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Author Challenge

with Helen Peters



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What's it all about?



Welcome budding novelists and reading enthusiasts!

We have joined forces with seven celebrated children's authors: **Aisha Bushby, Kirsty Applebaum, Helen Peters, Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott, Stewart Foster and Thomas Taylor** to bring the finale of the annual Biblio Buzz reading initiative online between 4 - 16 May. You have voted for your favourite books and the results are being counted, but before announcing the winners, we would like to offer you **the opportunity to get involved** one more time, with a series of **creative writing challenges**.

Each author has recorded a reading from their much-loved stories, and has set you a **creative writing challenge** laid out in this pack. Please send copies of your stories and responses to:
learning@alexandrapalce.com

Good Luck!



Don't worry if you haven't read the books.

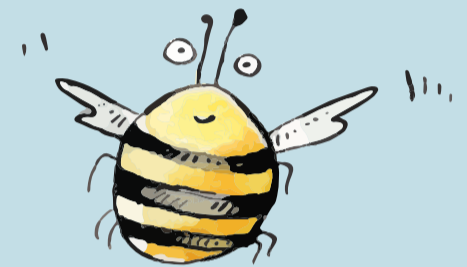
You can still enter the Author Challenges, and maybe win a prize of book tokens, tickets to GoApe or Alexandra Palace Ice Rink.

WOW!



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Meet the Author



Helen Peters grew up on an old-fashioned farm in Sussex, surrounded by family, animals and mud. She spent most of her childhood reading stories and putting on plays in a tumbledown shed that she and her friends turned into a theatre. After university, she became an English and Drama teacher. Helen lives with her husband and children in London, and she can hardly believe that she now gets to call herself a writer.

Now, are you ready for the challenge?





Writers often are a solitary bunch, but when it comes to researching a novel, sometimes it pays to talk to real people! For example, you might need to talk to an expert on the subject you're writing on, a resident of a place where your book is set, or a person whose experiences are similar to one of your characters.



Whoever you talk to, you're likely to gain truly valuable first-hand information and insight, so get chatting!

Helen's Challenge

In *Anna at War*, Daniel only learns about his grandmother's extraordinary wartime story because he takes the time to ask her about it. Older people in our lives often have interesting stories to tell about their pasts, but often we don't hear these stories because we don't ask.

Now would be a great time to have a chat with an older person you know and take some time to ask them about their life. You can do it face to face if you live in the same house, or on Skype, Facetime or even an old-fashioned phone call if you can't meet them in person at the moment. Some things you might want to ask about:

What's your funniest moment?



Jobs they've had - best and worst

Places they've lived, their favourite and least favourite



Places they've travelled to, and any terrible or wonderful travel experiences

their memories of their childhood, their parents and siblings, their schooldays

their scariest moments, happiest moments and funniest moments

There will probably be other things to talk about, and some of their answers might lead to you asking more about particular things. You may find that one of your questions brings up a really strong memory and you might end up talking in detail about that instead of going through all the questions.

Just start and see where it leads you!

Have fun!



I look forward to hearing what new things you learn about your interviewee!

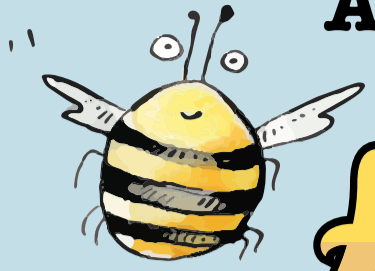
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Author Challenges

Look out for more challenges
buzzing around throughout May



Kirsty Applebaum



Stewart Foster



thomas Taylor

The authors are **looking forward** to reading your submissions
so **don't forget** to send them in to learning@alexandrapalace.com



Aisha Bushby



Rebecca Westcott

Yours will BEE
BRILLIANT!



Challenges close end of June 2020

Prizes for the best submissions will be announced in July.
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Good luck!
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