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***Lily the Elf: the precious ring* by Anna Branford illustrated by Lisa Coutts**

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Young girls new to chapter books will enjoy meeting Lily the Elf. She's a thoughtful girl with a lively, inquisitive mind.

Lily lives with her father in a tiny elf house below a city bridge. In the moss garden just behind Lily's house, her grandmother lives in a granny flat.

One morning, Lily is excited to find a human child's ring has fallen into their garden from the bridge above. The ring has filled with rain and makes a lovely pool to play in. But Lily wonders if the child who lost the ring will be upset. She discusses her concerns with her grandmother and, between them, they work out a kind solution.

Most pages have black and white illustrations that develop the characters' personalities and support the storyline well. Lily and her granny are a lovable pair with expressive faces.

This appealing 48-page book is published in a large font with simple sentences suitable for either confident solo readers or shared reading. To date, there are four titles in the Lily the Elf series to delight emergent readers.

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