

Bridget Marzo

London

EYFS, Y1, Y2, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



An internationally-published award-winning author-illustrator, Bridget runs interactive workshops & talks about how pictures tell stories. She shares tips to inspire everyone to draw & connect characters so, like those in her book TIZ & OTT's BIG DRAW, they can create a story of their own.

<https://www.bridgetmarzo.com/>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ANYWHERE IN BRITISH ISLES, VIRTUAL / SKYPE
AUTHOR VISIT

Candy Gourlay

London

EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7,Y8,Y9, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



Candy delivers lively, interactive talks for all ages while telling the stories behind her books. Candy's been listed for many prizes including the Costa and Carnegie for BONE TALK and the Blue Peter, Guardian and the Waterstones Prize for TALL STORY.

<https://www.candygourlay.co.uk>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ANYWHERE IN BRITISH ISLES, VIRTUAL / SKYPE
AUTHOR VISIT

Cath Howe

London

Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7,Y8,Y9, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



Cath has been called the "queen of tricky tweens" She offers author events, workshops/playscript-writing using her drama teaching background and runs weekly creative writing and festivals in two schools. Her acclaimed novels, "Ella on the Outside" and "Not My Fault" are about real kids of today.

<http://www.cathhowe.com/>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ANYWHERE IN BRITISH ISLES, VIRTUAL / SKYPE
AUTHOR VISIT

Chitra Soundar

London

EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6



Chitra Soundar is an Indian-born British writer, storyteller and author of children's books. Chitra leads storytelling, creative writing and teacher workshops in schools, libraries and festivals and has run over 300 storytelling and creative writing workshops across the world.

<https://www.chitrasoundar.com>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ANYWHERE IN BRITISH ISLES

Cliff McNish

London

Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



Cliff loves talking with and performing workshops for children Y1 through sixth-form. His workshops cover everything from GHOST STORIES, FANTASY and DESCRIPTIVE WRITING to ANIMAL STORIES. His ghost novel BREATHE was voted in 2013 by CILIP as one of the top children's novels of all time.

<https://www.cliffmcnish.com>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ANYWHERE IN ENGLAND

Darren Chetty

London

Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



Darren taught in primary schools for twenty years and regularly runs workshops for children and teachers. He is a qualified trainer in Philosophy for Children.

<https://twitter.com/rapclassroom>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ANYWHERE IN BRITISH ISLES

Irene Silvino

London

EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



Irene Silvino delivers interactive talks for all ages while telling the process behind her illustrations and designs: book illustrations and surface pattern design (the way she creates designs for fabrics, accessories and home decor). She also runs classes about sketching people and character design.

<https://irenesilvino.com/>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ONLY WITHIN MY NETWORK

Jo Rooks

London

EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



Jo is an Author-Illustrator who loves inspiring creativity and storytelling in children. Her talks are fun using poetry, live drawing and props. She shows her process from initial idea through to the finished book and helps the children create characters and stories of their own.

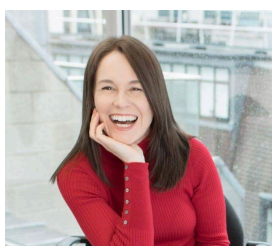
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TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ANYWHERE IN ENGLAND

Lexi Rees

London

Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



Lexi Rees writes action packed fantasy adventures and fun activity books for children. Her lively, interactive assemblies and workshops can be adapted for a wide range of ages and abilities.

<https://lexirees.co.uk/>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ANYWHERE IN BRITISH ISLES, VIRTUAL / SKYPE
AUTHOR VISIT

Margaret Bateson-Hill

London

EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, SPECIAL NEEDS, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



Award winning author and storyteller Margaret offers interactive assemblies, author talks, storytelling, creative writing and craft workshops. Look out for dragons-DRAGON RACER trilogy, and her fantasy folktales - including the English Association award winning MASHA AND THE FIREBIRD

<https://www.margaretbateson-hill.co.uk>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ANYWHERE IN BRITISH ISLES, VIRTUAL / SKYPE
AUTHOR VISIT

Mateja

London

Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



Mateja works in asset management and is passionate about financial education for children. Savia and Spendio and the Piggy Banks is her first book.

<https://saviaandspendio.com/>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ANYWHERE IN ENGLAND, VIRTUAL / SKYPE
AUTHOR VISIT

Millie Kerr

London

Y5, Y6



Millie's debut novel, The Adventures of Ellie & Boo, is inspired by her experiences working as a nature photographer, travel writer, and wildlife conservationist. She loves reading from Ellie & Boo while delivering interactive photo safaris and storytelling workshops.

<https://www.milliekerr.com/>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ONLY WITHIN MY NETWORK, VIRTUAL / SKYPE
AUTHOR VISIT

Mo O'Hara

London

EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7,Y8,Y9, SPECIAL NEEDS, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



New York Times Bestselling Author Mo O'Hara has traveled the world speaking at festivals working with kids of all ages. She does KS1 & Early Years events with song, craft & storytelling. Her KS2 assemblies are hugely interactive & inspiring. Her Drama in Writing wksps take writing from page to stage.

<https://www.moohara.co.uk/>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ANYWHERE IN BRITISH ISLES, VIRTUAL / SKYPE
AUTHOR VISIT

Niki Leonidou

London

EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7,Y8,Y9, Y10, Y11, SPECIAL NEEDS, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



Niki is an illustrator/author since 2001 with more than 180 books published worldwide. Her picture book that she wrote and illustrated "Looking for Misty" was nominated for the Keycolors award in Belgium, 2014. She loves working with children and giving drawing and illustration workshops!

<http://www.nikileonidou.com>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ANYWHERE IN ENGLAND

Penny Chrimes

London

Y5, Y6, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



Penny involves children in her fun, interactive talks about her debut novel for upper middle grade TIGER HEART. The talks give insight into how she researched the story, and into life for street children in Victorian London, as well as touching on her own career as a television news journalist.

<https://twitter.com/pennychrimes>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ANYWHERE IN BRITISH ISLES

Rashmi Sirdeshpande

London

EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



Rashmi's inspiring and uplifting workshops cover a range of topics based on her books - everything from story-making and creating your own picture books to HOW TO BE EXTRAORDINARY and HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD as well as life-skills like DOSH: how to earn it, save it, spend it, grow it, and give it!

<https://www.rashmisirdeshpande.com>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ONLY WITHIN MY NETWORK, VIRTUAL / SKYPE
AUTHOR VISIT

Rita Antoinette Borg

London

FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



Rita's whimsical storytelling, poetry and writing for different age groups. She'll show how books like MEG THE EGG, THE FROGS' GREAT ESCAPE, poems came to be. Rita has done many school visits on Skype for World Book Day, too. Sing, draw, dance, animals and nature a must.

<https://www.ritaborg.us/>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: VIRTUAL / SKYPE AUTHOR VISIT

Sue Wallman

London

Y7,Y8,Y9, Y10, Y11, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



Sue talks to ages 11+ about the business of being an author, and how to add oomph to writing. She's spoken at Hay Festival, was selected for the WHSmith/Zoella Book Club and won many other awards for her teen thrillers LYING ABOUT LAST SUMMER, SEE HOW THEY LIE, YOUR TURN TO DIE and DEAD POPULAR

<https://www.suewallman.co.uk/>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ANYWHERE IN BRITISH ISLES, VIRTUAL / SKYPE
AUTHOR VISIT

Tracey Mathias

London

Y7,Y8,Y9, Y10, Y11, FESTIVALS & LIBRARY EVENTS



Tracey talks about the inspiration for, and development of her writing, and looks at how ethical and political questions can be explored through fiction. Her YA novel *Night of the Party* won the Bristol teen book award and was shortlisted for the Great Reads Award.

<https://www.traceymathias.wordpress.com>

TRAVEL FLEXIBILITY: ANYWHERE IN ENGLAND, ANYWHERE IN WALES