

Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award

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Author Challenge

with Stewart Foster



Author of **Check Mates**

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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

Will you accept the
challenge?

Good Luck!



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

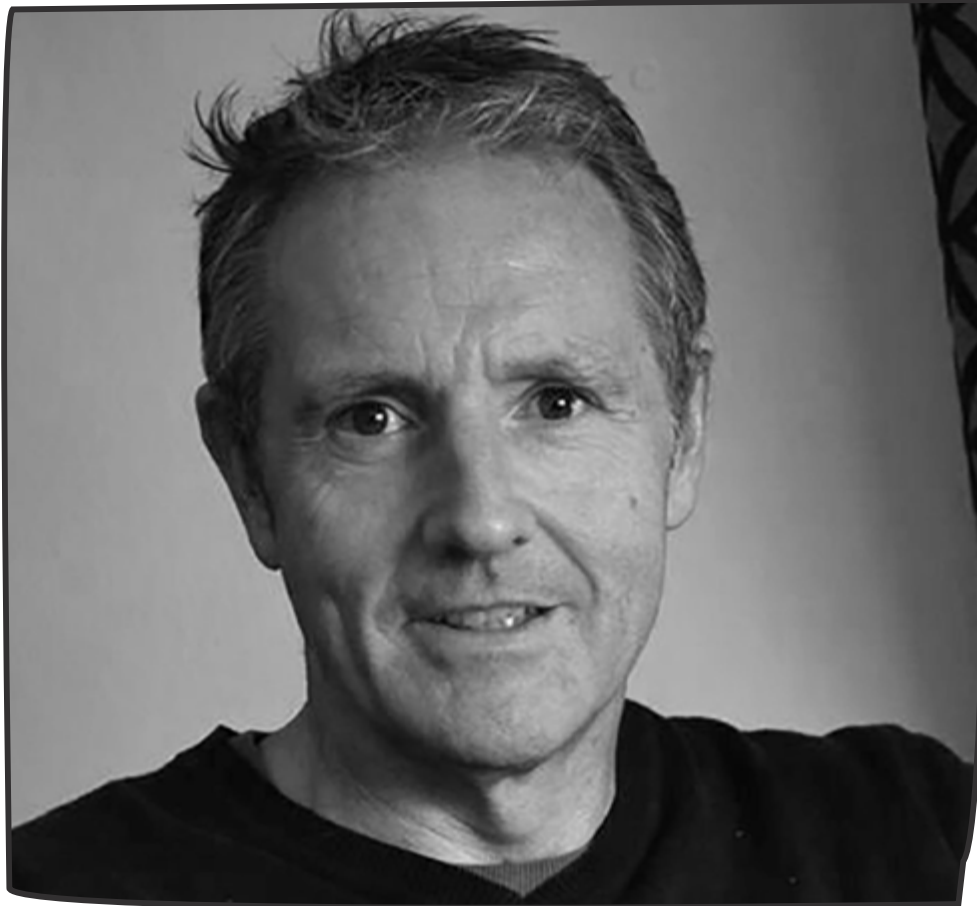
You can still enter the Author Challenges, and maybe win a prize of book tokens, tickets to GoApe or Alexandra Palace Ice Rink.

WOW!



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Meet the Author



Stewart Foster



Stewart Foster is an adult and children's novelist, born in Bath. His first book **We Used to be Kings**, was published in 2014, to the accolades of being selected as 'The Observers' Author to Watch, and Amazons' Rising Star, in the same year.

His first Children's book, **The Bubble Boy** was published in 2016, winning **Sainsbury Children's Book Award** in 2016 (Age 10+) and many schools and libraries, awards as well as being nominated for **The Carnegie Book Award**. The book was published as **BUBBLE**, in USA and has been translated into eleven languages.

All the things that could go Wrong, was published in June 2017, to much critical acclaim, and further award wins. His next book, **The Perfect Parent Project** will be released September 2020.



In the recording, I read you a 'dream'
chapter from **Check Mates**.



Stewart's Challenge

Dream Sequence

*In my dreams
I am a superhero!*



There are several reasons an author may choose to use a dream in their novel. They can reveal several things about the character: secret desires, character's wish fulfilment and fears about the future or past, to foreshadow things that might come, to set a mood, or to reveal flashback to an earlier event in the characters life.

I'm a bird!



All I would like you to do, is to spend five or ten minutes, writing out a dream you can remember, and tell it in a really relaxed manner; like you were just sat in the school canteen chatting to your mates.

To start writing follow these simple three rules:

- 1) Do not worry about punctuation.**
 - 2) Do not worry about spelling.**
 - 3) Just blurt it out, without thinking too much.**
- Don't take your pen off the page,
or stop typing for one second.

*imagine if you
were a Bee!*



If you can't recall a dream, then start with this line.

*Sometimes I lie and look up at the sky,
and I imagine I am a...*

It can be anything...film star, rock star, famous person in a magazine...but just let your mind flow, and again, don't think about it too much.



Again, just blurt it out, like you would to your friends.

Then at the end, just go back, and worry about the punctuation and spelling at that point.

*Happy
Writing*



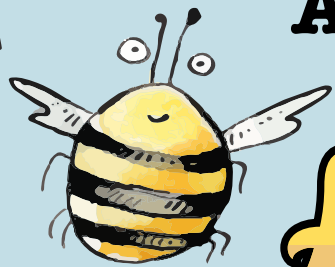
*Don't forget to
send us your
Submission.*

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Author Challenges

Look out for more challenges
buzzing around throughout May



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



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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