



ReadingZone Picture Book Competition

Author/Illustrator details

Authors and illustrators have kindly provided their contact details for the ReadingZone Picture Book Competition. Meeting an author/illustrator can be great inspiration for young people and provide some concrete ideas on getting started with their own picture book.

Some author / illustrators work regularly with local schools and the following contacts are listed on a regional basis to support links between authors and illustrators and their local schools, nursery settings and libraries.

London & the South East

Deborah Allwright

Books include: *The Night Pirates*, *Don't Read This Book*, *She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain*

Event details: Events for four to eight years are tailored to suit the audience's age and requirements

Fee: £200 - £300 per day

Contact: prauthor@egmont.co.uk

Ian Beck

Books include: *The Teddy Robber*, *Winston the Book Wolf*, *Lost in the Woods*, *Puss in Boots* (with Phillip Pullman) and the *Tom Trueheart* series and most recently, *Pastworld*.

Event details: Talks to all ages from KS1 up to post-graduates about how words and pictures work together.

Fee: On application.

Contact : jan@speakingofbooks.co.uk or 0208 858 6616

Dawn Casey

Books include: *The Barefoot Book of Earth Tales*, *The Story of the Chinese Zodiac*

Event details: Events are tailored to suit the audience's age and requirements

Fee: £250 to £350

Contact: Dawncasey01@yahoo.co.uk

Christopher Corr

Books include: *My Granny Went to Market*, *Whole World*, *Off We Go To Mexico*, *Indian Tales*

Event details: Events are tailored to suit the audience's age and requirements

Fee: £250 to £350

Contact: chris@christophercorr.com

Jane Clarke

Books include: Dino Dog, G.E.M, Gilbert the Great, Knight Time

Event Description: Aimed at children aged three to 11 years, as well as adults, events can include stories and rhymes for younger children (30mins), or talks and story writing workshops for older children. Poetry workshops also available.

Fee: £300 for a full day plus travel, or £50 per half hour session for libraries.

Contact: jane@jane-clarke.co.uk / www.classact.co.uk

Website: www.jane-clarke.co.uk

Emma Dodd

Books include: I thought I saw a Dinosaur, What Pet to Get, Miaow Said the Cow

Event details: Aimed at Yrs 5 & 6, the author uses a computer to design her images, so children need to be confident with design programmes and sketching.

Fee : £250 per day/£150 per half day.

Contact : jayne.roscoe@templarco.co.uk

Jan Fearnley

Books include: Mr Wolf's Pancakes, Just Like You, The Baby Dragon Tamer

Event details: Events aimed at four to seven year olds and are tailored to suit the audience

Fee: £500 plus VAT per day

Contact: prauthor@egmont.co.uk

Jane Hissey

Books include: Old Bear and friends picture books

Event description: An Art teacher by training, she will work in schools showing pupils the original toys her stories and pictures are based on and run practical workshop sessions for all primary age children.

Fee: on request

Contact: Speaking of Books, 0208 858 6616 / jan@speakingofbooks.co.uk

Bruce Ingman

Books include: The Pencil, Previously, The Runaway Dinner

Event details: His talk, which can be adapted for all primary ages, looks at what influences his work, the stages of making a book (including working with an Author), and the children are encouraged to draw. Because of the workshop element, smaller groups can work best, but he is happy to talk to large groups and also to talk to older audiences: secondary schools and Art colleges.

Fee: on application, Speaking of Books 0208 858 6616, jan@speakingofbooks.co.uk

Link: www.speakingofbooks.co.uk

Timothy Knapman

Books include: Mungo and the Picture Book Pirates, Guess What I Found in Dragon Wood

Event description: for children aged up to eight years, the event will include an hour of readings, Q&A and stories and writing generally. Knapman also holds events with Adam Stower, which provide similar content but including a talk from Adam about illustration.

Fee: Solo event, £200 plus expenses; with Adam £150 each plus expenses

Contact: info@timothyknapman.co.uk Links: www.timothyknapman.co.uk

Lucy Marcovitch

Books: A Safe Place, Danny's Adventure Bus

Event Description: Aimed at children aged four to seven years, her events are up to one hour, including a reading and a Q&A. Events can be discussed in advance and interactive events can also be organised.

Fee: £120 for half a day and £200 for a full day plus travel expenses.

Contact: lucymarcovitch@googlemail.com

Links: www.tamarindbooks.co.uk

John Matthews

Books include: The Barefoot Book of Knights, Arthur of Albion

Event details: Events are tailored to suit the audience's age and requirements

Fee: £250 to £350

Contact: Gaal@aol.com

Aidan Potts

Event Description: Aidan's work is non fiction with a storyline, so suited to a learning environment. The events are aimed at children aged six to 11 and include a 40mins talk will on Dinosaurs or Recycling.

Fee: £300 for a day which can include 3 different sessions. £200 for half a day (two events), plus travel expenses.

Contact: Aidan@professorpotts.com / 0208 742 7662

Website: www.professorpotts.com

Dee Shulman

Books: Has written and/or illustrated about 50 books for children, ranging from board books to teenage fiction

Event Description: Talks to adults, 6th form and children at KS1 and KS2. One-hour events include a talk and signings, or a writing and / or drawing workshop for up to 30 students lasting up to 1½ hours.

Fee: £200 for half a day, £300 for a full day plus travel expenses

Contact: dee.shulman@blueyonder.co.uk

Materials: Posters, author packs childrenspublicity@randomhouse.co.uk

Kristina Stephenson

Books include: Sir Charlie Stinky Socks and the Really Big Adventure

Event details: Events are tailored to suit the audiences aged five to eight years

Fee: £300 per day

Contact: prauthor@egmont.co.uk

Marcia Williams

Titles include: My Secret War Diary, Archie's War, Chaucer's Canterbury Tales

Event details: Aimed at all primary and early secondary years, events comprise either comic-strip workshops, or discussions about being an author/illustrator, how a book is made, readings and drawings. The sessions are flexible and interactive and can focus on particular books and subjects like, Flossie and WW11 or Archie WW1.

Fee: £350 for a whole day, £250 for half, plus expenses

Links: www.marciawilliams.co.uk

Karen Wall and Jim Helmore

Books include: Who Are You Stripy Horse? Look Out Stripy Horse, Oh, No Monster Tomato

Event details: Events are tailored to suit the audiences aged four to seven years (Fridays only)

Fee: £200 per day

Contact: prauthor@egmont.co.uk

Jeanne Willis

Books include: Bog Baby, At the Zoo, Ouch in my Pouch, The King of Tiny Things
Age Range: Reception up to Year 6

Event details: Aimed at children from Reception to Year 6, events include “How to be an author”, readings and Q&A. Willis explains how to create a picture book from concept to printed hardback using her first handwritten books, notebooks, original illustrations/ original manuscripts and proofs. Each talk is age-appropriate.

Fee: £250 per day plus expenses.

Email: jeanne@jeannewillis.com

Chris Wormell

Books include: George and the Dragon, Two Frogs, The Saddest King.

Event description: Chris is a very popular visitor in primary schools, talking to his audience about the process of making a picture book, where his inspiration comes from and how to make up stories based on images. He also builds on his reputation for fine drawings of mythical beasts, and has an interactive element where he is directed by the children in drawing a new creature.

Contact: jan@speakingofbooks.co.uk or call 0208 858 6616.

East Anglia**David Bedford**

Books include: It's A George Thing, Mole's in Love

Event details: For four to 11 year olds and tailored according to the audience's age and requirements

Fee: £350 for a full day; £250 for a half day; £150 per hour

Contact: prauthor@egmont.co.uk

Ben Cort

Books include: Aliens Love Underpants, Dinosaurs Love Underpants

Event details: Interactive illustrator event, reading and drawing with children, prefers audiences of 200+

Fee: Details on request

Contact: kathryn.mckenna@simonandschuster.co.uk

Hugh Lupton

Books include: Adventures of Odysseus, Tales of Wisdom and Wonder, The Story Tree.

Event details: Events are tailored according to the audience's age and requirements

Fee: £250 to £350

Contact: Hughlupton@aol.com

James Mayhew

Books include: Starlight Sailor

Event details: Events are tailored according to the audience's age and requirements

Fee: £250 to £350

Contact: James.mayhew1@ntlworld.com

South West**Joe Berger**

Books include: Bridget Fidget, Bridget Fidget: Hold on Tight, Hattie the Bad

Event Format: Events (four to seven year olds) last up to 45 mins and involve the author introducing himself and his characters through drawings on a flipchart or whiteboard, readings, and then an opportunity for the children to explore element of a book and to do some drawings.

Fee: £150 + expenses

Email: berger@easynet.co.uk

Rachel Bright

Books include: What does daddy do (3+) and My sister's an alien (3+)

Event details: Covering ages four to 16 years (specialising in four to seven years), Bright can offer a range of activities from interactive storytelling and book making workshops to poetry and story writing sessions with a twist. She also does live drawing with small groups, book readings, assemblies and events tailored to a theme.

Fee: £150 + expenses

Contact: rachel@lookonthebrightside.co.uk

Thomas Docherty

Books include: To the Beach, Little Boat, Big Scary Monster (3+)

Event details: Creates with children their own picture book and helps with storyline too. Shows his initial drawings/finished artwork and books to reveal the creative processes.

Fee : £250 for a day, £150 for a half day.

Contact : thomas.docherty@gmail.com

Matt Harvey

Books include: Shopping with Dad, Emily's Tiger, Shrinking Sam, The Prince's Bedtime

Event details: Events are tailored according to the audience's age and requirements

Fee: £250 to £350

Contact: Matt619h@btinternet.com

Angela McAllister

Books include: Monster May & Just Like Sisters, Ruby and Little Joe

Event details: Readings and activities with younger children.

Fee: Details available on request

Contact: kathryn.mckenna@simonandschuster.co.uk

Miriam Latimer

Books include: Shrinking Sam

Event details: Events are tailored to suit the audience's age and requirements

Fee: £250 to £350

Contact: multimim@email.com

Caroline Mockford

Books include: What's This? A Seed's Story, The Cleo Series, Walk with Me and Talk with Me

Event details: Events are tailored to suit the audience's age and requirements

Fee: £250 to £350

Contact: mockford@dircon.co.uk

Sheila Moxley

Books include: Elephant Dance

Event details: Events are tailored to suit the audience's age and requirements

Fee: £250 to £350

Contact: sheilamoxley@talktalk.net

Hannah Shaw

Books: Evil Weasel, Erroll

Event details: About 1 hour, including an informal talk about being an author and illustrator, a portfolio presentation, readings and Q&A sessions. Events with older children can take longer, and includes a talk and a project involving inventing characters and writing stories.

Costs: £90 for one hour, £250 for a full day, plus travel expenses.

Contact: Hannah@hannahshawillustrator.co.uk

Links: www.hannahshawillustrator.co.uk

Brenda Williams

Books include: Lin Yi's Lantern, Home for a Tiger, Home for a Bear, The Real Princess

Event details: Events for young children are linked to, 'Home for a Tiger, Home for a Bear', while more advanced storytelling workshops for older children are based on 'The Real Princess: A Mathemagical Tale'.

Fee: £250 to £350

Contact: Brenda.williams72@btinternet.com

Midlands**Pippa Goodhart**

Books include: What's In Store

Event details: Tailored to suit audiences aged four to ten years. The author is happier to do a greater number of smaller events than one or two larger events.

Fee: £300 for a day (plus expenses),

Contact: prauthor@egmont.co.uk

Petr Horacek

Books: Look Out Suzy Goose, Elephant, A New House for Mouse

Event details: Suited to all primary age ranges, events include either a presentation to large groups of children, or work with classes on mural workshops (90 mins, max 30 pupils) which leaves the school with a wonderful art-work from a leading illustrator.

Fee: On application

Contact: Speaking of Books 0208 858 6616.

Links: www.speakingofbooks.co.uk

Tony Langham

Books: Creepy Crawly Calypso

Event details: Events are tailored to suit the audience's age and requirements

Fee: £250 to £350

Contact: langhamfamily@ntlworld.com

Andi Watson

Titles include: Glister: The House Hunt and Glister: the Haunted Teapot

Event details: Aimed at children aged six to 12 years, events will include discussing using pictures to make stories and encouraging children to make their own comic book, as well as a Q&A.

Fee: £150 per session

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Bob Wilson

Books include: Stanley Bagshaw series for older primary / lower secondary schools.

Event Details: Workshops for all ages and talks about picture book writing.

Contact: Speaking of Books, 0208 858 6616

Links: www.stanleybagshaw.co.uk

North East**Lynne Chapman**

Books include: A Lark in the Ark

Event details: Tailored to the requirements of children aged four to 11 years.

Fee: Local events £300, further afield £325-£375, overnights £400-£450

Contact: prauthor@egmont.co.uk

Lydia Monks

Books include: Aaaarrgghh Spider, I Wish I Were a Dog, Eeek Mouse, Ooo ooo Ooo Gorilla

Event details: Tailored to the requirements of children aged four to 7 years.

Fee: £200 for a morning and £300 for a full day

Contact: prauthor@egmont.co.uk

North West

Carol Ann Duffy

Books include: *The Tear Thief*

Event details: Events are tailored to suit the audience's age and requirements

Fee: £250 to £350

Contact: Carolann.duffy@virgin.net

Scotland

Janey Louise Jones

Books: Princess Poppy series

Event description: Lasting one to two hours, or all day, her programme can include literary events, creative writing workshops, story telling, and arts and crafts, and Q&As.

Costs: £200 half day (2 sessions); £300 for full day (3 sessions) plus travel expenses.

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Links: www.princesspoppy.com ; www.scottishbooktrust.com

Ireland

Malachy Doyle

Books include: *Cow*, *Storm Cats*, *1, 2, 3 O'Leary*, *Dancing Tiger*, *Big Pig*, *Cow, Horse*,

Event details: Reading and Q&A.

Fee: Details on request

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Links: www.malachydoyle.co.uk