

Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award

BIBLIO - BUZZ

Author Challenge

with Rebecca Westcott



CoAuthor of
Can You See Me?

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HAVE FUN & GOOD LUCK!

BIBLIO BUZZ AUTHOR CHALLENGE



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



Rebecca Westcott



Rebecca Westcott was born in Chester and trained as a teacher at **Exeter University**. She has had a variety of teaching jobs that have taken her to interesting places including a Category C male prison. She started writing a diary when she was eight years old, although she had no idea that one day her entries would be used to help her write a book. Some of the more embarrassing extracts from her childhood and teenage diaries are used as the diary entries in her debut novel, **Dandelion Clocks**.

Now, are you ready for the challenge?





Diary form is frequently used in fiction, for example the **Adrian Mole** series, **Diary of a Wimpy Kid**, and the **Dork Diaries**. All chronicle the lives of characters who start a diary as children or adolescents and continue to write their diary as they grow over time.



Rebecca's Challenge

I started writing a diary when I was 8 years old and I wrote one on and off until I was 21. In fact, it was finding these old diaries that gave me the inspiration for writing my first book, *Dandelion Clocks*. When Libby and I co-wrote *Can You See Me?* we decided that I would write the main narrative and she would write diary entries from Tally's point of view and we think that these entries add something really special to our book.

My challenge to you is to write some diary entries of your own:

Do you keep a diary?



"You could make the entries about you and your experiences at the moment I guarantee that you'll be really interested to look back at what you've written about this extraordinary time in years to come. In *Can You See Me?* all the diary entries are given an anxiety rating, but you could choose to rate each day however you like. Maybe a happiness rating or a humour rating or a frustration rating or a quality-of-food rating?"

OR

"You could write a diary from the point of view of one of your favourite book characters. I'd quite like to know what Draco Malfoy was really thinking about when he first met Harry on the train to Hogwarts!"

Have fun and happy writing. And who knows - maybe you'll get hooked on diary writing and one day, use your old diaries to write a book...



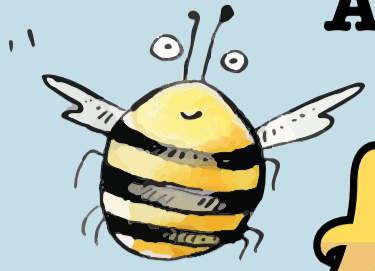
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Happy Writing



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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



Helen Peters

Yours will BEE
BRILLIANT!



Challenges close end of June 2020

Prizes for the best submissions will be announced in July.
Email your submissions to learning@alexandrapalace.com

Good luck!
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