with its manageable chapters, clear, plain language, simple sentence structures, wry sense of humor, and realistic illustrations of the diverse Nigerian cast. . . . An enjoyable, endearing collection.” —*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

★ “Though class dynamics are prominent in Tola’s life, the stories continually affirm the value of community care. . . . Evoking all five senses to render contemporary Nigeria, the creators celebrate the beauty of daily life through Tola’s joy, wonder, and perseverance.” —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

★ “*Too Small Tola* will make readers eager to read more about Tola; Lagos is clearly bursting with more stories to tell.” —*BookPage* (starred review)

★ “Atinuke uses child-friendly, entertaining dialogue and incorporates accessible themes such as bullying and helping others in need. Her inclusion of rounded and well-developed secondary characters also helps Tola recognize that strength might come not necessarily from the muscles, but the heart.” —*Shelf Awareness* (starred review)



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