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Here she is! Jane Casey! Catch her if you can! The author of the fabulous **Let the Dead Speak** is writing to @JaneCaseyAuthor and @vocabularyninja

Jane Casey

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Author Words of the Day

Today's chosen author is the amazing @Eloisejwilliams @vocabularyninja

Eloise Williams

Eloise was born in Cardiff and grew up in Llantrisant. She now lives in Saundersfoot close to the beach where she walks her dog Watson Jones and collects sea glass. She worked in the theatre in various odd jobs before going on to study at the Welsh College of Music and Drama and Guildford School of Acting. After working as an actor, she decided to change path a little and take a Masters in Creative Writing.

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Female protagonists! Look no further! The new Words of the Day is with the fabulous @SerenaValentino

Serena Valentino

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Author Words of the Day

Please welcome SF Said to Vocabulary Ninja and Words of the Day! The author of the fabulous **Varjak Paw** and **Phoenix** books is writing to @whatSFSaid and @vocabularyninja

SF Said

SF Said is an award-winning author. He was born in Lebanon in 1967, but has lived in London since 1990. He wrote his first novel, **Varjak Paw** (2003), while working as a speechwriter for the Crown Prosecution Service. **Varjak Paw** won the Nestlé Smarties Book Prize for Best Book as an arts journalist and film programmer. **Varjak Paw** won the Nestlé Smarties Book Prize for Best Book as an arts journalist and film programmer.

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Author Words of the Day

Vocabulary Ninja is elated to have Abi Elphinstone, author of *The Dream Snatcher* as the first author to share her Words of the Day! Tweet her examples of your writing [@moontrug](#) and [@vocabularyninja](#)

Abi Elphinstone

Abi got through school, despite being branded as 'unteachable' and 'prone to spasmodic outbursts of silliness' by her headmistress, and after an English degree at Bristol University and several years as an English teacher in Africa, Berkshire and London, Abi is now back to hiding in tree houses and building dens – sometimes in real life, mostly in her books.



coddiwomple - to travel in a purposeful manner towards a vague destination.

wontytump - an old Herefordshire word for a mole hill.



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Author Words of the Day

Vocabulary Ninja is delighted to present Sinead and her selection for the author WOD! Tweet her examples of your writing [@SJOHart](#) and [@vocabularyninja](#)

Sinead O'Hart

My name is Sinéad (or, if you prefer, S.J. – I will happily answer to either!) O'Hart, and I'm a writer, enthusiastic reader, and general all-round nerd. My particular interest is children's books. I also love books for young adults (YA), but – being honest – I will read anything, anytime, anywhere. I'm a stickler for grammar, punctuation, spelling and washing behind one's ears, and I'm a 'real' book enthusiast; there's just something special about print, paper and glue. My greatest pleasure in life (besides writing) is spending time in bookshops (so long as there's a cup of tea waiting once I'm finished browsing).



satchel - a bag carried over the shoulder by a long strap.

iridescent - showing luminous colours that seem to change when seen from different angles.



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Author Words of the Day

Katherine Rundell in the house grasshoppers!!! Whoop Whoop! Can you use her WODs in your writing!? Tweet her examples of your writing

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Katherine Rundell

Katherine Rundell is the author of Rooftoppers, Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms (a Boston Globe-Horn Book Award winner), and The Wolf Wilder. She grew up in Zimbabwe, Brussels, and London, and is currently a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford. She begins each day with a cartwheel and believes that reading is almost exactly the same as cartwheeling: it turns the world upside down and leaves you breathless.



iridescent - luminous colours that seem to change from different angles.

kaleidoscopic - having complex patterns of colours.

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Author Words of the Day

Please welcome SF Said to Vocabulary Ninja and Word of the Day! The author of the fabulous Varjak Paw and Phoenix books! Tweet examples of your writing to [@whatSFsaid](#) and [@vocabularyninja](#)

SF Said

SF Said is an award-winning author. He was born in Lebanon in 1967, but has lived in London since he was 2 years old. He wrote his first novel, Varjak Paw (2003), while working as a speechwriter for the Crown Prince of Jordan, and then as an arts journalist and film programmer. Varjak Paw won the Nestlé Smarties Book Prize for Children's Literature, as well as regional book of the year awards in Gateshead, Stockton and West Sussex.



cosmology - the science of the beginning of the universe.

mythology - collections of myths or the study of myths.



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Author Words of the Day

Here she is! The Beetle Queen herself! The one, the only, M...G...Leonard!

Tweet examples of your writing to [@MGLnrd](#) and [@vocabularyninja](#)

M.G. Leonard

The first book I ever wrote was about a witch whose spells backfired. I was twelve. Now, I like to hand-make books for the people I love. I write every day, usually early in the morning, or on the train into London, or in the Dyke Park Cafe with a view of the sea. My stories are for young people, or people who are young at heart, who embrace nature and its wild and crazy majesty. But right now, for me, it's beetles that are blowing my mind. There isn't anything as wild, crazy or majestic as the beetle.



elytra - the hard pair of wings covering a beetle's abdomen.

coleoptera - sheathed wings - from Latin.



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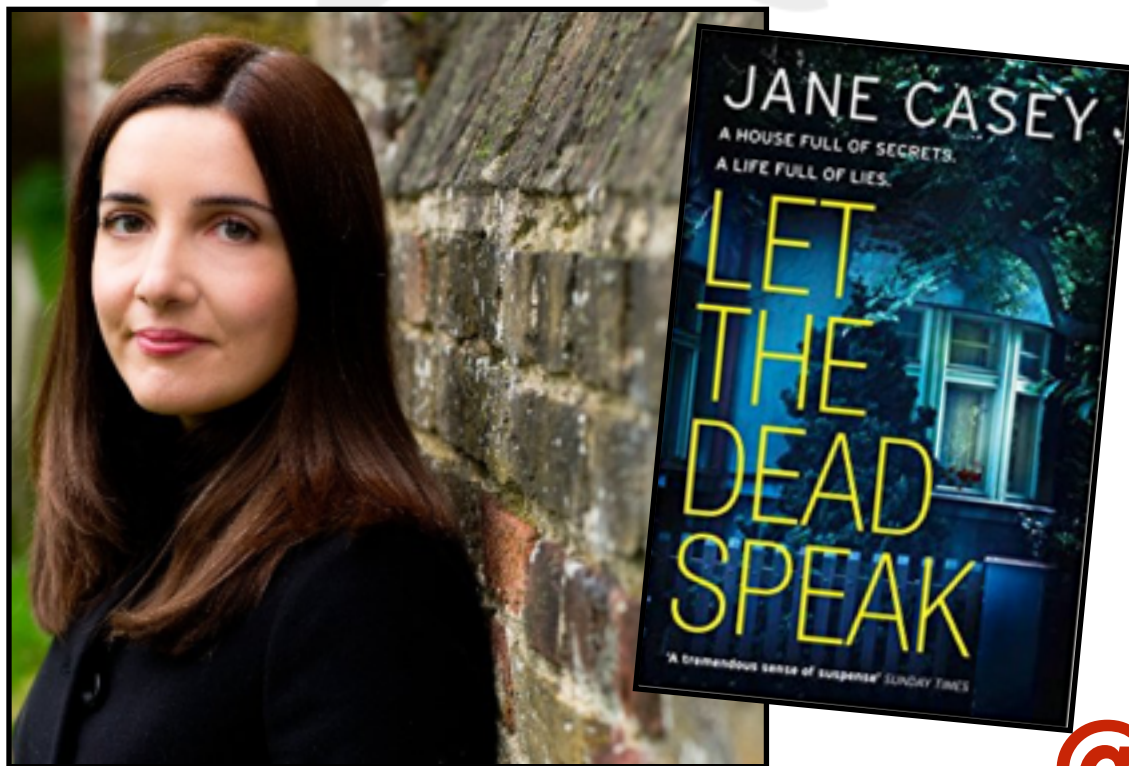


Author Words of the Day

Here she is! Jane Casey! Catch her if you can! Tweet examples of your writing to [@JaneCaseyAuthor](#) and [@vocabularyninja](#)

Jane Casey

Crime is a family affair for Jane Casey. Married to a criminal barrister, she has a unique insight into the brutal underbelly of urban life, from the smell of a police cell to the darkest motives of a serial killer. This gritty realism has made her books international bestsellers and critical successes; while D.C. Maeve Kerrigan has quickly become one of the most popular characters in crime fiction. Her novel *The Stranger You Know* won the Mary Higgins Clark Award and she has also been shortlisted for the Irish Crime Novel of the Year Award four times as well as the CWA Dagger in the Library Award.



lethal - likely to cause death.

flawed - meaning something or someone that has a weakness.



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Female protagonists! Look no further! The next instalment of Author WODs is with the fabulous [@SerenaValentino](#) and [@vocabularyninja](#)

Serena Valentino

Serena Valentino is best known for weaving tales that combine mythos and guile with her work on the comic book series GloomCookie and Nightmares & Fairy Tales, and her best selling Disney Villain Novels which have earned her critical acclaim for her unique style of storytelling, bringing her readers into exquisitely frightening worlds filled with terror, beauty and extraordinary female protagonists. Her future creator-owned graphic novel ventures will be self published through her press, Fearsome Library Publishing.



bemused - to puzzle, confuse or bewilder.

disenchanted - disappointed when you had high expectations.

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Author Words of the Day

Another wonderful author, who needs no introduction, Mr Piers Torday!

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Piers Torday



I was born in 1974, in Northumberland, which is possibly the one part of England where more animals live than people. My father Paul worked for the family engineering business in Newcastle, while my mother Jane ran a children's bookshop in Hexham called Toad Hall Books. Alongside my younger brother Nick, I spent my very early years crawling around on the floor of that shop, surrounded by piles of books right from the start. I was extremely lucky to come from a writing background.



stridulate - shrill sound that an insect makes by rubbing its legs or wings.

incontrovertible - not able to deny or dispute.



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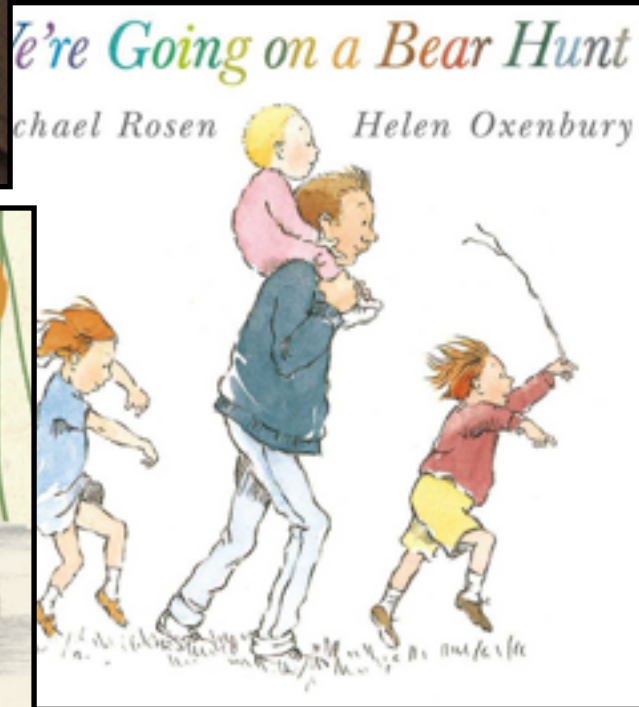
The one, the only! Mr. Michael Rosen! @MichaelRosenYes and

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Michael Rosen



I was born on May 7th 1946 in a place called Harrow, Middlesex. My parents told me that the night I was born, the church next door to where we lived burned down. Out the back of the shops there was a wide alleyway where all the cars, vans and lorries came to deliver the things that were sold in the shops. It was also our playground. At one end of it, there was a builders' yard where carpenters, plumbers and painters prepared the windows, doors, pipes and things for the jobs they were doing in nearby houses. Their dump was my playground too.



mishadamonk - a mess or messy room.

Une Libellule - French for dragonfly.



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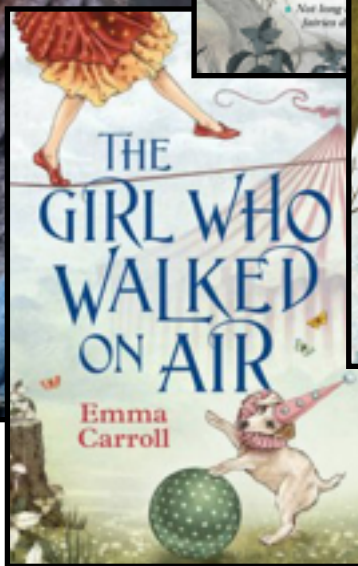
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Author Words of the Day

Here we go again, with [@emmac2603](#) and [@vocabularyninja](#)

Emma Carroll

When I'm not writing books, I'm reading them. For many years I was an English teacher in a secondary school in Devon. Nowadays, I write full time. It's my absolute dream-come-true job! As a child, I wrote stories about ponies and pop stars, though not together. Today they call it fan-fiction; back then it was just weird. After school, I worked as a reporter on a local newspaper. From there I went to university to study English Literature. After backpacking around the Middle East, South America, Australia, I did a PGCE in English and became a teacher.



crisp - a snack, or something dry and brittle.

conundrum - confusing situation or question.



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Author Words of the Day

The amazing author of The Goldfish Boy and The Light Jar

@lthompsonwrites and @vocabularyninja

Lisa Thompson

Lisa Thompson worked as a Radio Broadcast Assistant making all sorts of programmes for the BBC. During this time she got to make tea for lots of famous people. She grew up in Essex and now lives in Suffolk with her family. An actor, playwright and screenwriter, Lisa has studied in the US, Australia and Brazil. She played the role of Maria-Elena Holly in the long-running musical Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story. Her experiences as a sheep-drencher and salsa-dancer inspired her to write Fleece!, which is her first novel.



superfluous - necessary, especially for being too much.

brittle - hard but likely to break easily.



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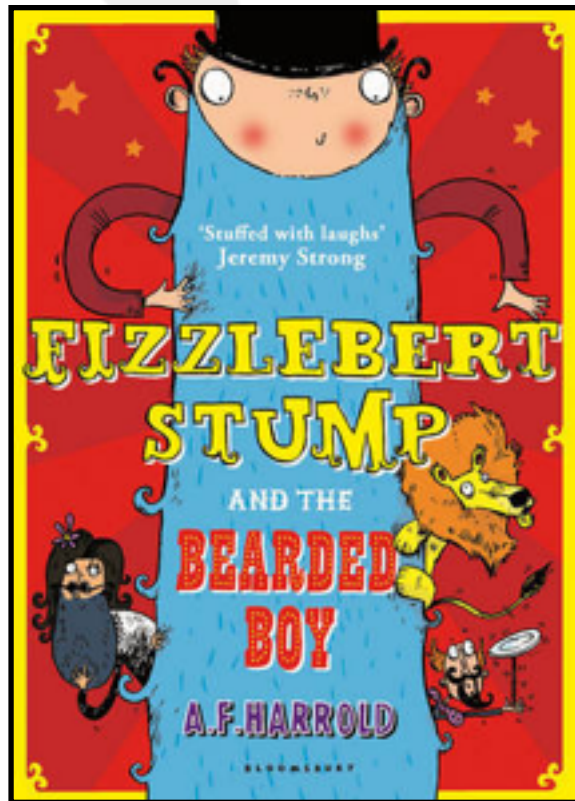
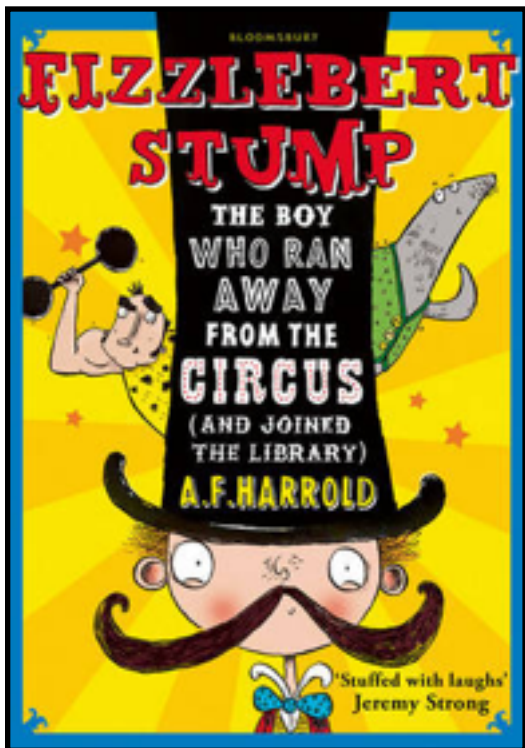
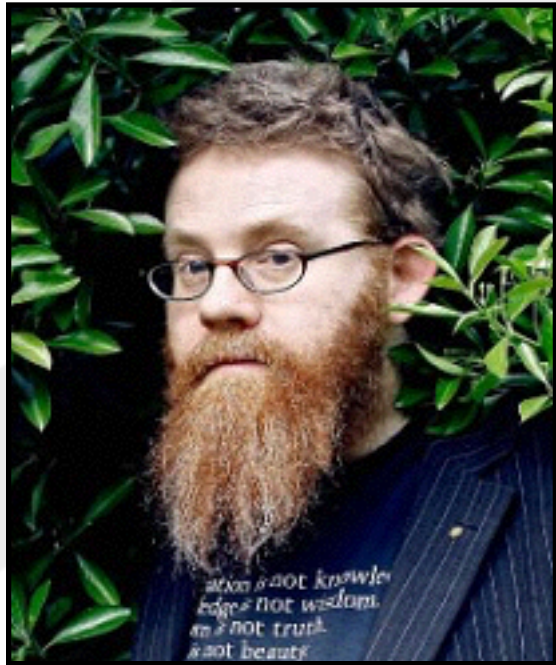
Author Words of the Day

Another wonderful author, who needs no introduction, Mr. A.F. Harrold!

@afharrold and @vocabularyninja

A.F. Harrold

I like holding pens. I like resting my hands on a keyboard and I hate blank paper. I like the nice feeling of stopping writing at the end. And the cups of tea. And the baths.



flapway - doorway into a tent.

psychopomp - a guide who leads the living into the underworld.



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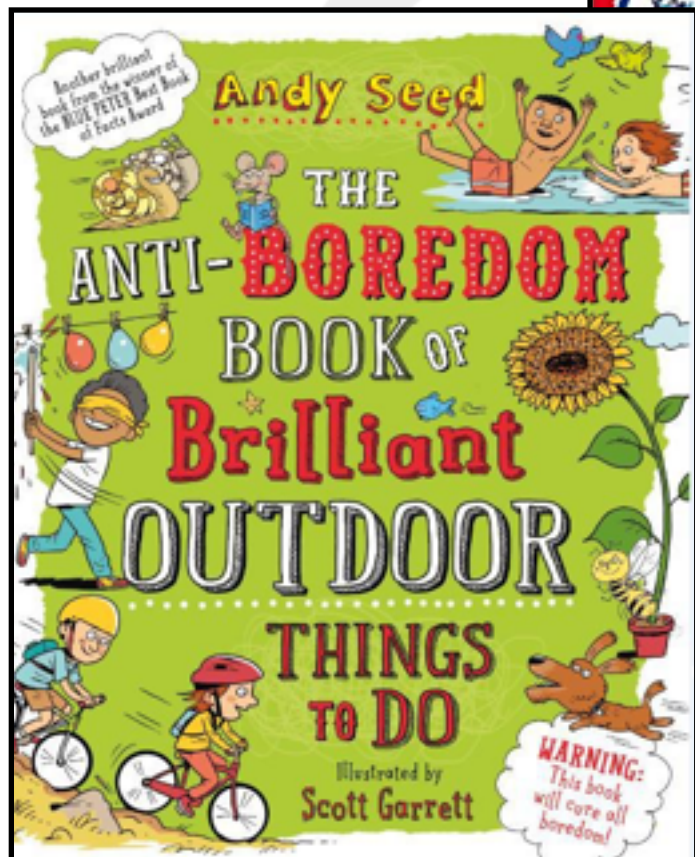
This guy loves books! I can see a book of books!

@andyseedauthor and @vocabularyninja



Andy Seed

I'm an author and humorist who writes books for children and adults (but not animals or aliens). I love funny things and most of my books are a bit giggly, as you'll find out if you read them. I write lots of different types of books!



nabble - to gnaw at something.

flibbertigibbet - a person who can't sit still.



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Author Words of the Day

Another wonderful author, who needs no introduction, Mr Edge!

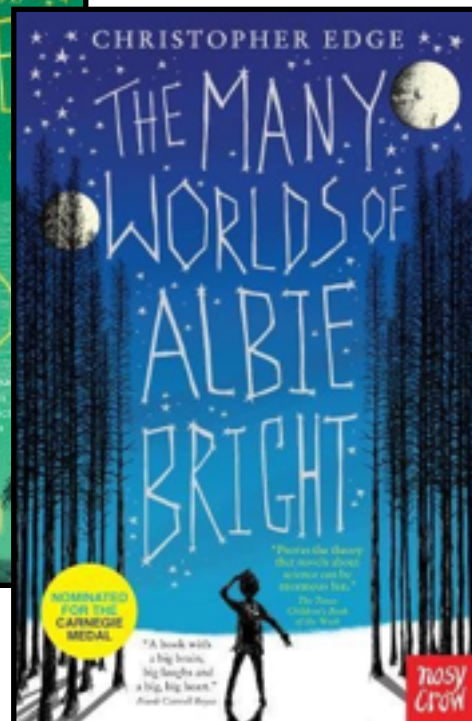
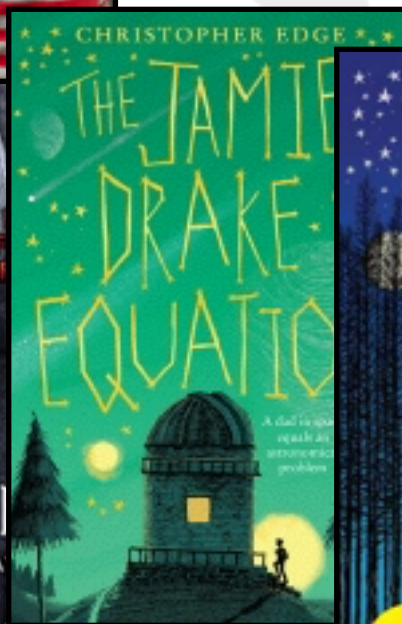
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Christopher Edge

Christopher Edge is an award-winning children's author who grew up in Manchester where he spent most of his childhood in the local library dreaming up stories, but now lives in Gloucestershire where he spends most of his time in the local library dreaming up stories. His most recent novel, The Jamie Drake Equation, was chosen by The Times as their Children's Book of the Week, whilst his previous novel, The Many Worlds of Albie Bright was nominated for the 2017 CILIP Carnegie Medal.

infinite - limitless, space, amount or context.

abyss - a deep or seemingly bottomless chasm.



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Author Words of the Day

A perfect opportunity to sketch some sentences with one of the best illustrators around! Tweet examples of your writing to [@dc_litchfield](#) and [@vocabularyninja](#)

David Litchfield

David Litchfield is an illustrator from Bedfordshire in the U.K. He is represented by The Bright Agency. David first started to draw when he was very young, creating Star Wars and Indiana Jones 'mash up' comics for his older brother and sister.



distant - far away in time or space.

visage - a person's face and proportions.



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Here we go again, with [@mossmontgomery](#) and [@vocabularyninja](#)

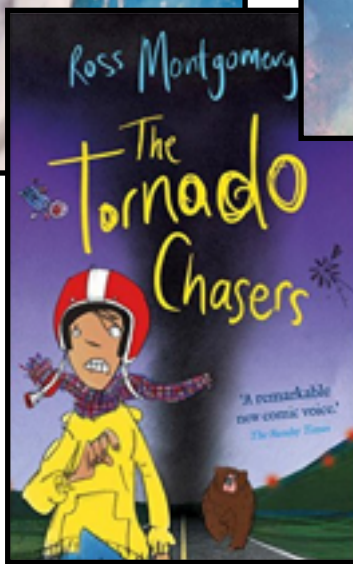
Ross Montgomery

Ross Montgomery is a first-time author. He started writing stories as a teenager, when he really should have been doing homework, and continued doing so at university. After graduating, he experimented with working as a pig farmer and a postman before deciding to channel these skills into teaching at a primary school. He wrote Alex, the Dog and the Unopenable Door when he really should have been marking homework.



blunderbuss - a short large-bored gun firing balls or slugs.

smorgasbord - a wide range or huge variety.



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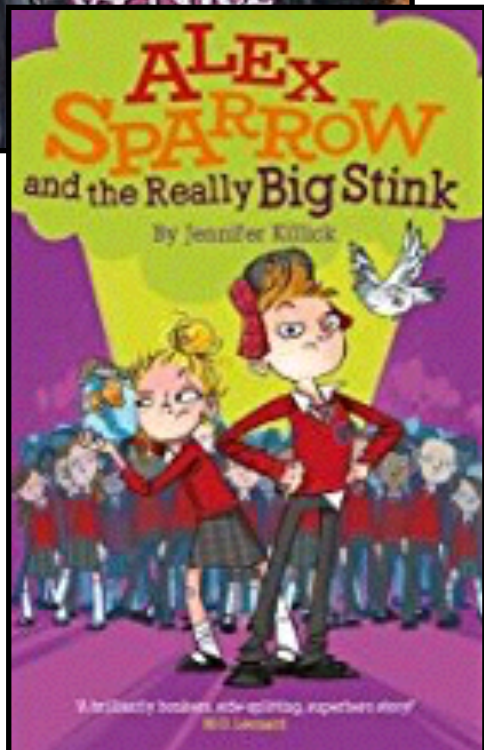
Today's chosen author is the amazing [@jenniferkillick](#) and also [@vocabularyninja](#)

Jennifer Killick

Jennifer Killick has always wanted to be a writer, but really started when she applied for a Creative Writing MA at Brunel University, which is where she first got the idea for Alex Sparrow and the Really Big Stink. She lives in Uxbridge, in a house full of children, animals and Lego. When she isn't busy mothering or step-mothering (which isn't often) she loves to read, write and run, as fast as she can. Jennifer's favourite things are books, trees and fluffy slippers, and her favourite place in the world is her home, where she can sit in her pyjamas with tea and cake, coming up with story ideas.

stink-eye - to give someone an unkind or awkward look.

hoglet - a small or infant pig.



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Author Words of the Day

Another wonderful author, who needs no introduction, David Solomons!

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David Solomons

David Solomons has been writing screenplays for many years. His first feature film was an adaptation of 'Five Children and It' (starring Kenneth Branagh and Eddie Izzard, with gala screenings at the Toronto and Tribeca Film Festivals). My Brother is a Superhero is his first novel for children. He was born in Glasgow and now lives in Dorset with his wife, the novelist Natasha Solomons, and their son, Luke.



catastrophe - an event causing great or sudden damage.

haddock - a silvery-grey fish, eaten with chips.



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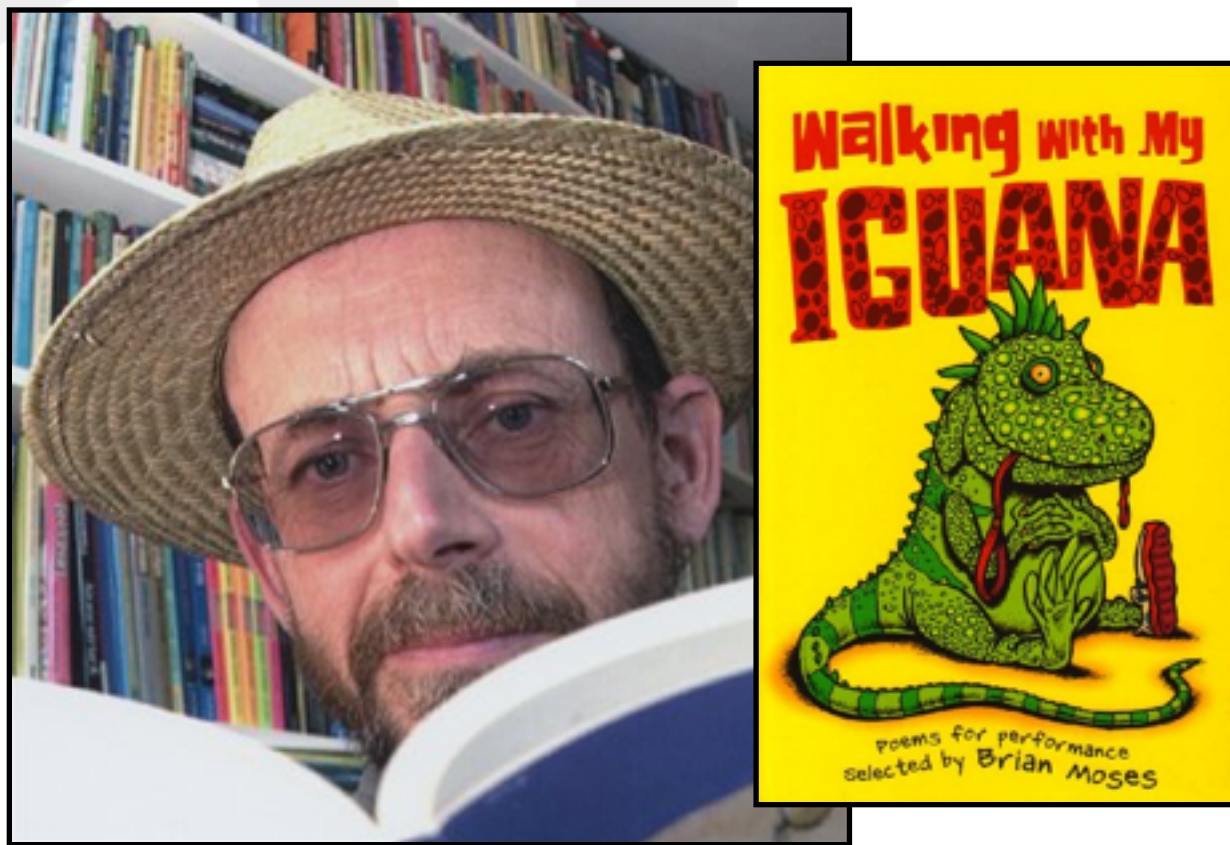
Author Words of the Day

Another wonderful author, who needs no introduction, Brain Moses!

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Brian Moses

Brian Moses (born 1950) is an English poet. He mainly writes for children, has over 200 published works and is well known as a children's poet. His poetry books and anthologies for Macmillan have sold in excess of 1 million copies. Brian was asked by CBBC to write a poem for the Queen's 80th birthday.



unicorn - a mythical creature with a spiral horn.

stars - a fixed point in the night sky, light.



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Author Words of the Day

Look no further! The next instalment of Author WODs is with the fabulous [@Rhian_Ivory](#) and [@vocabularyninja](#)

Rhian Ivory

I've always loved children's books and was an avid reader as a child. We had a mobile library that visited Llangynidr, the village I grew up in. I was lucky enough to have a big reader for a mum and she took my brother and I to libraries and bookshops regularly. I also devoured the school library which was pretty well stocked. There's something magical about children's books, more possibilities, more suspension of disbelief and almost always a sense of hope which appeals to me as a reader and as a writer.



cacophony - a harsh discordant mixture of sounds.

myriad - a countless or extremely great number of people or things.



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Author Words of the Day

The one, the only! Mr. Kieran Larwood! [@kmlarwood](#) and
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Kieran Larwood

Kieran is one of only two male Reception class teachers on the Isle of Wight.

His days mainly consist of singing nursery rhymes, tying shoelaces, trying to locate who has had an 'accident' by sense of smell alone, and vast, endless mountains of paperwork. Kieran graduated from Southampton University with a degree in English, and also did a foundation year at Falmouth College of Art. Ever since he first read *The Hobbit* at age six, he has been passionate about stories and storytelling.



nammet - Isle of Wight word for food.

clapperdudgeon - Tudor slang for beggar.



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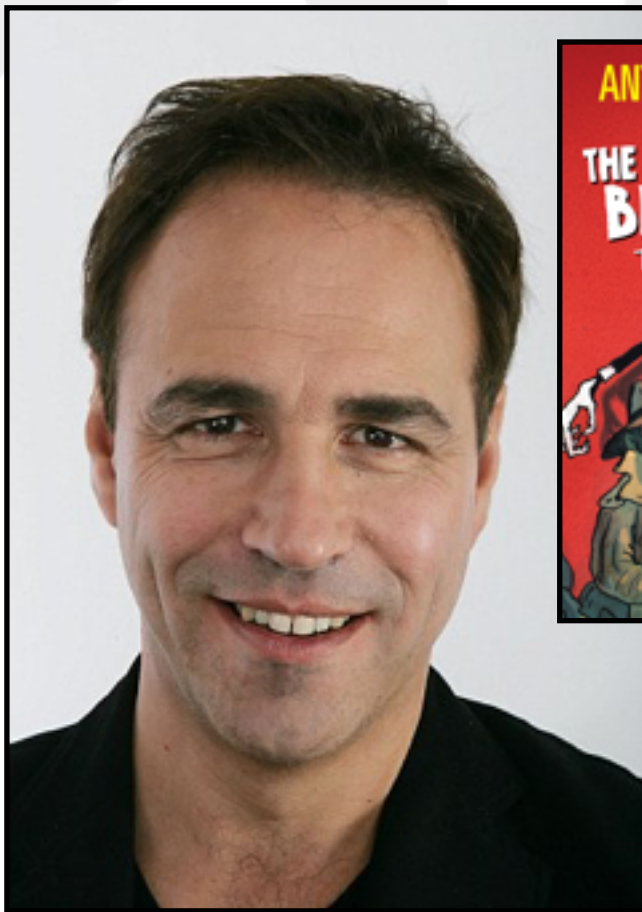


Author Words of the Day

The one, the only! Mr. Anthony Horowitz! @AnthonyHorowitz and @vocabularyninja

Anthony Horowitz

Anthony Horowitz is one of the most prolific and successful writers working in the UK – and is unique for working across so many media. Anthony is a born polymath; juggling writing books, TV series, films, plays and journalism. Anthony has written over 40 books including the bestselling teen spy series Alex Rider, which he adapted into a movie that was released worldwide in 2006. The Alex Rider series is estimated to have sold 19 million copies worldwide.



withy - a tough or flexible branch, used for weaving.

fret - a mist or fog coming off the sea.



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Author Words of the Day

Books for everyones taste! [@tompalmerauthor](#) and [@vocabularyninja](#)

Tom Palmer

I am a father, husband, author, football fan and a reader. In fact, it was reading about football that changed my life. I wasn't keen on reading when I was young. My mum was worried about me because I didn't do very well at school. She encouraged me to read about football in newspapers, magazines and books. Gradually I came to love books.



juxtaposition - side by side
contrast of two differing
things.

fell - a hill or stretch of high
moorland.



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Author Words of the Day

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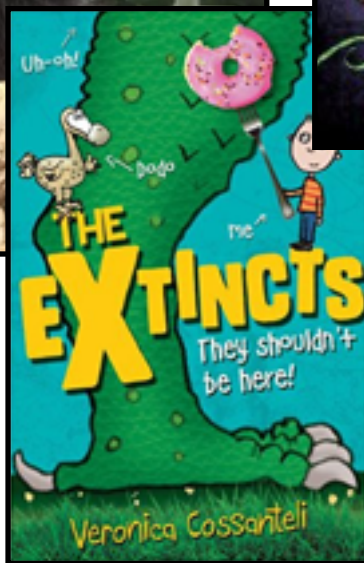
Veronica Cossanteli

Veronica grew up in Hampshire and Hong Kong with an assortment of animals, including an imaginary pet dinosaur who slept on her bed. She works in a primary school in Southampton, where she lives with three cats, two snakes, one guinea pig and a large number of lizards. Her debut novel The Extincts is a wonderfully funny and charming adventure with more than a hint of Dahl.



rumbustious - boisterous or unruly.

flabbergasted - to surprise someone or greatly astonish.



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Author Words of the Day

Today's chosen author is the amazing [@kiralilynash](#) and also [@vocabularyninja](#)

Kira Lily Nash

Writer/editor, artist & photographer, now w/ added children's author. Surfer, earth girl, loves trees, cats, & my husband's cake. Art & words let the light in.



anachronistic - belonging to a period other than that being portrayed.

recidivist - a convicted criminal who reoffends, especially repeatedly.



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Author Words of the Day

Today's chosen author is the amazing [@redbreastedbird](#) and also

[@vocabularyninja](#)

Robin Stevens

Robin was born in California and grew up in an Oxford college, across the road from the house where Alice in Wonderland lived. She has been making up stories all her life. When she was twelve, her father handed her a copy of The Murder of Roger Ackroyd and she realised that she wanted to be either Hercule Poirot or Agatha Christie when she grew up. When it occurred to her that she was never going to be able to grow her own spectacular walrus moustache, she decided that Agatha Christie was the more achievable option.



refurbish - renovate and redecorate (something, especially a building).

deciduous - (of a tree or shrub) shedding its leaves annually.



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Author Words of the Day

Today's chosen author is the amazing [@CarolineLawrenc](#) and also [@vocabularyninja](#)



Caroline Lawrence

Caroline Lawrence (born 1954) is an English American author, best known for The Roman Mysteries series of historical novels for children. The series is about a Roman girl called Flavia and her three friends: Nubia (a freed slave girl), Jonathan (a shunned Jewish boy) and Lupus (a beggar boy without a tongue). The series has won numerous awards and has been published in many different languages worldwide.

apotropaic - turns away evil, from Greek.



amphora - two handled jar, from Greek.



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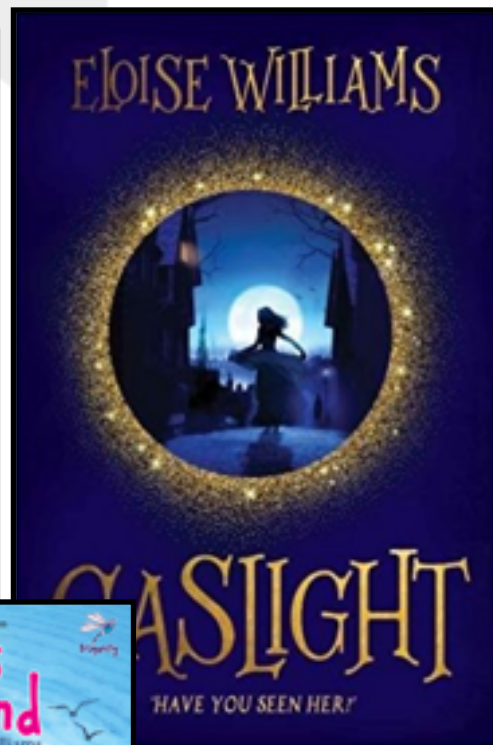
Author Words of the Day

Today's chosen author is the amazing @Eloisejwilliams and also

@vocabularyninja

Eloise Williams

Eloise was born in Cardiff and grew up in Llantrisant. She now lives in Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire, very close to the beach where she walks her dog Watson Jones and collects sea glass with her artist husband, Guy Manning. She worked in the theatre in various odd jobs before going on to study Drama at The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and Guildford School of Acting. After working for over ten years as an actor, she decided to change path a little and take a Masters in Creative Writing at Swansea University



spindrift - spray blown from the crests of waves by the wind.

cluster - a group of similar things or people positioned or occurring closely together



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Author Words of the Day

Vocabulary Ninja is delighted to present Kate and her selection for the author WOD! Tweet her examples of your writing [@etaknipsa](#) and [@vocabularyninja](#)

Kate Aspin

Curiosity hasn't killed the Kat-e....yet! Fascinated by Primary Education issues; looking for a new challenge..before I become a raisin.



tittle - a tiny amount or part of something.

glyph - a hieroglyphic character or symbol.



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Author Words of the Day

Vocabulary Ninja is delighted to present Sarah and her selection for the author WOD! Tweet her examples of your writing [@thesarahdriver](#) and [@vocabularyninja](#)



Sarah Driver

I'm a children's author, currently writing a fantasy adventure trilogy called The Huntress, aimed at readers aged 8 – 12. I grew up in the UK, on the Sussex coast, and I started writing when I was around five years old. For a long time I had no idea that real-life authors wrote books as a job, so I've found myself working in many different jobs: I've been a jewellery shop manager, a waitress, a care assistant, a bookseller, a nurse, a barista, an insurance claims technician and a midwife. But in my spare time, I never stopped writing.

sangfroid - composure or coolness shown in danger or under trying circumstances.

nychthemeron - a period of one day and one night.



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Author Words of the Day

Another wonderful author, who needs no introduction, Mr Mark Lowery!

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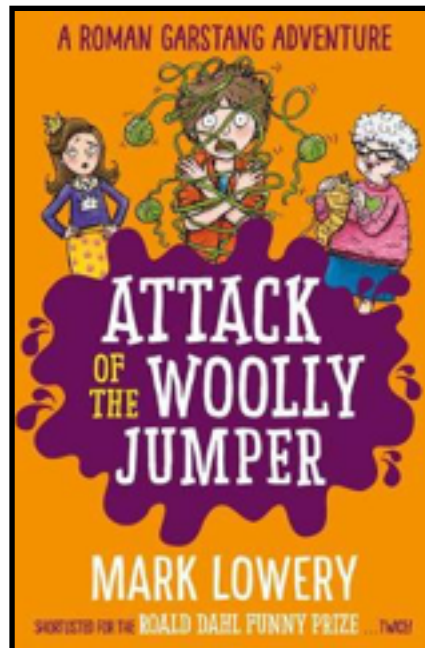
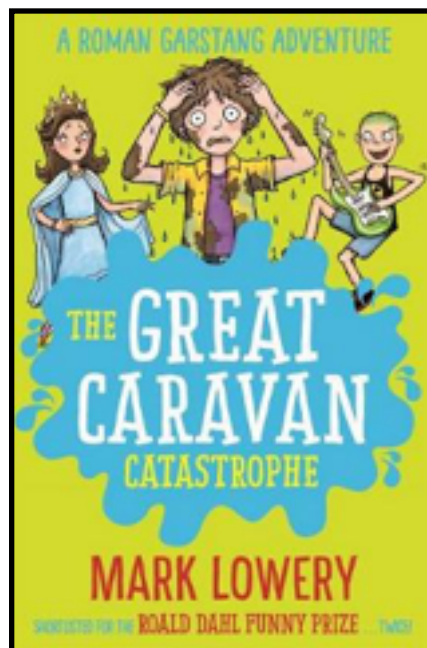
Mark Lowery



The youngest of four children, Mark Lowery was born in North Wales in 1979 and grew up in Preston, Lancs. Although he maintains that his upper body is of average size, many people have suggested that he has an unusually large head and stumpy legs. His lifelong dream of playing for Everton was cruelly shattered at 18, when he realised that he was actually useless at football. Following this bombshell, he trained to become a primary school teacher. He denies that this was only so that he could be taller than the majority of people in his workplace.

encrusted - cover or decorate (something) with a hard surface layer.

kerfuffle - a commotion or fuss, especially one caused by conflicting views.



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Author Words of the Day

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Holly Webb

Holly Webb is a bestselling author of over 80 books and was born and raised in southeast London. The Rose series stems from a childhood love of historical novels and the wish that animals really could talk. Before deciding to become a writer, she worked for five years as a children's fiction editor. She lives in Reading with her husband and three small children.



conspiracy - a secret plan by a group to do something unlawful or harmful.

nuzzle - rub or push against gently with the nose and mouth.



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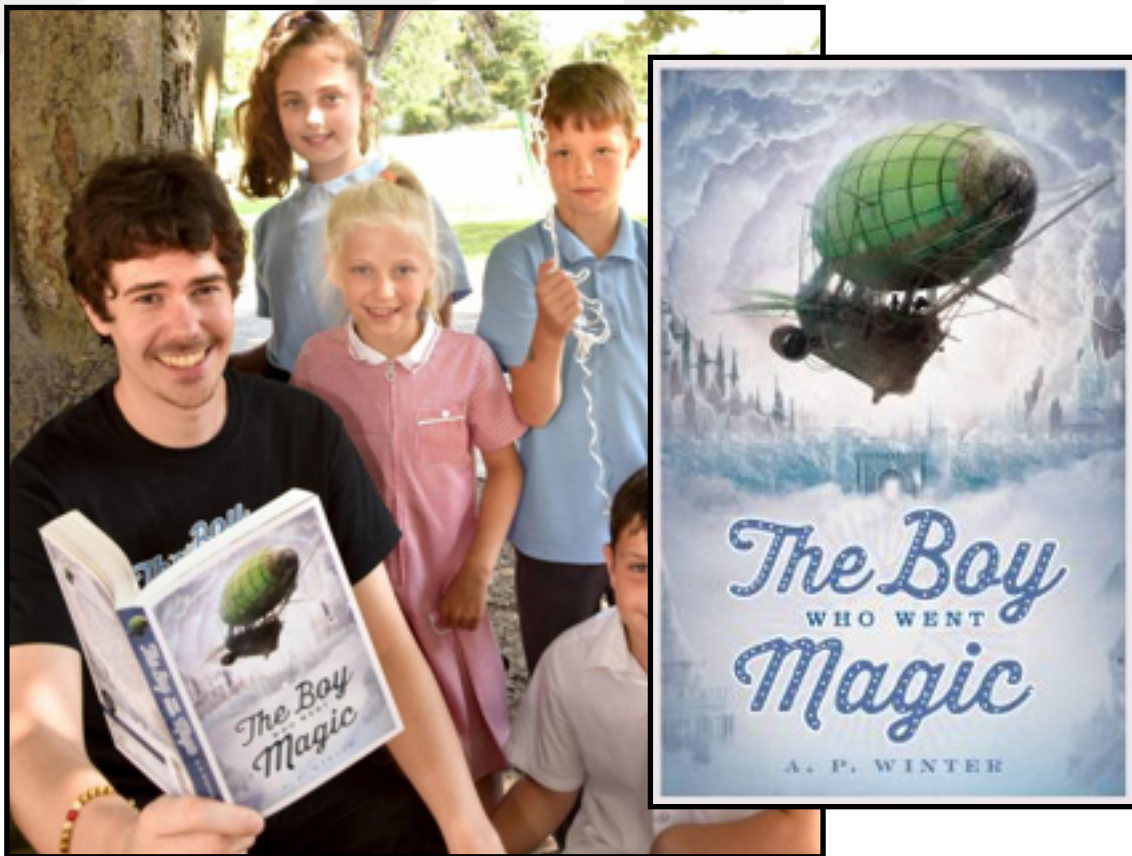


Author Words of the Day

Today's chosen author is the amazing [@AP_Winter](#) and also
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A. P. Winter

A.P. Winter is a full-time writer and part-time professional chocolate taster living in the city of York. He recently completed a Master's degree in creative writing. In his spare time he enjoys long distance running, martial arts, learning new recipes, and avoiding the weather with his cat.



crepuscular - active at dawn and dusk.

phosphene - the balls of light you see when your eyes are closed.



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Author Words of the Day

Kieran Fanning in the house grasshoppers!!! Whoop Whoop! Can you use his WODs in your writing!? Tweet him examples of your writing

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Kieran Fanning

By day, Kieran Fanning is a primary school teacher who enjoys helping his pupils to write, illustrate and publish their own books. By night, he writes his own stories, and has published a series of interactive puzzle books for children, as well as school textbooks. He has an MA in Children's Literature and lives with his wife and two children in County Meath, Ireland. The Black Lotus is his first novel.



galore - in abundance or lots of.

smithereens - are small pieces.



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Conrad Burdekin

Back in 1976 when summers were still dry and hot (I know it's hard to believe – but they were!) I entered the world alongside my identical twin brother early one Saturday morning in a West Yorkshire hospital. At the age of three I tried to sell our younger brother to the postman (I failed). At the age of four I left home in a bid for freedom on my favourite toy – a plastic, four wheeled, yellow petrol wagon (failed again – I got as far as my local nursery before the police kindly returned me to my frantic mum).



jaunt - a short excursion or journey made for pleasure.

chaos - complete disorder and confusion.



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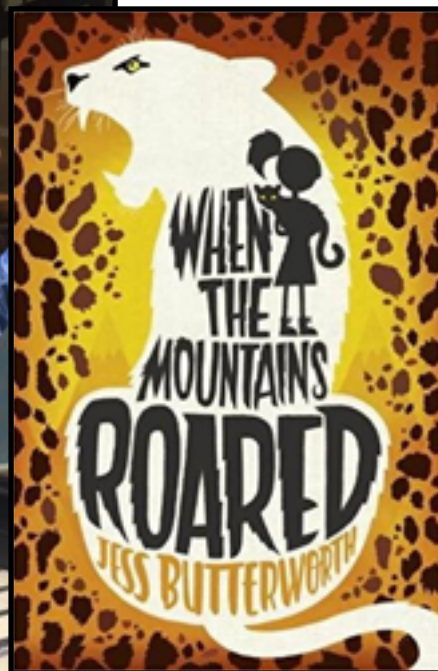


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Jess Butterworth

Hello! I'm a British/New Zealand writer of all things but mostly I love to write children's books that are set in wild places. My debut novel is an adventure for 9+ year-olds called *RUNNING ON THE ROOF OF THE WORLD*. My second novel for middle-grade readers is called *WHEN THE MOUNTAINS ROARED*.



pinnacle - the most successful point; the culmination. High point.

resilience - the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.



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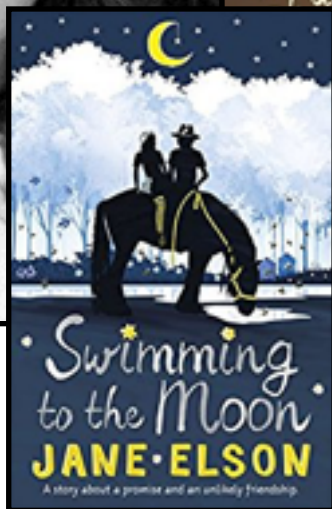


Author Words of the Day

Look no further! The next instalment of Author WODs is with the fabulous [@JJELSON35](#) and [@vocabularyninja](#)

Jane Elson

After performing as an actress and comedy improviser for many years, Jane fell into writing stories and plays. *A Room Full of Chocolate* was her first book for children and won Peters' Book of the Year and the Leeds Book Award as well as being longlisted for the Branford Boase and nominated for the Carnegie Medal. When she is not writing Jane spends her time running creative writing and comedy improvisation workshops for children with special educational needs. She is also a guest practitioner at Soho Theatre's Writer's Lab.



parody - an imitation of the style for comedy.

humongous - huge; enormous.



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Author Words of the Day

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Lorraine Gregory

I've loved reading ever since I first learned how and some of my favourite children's authors are Roald Dahl, Judy Blume, Francis Hardinge, Beverley Cleary and Astrid Lindgren. I've had various jobs over the years including school dinner lady, chef and restaurant manager but secretly I always wanted to be a writer. It was only when I started making up stories to entertain my son that I finally decided to stop being scared, follow my dream and try to get published. After many years of hard work I'm thrilled that Mold and the Poison Plot is going to be a real book on real shelves in real bookshops!



malodorous - smelling very unpleasant.

repugnant - extremely distasteful; unacceptable.



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Author Words of the Day

Look no further! The next instalment of Author WODs is with the fabulous [@ClaireFayers](#) and [@vocabularyninja](#)

Claire Fayers

Claire Fayers was born and brought up in South Wales, an area of the country sadly deficient in dragons. Having studied English at Canterbury University, she built a successful career writing short stories for women's magazines until the lure of magic became too much and she wrote *The Accidental Pirates: Voyage to Magical North*. It was selected for Waterstones Book of the Month and shortlisted for the FCBG Children's Book Award 2016. The sequel, *Journey to Dragon Island* was published in 2017, followed by *Unwise Magic* in 2018. When she's not writing, you'll find her at her allotment. She has produced some magnificent onions, but her dream of growing a straight carrot still eludes her.



mellifluous - (of a sound)
pleasingly smooth and musical
to hear.

cornucopia - an abundant
supply of good things of a
specified kind.



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Author Words of the Day

Today's chosen author is the amazing [@teacherwriterPJ](#) and also

[@vocabularyninja](#)
Paul Jenkins

Paul has worked solidly as a writer since leaving education in 2015 and began a small blog that told tales from behind the classroom door. Following the life of 'fictional' Drama Teacher Jim Tovey – "Requires Improvement" is a satirical view of education in 21st century Britain and has received fantastic reviews since its publication in May 2016. The book was a crowdfunded project and Paul successfully ran a campaign to raise the funds nationally to get the novel to its first print run.



hypnotic - relating to or producing hypnosis.

gargantuan - enormous.

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