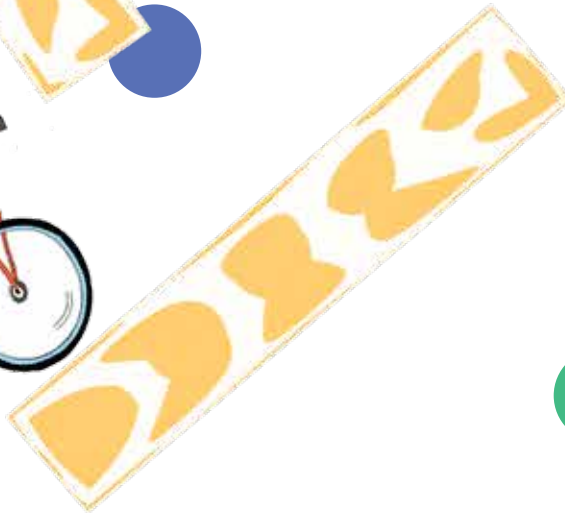




Edinburgh International Book Festival

Baillie Gifford
Children's Programme

11 — 27 August 2018



Hundreds
of events
for all ages!



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When I am in a book
I lose my mind. So this is
an opportunity to meet the
people behind the glorious
chapters of the books.

Young audience member

FREE entry
to the Book
Festival village

Enjoy a picnic, browse
our bookshops or take
part in exciting free
daily activities.





Stomp like a dinosaur,
 growl like a Gruffalo,
 parade like a penguin,
 chat with a tea-
 drinking tiger

In the heart of Edinburgh's West End, amid the hustle and bustle of the August crowds, stands a garden like no other. Step through the entrance gates and prepare to enter another world...

Over 200 fun, inspiring and interactive events for children

Little ones can enjoy stomping like dinosaurs or growling like Gruffalos; while there are side-splitting stories for older children from **Harry Hill**, **David Walliams** and **Philip Ardagh**; and thrilling events for teens covering everything from love, loss and identity, to war, horror and apocalyptic survival. Kids can also get creative with Big Draws and free drop-in craft activities in the Baillie Gifford Story Box (open every day from 11:00-16:30).

Meet your author heroes

From asking questions in events to getting your books signed, there are tons of opportunities to meet your favourite authors and illustrators.

Most events FREE or £5.00

Scotland's LARGEST children's bookshop

With frequent book signings, special areas to share stories, and around 3,500 titles to browse and buy, the Book Festival's Baillie Gifford Children's Bookshop is an experience like no other. Receive a £5 book voucher when you spend over £40.

Delicious ice cream, cakes and snacks

Grab a mouth-watering treat or some lunch from one of our cafés, bars or food stalls. (Beer, wine, gin and cocktails also available for the grown-ups!)

Family friendly facilities

We have highchairs, a buggy park, baby changing facilities and toilets (including an accessible Changing Places toilet) on site.

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The Charlotte Square setting is magical.

Audience member





Search events by age, author, keyword on our website edbookfest.co.uk

Who's Appearing...

- David Walliams
- Cressida Cowell
- Juno Dawson
- Chris Hoy
- Julia Donaldson
- Philip Pullman
- Debi Giori
- Michael Morpurgo



Chelsea Clinton



The Tiger Who Came to Tea



Horrible Histories



Harry Hill



Gemma Cairney



Yoga Babies



Fantastic **FREE** Activities Every Day of the Festival

Willow Weaving

Sing-along Songs

Big Draws

Teddy Bear Sleepover

Storytelling

Drop-in Crafts

Big Tiger Tea Party

Doctor Book



Plus lots more...

Thank you to our Lead Sponsor



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Baillie Gifford is committed to helping as many young people as possible explore the joys of books and reading. As such, we are delighted to be the Lead Sponsor of the Baillie Gifford Children's Programme at the Book Festival, making it possible for children from all over Scotland to come face-to-face with some of the world's leading authors.



Saturday

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Including:
Philip Pullman
Harry Hill
Cathy Cassidy
Horrible Histories
Jeremy Strong

L J MacWhirter ↑
11 Aug 18:30



Tomi Adeyemi ↑
11 Aug 15:45

THE TL DALLAS EVENT

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10:00- All Ages
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THE DICKSON MINTO EVENT

Harry Hill: Funnyman

10:00 Families & 6+
Baillie Gifford Main Theatre, **£5.00**

Taking a break from his BAFTA award-winning TV series, side-splittingly funny comedian Harry Hill kicks off the Book Festival in style with his new book *Matt Millz*. Schoolboy by day and stand-up comedian by night, what will happen when Matt enters the school talent show with his new routine? Harry dishes out funny tips and tricks for young comics in an event guaranteed to have you roaring with laughter.

Sophy Henn: Almost Anything

10:00- Age 3-5
10:45 Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Rising picture book star Sophy Henn shares her delightful new story, *Almost Anything*. George the bunny is stuck in a rut, convinced he can't do anything, but Bear believes that with a little help and a sprinkle of magic, his friend can achieve whatever he wants. Hear from this wonderfully positive tale and then get crafting with Sophy to create your own special bunny ears.

Fairy Tale Feast with Vivian French

10:30 Age 5-8
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

A bestselling author with a talent for entertaining youngsters, Vivian French returns with a fresh new fairy tale. Sibling duo Tom and Tallulah are cooking up a storm for some picky witches. With the help of some eager-to-please pet companions, can they create a feast in time? And will Tallulah be allowed to stay in the coven? Expect an hour of magical mischief as Vivian shares her fun family tale.



Lauren Ace & Jenny Lovlie ↓
11 Aug 11:30
& 12 Aug 10:00

Sensational Science with Edinburgh International Science Festival

11:00- All Ages

16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Drop into Story Box to experience mind-boggling experiments and dazzling demonstrations from a team of spectacular science communicators. The Edinburgh International Science Festival takes learning beyond the classroom to an exciting new level where anything is possible and everything is fun. Come along to witness explosions and expect plenty of mess from their Street Science team.

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Bright Futures with Cathy Cassidy

12:15 Age 10-14

Spark Theatre on George Street, **£5.00**

Join Cathy Cassidy, author of the popular *Chocolate Box Girls* series, to hear about *Sami's Silver Linings*, her new novel overflowing with romance, friendship and sensitivity. Forced to flee his home in Syria, Sami begins his new life in England but his memories of the journey across icy waters, armed with only a few items, are never far away. Can the hope of a brighter future and new friends melt his frozen heart?

Dinosaur Adventures with Guy Bass

12:15 Age 7-10

Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

From super agent Spynosaur to Noah Scape's fascination with the extinct species, we can't get enough of Guy Bass's prehistoric stories. Today, the award-winning author brings two new tales for you to dig your teeth into. Explore your favourite giant creatures as Guy leads you through an hour of dinotastic fun.

Sophy Henn: Bad Nana

13:15 Age 5-8

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

8 year old Evie and her mischievous Nana are up to no good, and Nana's schemes are getting bigger and badder. Waterstones Children's Book Prize-shortlisted author Sophy Henn brings you her vibrant and colourful picture book, *Bad Nana: Older Not Wiser*. Come along to find out what Nana will do next in an event guaranteed to tickle your funny bone.

25 Years of Horrible Histories

13:30 Families & 8+

Baillie Gifford Main Theatre, **£5.00**

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the award-winning *Horrible Histories* series with its genius creators, author **Terry Deary** and illustrator **Martin Brown**. The pair have been making history accessible for youngsters for a quarter of a century and now they're marking this achievement with a special anniversary yearbook, as well as reissuing all of the titles in the series. Discover lots of foul facts and hilarious history with Terry and Martin today. *Supported by Dickson Minto.*

Theresa Breslin & Holly Webb: Historic Women

14:00 Age 8-12

Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Travel back in time with two historic novelists. CILIP Carnegie Medal winner Theresa Breslin has explored everything from Romans to Revolutionary Russia in her writing. Whilst in *The Princess and the Suffragette*, Holly Webb has given a new twist to a classic tale by sending the Little Princess to the early 1900s during the height of the suffragette movement. Hear how the authors use strong female characters to empower, encourage and entertain us.

Ed Vere: Roaring Friendships

15:00 Age 3-5

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Is Leonard a cowardly lion or a ferocious wild cat? Or can he be something in between? *How to be a Lion* takes you on a journey of identity and friendship as Leonard and his best friend Marianne the duck struggle to fit in. Join author Ed Vere for a roaring good time as he talks about the importance of individuality and staying true to yourself.



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11 Aug 13:15

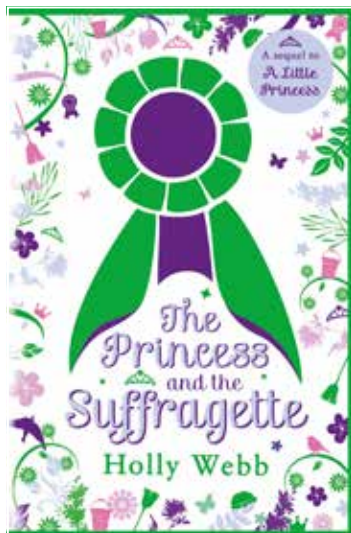


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↑ Guy Bass
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← Holly Webb
11 Aug 14:00



↓ Alice Broadway
11 Aug 18:30



Jeremy Strong: Comedy Champion

15:45 Age 7-10
Spark Theatre on George Street, £5.00

You're guaranteed a good time with 'king of comedy' Jeremy Strong. The award-winning author brings historical hilarity with his latest book, *Romans on the Rampage: Chariot Champions*. Perilus the Charioteer is battling to become a champion - will he come out on top? Find out as Jeremy presents this fantastically funny tale and shares stories from his hugely popular *The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog* series.

Timely Tales with Tomi Adeyemi & Sophie Anderson VOTE

15:45 Age 10-14
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, £5.00

Be captivated by two spellbinding fantasies rooted in the real world. In Tomi Adeyemi's *Children of Blood and Bone*, Zélie's on a mission to bring back the magic which disappeared when a ruthless king turned her community's lives upside down, leaving them without hope. *The House with Chicken Legs* by Sophie Anderson sees Marinka dreaming of a life in which her home doesn't move on without warning. Today, the authors of these magical legends discuss their relevance in today's world.

Emily Dodd: Powerful Forces

16:45 Age 7-10
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Prepare to be blown away in this fun and fact-filled event with author of *Tsunamis*, *Volcanoes* and *Wind Power*, Emily Dodd. Emily teaches you the basics of three of the world's most powerful forces, combining thrilling scientific facts with intriguing information, to give you a better understanding of the earth's amazing capabilities. Leave erupting with anticipation to find out more.

THE WOODLAND TRUST SCOTLAND EVENT

Philip Pullman: Master Storyteller

17:00 Families & 10+
Baillie Gifford Main Theatre,
BSL £8.00 [£6.00]

Enter the magical world of Philip Pullman, author of *His Dark Materials*, *La Belle Sauvage: The Book of Dust Volume One* and *Clockwork*. Philip is one of the best-loved and most highly acclaimed authors in the world, and his books are consumed by readers of all ages. Hear Philip talk about how he builds his fantasy worlds, fall in love with his brave and resilient characters, and get the chance to ask this master storyteller your own burning questions.

Alice Broadway & L J MacWhirter: Feisty Fantasy VOTE

18:30 Age 12+
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Join two immensely talented authors of young adult fiction in an event full of feisty female-led fantasy. Alice Broadway's *Spark*, sequel to the hugely successful *Ink*, sees Leora questioning her identity and trying to discover where she belongs. *Black Snow Falling*, the debut novel from Edinburgh-based author L J MacWhirter centres on a spirited girl with hidden secrets. Today the authors discuss their two fantastic works of fantasy fiction.

Sunday

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BAILLIE GIFFORD Children's Programme

Including:
Julian Clary
Young Samurai
Darren Shan
Fighting Fantasy
Alexander McCall Smith

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Iain McIntosh
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Adrian Edmondson: Talk to the Animals

10:00 Age 7-10
Baillie Gifford Main Theatre, **£5.00**

Discover the hilarious new talking animal tale from comedian, writer and TV personality Adrian Edmondson. Let your imagination run wild as Adrian reads from *Junkyard Jack and the Horse That Talked*, with lots of horsey humour and way too many mentions of animal poo. An event guaranteed to have you neighing with delight.

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Mermaids and Mysteries with Liz Kessler

10:30 Age 7-10
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Emily Windsnap should be on a relaxing holiday with her friends and family, but wherever she goes adventure seems to follow... This time round she finds herself on a mysterious forgotten island where she must help fulfil an ancient prophecy before time runs out. Dive into a world of mesmerising mermaid magic as Liz Kessler presents the latest novel from her New York Times bestselling series.

Saturday 11th August — Sunday 12th August



↑ Clare Forrester,
Fiona Gordon &
Kate Livingston
12 Aug 17:00

← Charlie Higson
12 Aug 17:30
& 13 Aug 11:45



Sunday 12 continued...

How to Draw a Lion with Ed Vere

11:00- All Ages

13:00 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

RAAWWWRRRR! Join Ed Vere, author and illustrator of *How to be a Lion*, for a very big project. He's attempting to make the largest lion the Book Festival has ever seen! He needs helping hands, whether large or small, to make his big cat dreams come true. Can you drop into Story Box and help?



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Greek Goddess with Isabel Greenberg & Imogen Greenberg

11:45 Age 8-12

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Prepare to be amazed as you uncover the ancient myths surrounding one of the most fearless Greek goddesses, Athena. Isabel and Imogen Greenberg have created a stunning graphic novel about this inspirational, strong and determined figure. Today, they take you on a journey through ancient Greece before you get colouring and crafting to create your own piece of history.

All Aboard! with Alexander McCall Smith & Iain McIntosh

12:15 Age 8-12

Spark Theatre on George Street,

BSL **£5.00**

Climb aboard and join celebrated Edinburgh author Alexander McCall Smith and illustrator Iain McIntosh as they share the latest exciting adventures of the *School Ship Tobermory* crew. This time, the team are headed down under to the land of Oz. Set sail for a wonderful hour of storytelling as Alexander also introduces two other exhilarating tales, *Hari and His Electric Feet* and *Max Champion and the Great Race Car Robbery*.

10 Years of Young Samurai with Chris Bradford

12:15 Age 8-12

Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Author Chris Bradford celebrates the 10th year of his award-winning *Young Samurai* series, which follows the struggles of Jack Fletcher as he strives to become a samurai. Chris takes you through the journey so far with a few surprises and gives you a sneak peak at the final instalment. Witness Chris's amazing samurai sword skills in this action-packed event.

Adrian Edmondson
12 Aug 10:00

Harriet Muncaster
12 Aug 13:30



◀ Pamela Butchart
12 Aug 15:45

↓ Julian Clary
12 Aug 13:30



THE BAILLIE GIFFORD EVENT

Julian Clary & David Roberts: Trouble at Home

13:30 Age 7-10
Baillie Gifford Main Theatre, **£5.00**

Comedian, entertainer and novelist Julian Clary and award-winning illustrator David Roberts return with Britain's wildest family, The Bolds. In their fourth adventure, the crazy hyena clan are staying at home for the holidays but trouble soon appears when a sly fox starts causing a nuisance. Expect live drawing, lots of laughs and a good dose of mischief in this wildly witty event.

The Big Book of Brilliant Ideas

13:30- All Ages
16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Join theatre-maker **Hazel Darwin-Clements** to create a huge book filled with all of your amazing ideas. Big or small, all ideas are welcome! But this is not just a book - it's whatever you want it to be: a spaceship, a den, or a puppet theatre perhaps. Drop in to transform enormous pages into exciting creations that will become one giant, unique, brilliant book.

Dare to be Different with Harriet Muncaster

13:30 Age 5-8
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Isadora Moon is quite unique. Half vampire and half fairy, she loves spooky nights and bats, but equally adores sunshine, magic wands and rabbits. She's proud to be different but sometimes everyday activities don't always go to plan... Meet wonderfully quirky author Harriet Muncaster and prepare for an hour of magic and sparkle with a little bit of bite!

Fighting Fantasy with Steve Jackson & Ian Livingstone

14:00 Age 10-14
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Part game, part story – are you brave enough to embark on a live *Fighting Fantasy* adventure? Join the exhilarating fantasy series creators Steve Jackson and Ian Livingstone for this thrilling interactive audio experience in which you become the hero. As the story unfolds, you will be asked to make all the decisions, bringing the worldwide bestselling series of gamebooks to life. Will you live to see the end of the event?

Colouring Charles Rennie Mackintosh with Eilidh Muldoon

15:15 Families & 8+
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Scottish artist and architect at the heart of the Glasgow Style, Charles Rennie Mackintosh is famed for his use of colour and shape, so he's the perfect subject for Eilidh Muldoon's new colouring book. Offering a look into his life and most notable works, Eilidh invites you to colour alongside her in today's event. Come along and put your own stamp on Mackintosh's historic work.

Darren Shan: Dark Creations

15:30 Age 12+
The Spiegeltent, **£5.00**

His *Zom-B* series is contagiously addictive, Lord Loss is the demonic creature of your nightmares and *Cirque Du Freak* has you making deals with vampires. Today, Darren Shan talks about his monstrous writing career in all its gory detail. Fans of zombie flicks, vampire fiction and otherworldly demons, this is your chance to grill Darren about his books and his writing process as you delve between the covers of his gruesome tales.

The Secret Seven are Back with Pamela Butchart

15:45 Age 7-10
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

World Book Day 2018 author Pamela Butchart takes the reins from Enid Blyton as she presents the latest exploits of everyone's favourite detective club. In their brand new tale, the world famous septet are trying to uncover the mystery of the skull. Embark on an amazing adventure with Pamela as she discusses the wonderful *Secret Seven* series and reveals some of her own writing secrets along the way.

The A-Z of Empowerment

17:00 Age 8-12
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Be inspired by some scientific greats as **Clare Forrest, Fiona Gordon and Kate Livingston** guide you through their A-Z of undercelebrated female scientists who changed the world. As they introduce you to the characters in *The Mighty Women of Science*, they share tales of the hurdles these brilliant academics had to overcome to leave their mark on the scientific world, before encouraging you to take the world by storm yourself.

Charlie Higson with Steve Jackson & Ian Livingstone: Fantastic Fantasy

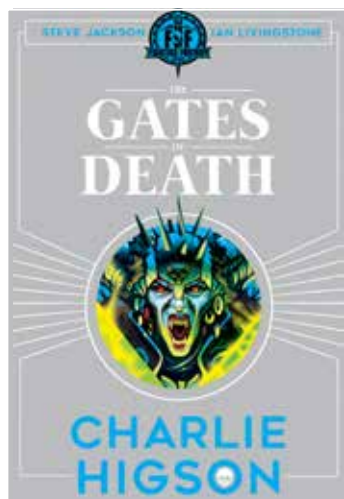
17:30 Age 10-14
Spark Theatre on George Street, **£5.00**

Bestselling author Charlie Higson is a longtime fan of the multi-million selling *Fighting Fantasy* roleplaying adventure series. Now, he's bringing his own brand of heart-stopping action and page-turning plots to Allansia in a new addition to the series, *The Gates of Death*. Today, Charlie chats about the concept and evolution of the books with the original creators of the series, Steve Jackson and Ian Livingstone.



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Steve Jackson &
Ian Livingstone
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Monday

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Including:
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Jonathan Meres
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Jim Field
David Melling



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Jonathan Meres: Friendly Rivalry

10:00- Age 5-8

10:45 Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Did you know that award-winning children's author Jonathan Meres was once an ice cream van driver? Perhaps that's what inspired his latest read for little ones, *Mint Choc Chip at the Market Café*. Today he introduces his wonderful story of life and competitive market stalls! Will Nana-ji provide the answers to help Priya see rivalry in a different light? Come along to find out.

Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet: Picture Book Mash-up

10:30 Age 4-7

Spark Theatre on George Street, **£5.00**

Have you ever wondered how a cake feels when it's being eaten? Or met an evil genius pea or superhero potato? Scrumptiously good author-illustrator team Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet present their delicious tale *Cake* and the latest adventures of Supertato to fill your tummies. Topped with a layer of special sound effects, lights and props, this is one spud-tacular event you are sure to find a-pea-ling.

Gill Arbuthnott: The Boy who Went to War

10:30 Age 8-12

Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

In November 1914, at the age of just 14, James Marchbank from Dalkeith went to the Western Front as a bugler in the Royal Scots Regiment. Throughout the war, he kept a diary detailing his experiences and luckily survived to bring it home with him. Discover the amazing true story of the boy who went to war with author Gill Arbuthnott, who has adapted James's diaries into a fascinating book.

Fiona Lumbers's Big Draw

11:00- All Ages

13:00 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Drop in and help illustrator of *Luna Loves Library Day*, Fiona Lumbers, imagine what wonderful things Luna might find within the pages of her library books. Let your imagination run wild as you create a huge portrait inspired by Luna's adventures through the magical bookshelves.

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Time for Bed with Chris Haughton

11:30 Age 3-5

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

The ultimate bedtime read, *Goodnight Everyone* is the 4th picture book from award-winning author and illustrator Chris Haughton. Relax and unwind before an afternoon nap as Chris reads from his book and draws some of the sleepy characters. A dream event all about the wonder of bedtime.

How to Write Horror

11:45 Age 12+

Baillie Gifford Main Theatre, **£5.00**

Budding writers and horror enthusiasts will love this panel discussion with **Sally Gardner, Charlie Higson and Darren Shan**. As masters of zombies, vampires and the psychologically unsettling, these three authors are dying to share their secrets with you. Do you have what it takes to write a disturbing, creepy or horrifying novel? Come along, meet the experts and find out.

Philip Reeve ↓
13 Aug 15:45

Sarah McIntyre →
13 Aug 13:15 &
14 Aug 15:45



Celebrating the Suffragettes with David Roberts

12:00 Age 10-14
The Spiegeltent, £5.00

Award-winning illustrator David Roberts's beautiful book, *Suffragette: The Battle for Equality*, tells of the bravery and achievements of the country's most determined women through stunning pictures and illustrations, marking 100 years since some British women first won the right to vote. Today, David shares some of these stories with you before helping you make your own suffragette rosette.

Jim Field: Oi!

12:15 Age 4-7
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, £5.00

The fun never stops with zany illustrator Jim Field who today shares the latest rhyming picture book in his bestselling series, *Oi Duck-Billed Platypus!*. Full of familiar animals and sensational silliness, the book follows Frog as he tries to find a place for his friends with non-rhyming names. Prepare for an event packed with vibrant illustrations and riotous rhyming.

New Neighbours with Sarah McIntyre

13:15 Age 3-5
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Be introduced to a whole host of fun, crazy animal characters in Sarah McIntyre's new picture book, *The New Neighbours*. Find out what the residents of Pickle Rye think of the new family living next door and explore the importance of leaving judgements and prejudices behind. Then, learn how to draw your own furry rabbit friend with Sarah.

David Melling: Rain or Shine

14:00- Age 4-7
14:45 Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, £5.00

Make friends with big bundles of fluff and energy, the Funny Bunnies, the latest creations from bestselling author of the much-loved *Hugless Douglas* series, David Melling. Whatever the weather, the Funny Bunnies are always ready to play. Follow their hilarious adventures through wind, rain, ice and snow in new picture book *Rain or Shine*, as David reads from this brilliant rhyming tale.

Chris Haughton's Big Draw

14:30- All Ages
16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, Free & Drop-in

From teeny tiny mice to a giant sleepy bear, Chris Haughton's *Goodnight Everyone* features animals of all shapes, sizes and energy levels! Today, you get the chance to decorate life-sized animals in an interactive drop-in, draw-along with Chris.

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Coelho
13 Aug 15:00



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13 Aug 10:00

Love Your Library with Joseph Coelho & Fiona Lumbers

15:00- Age 3-5
15:45 Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Dive into a world of books with Luna and her dad in *Luna Loves Library Day*, the wonderful new picture book from Joseph Coelho and Fiona Lumbers. Helping you to discover the magic and mystery behind each page, Joseph and Fiona have you moving, dancing and joining in as you explore the library with Luna in the most mesmerising way.

Katie Thistleton: Dear Katie

15:45 Age 10-14
Spark Theatre on George Street, £5.00

CBBC presenter Katie Thistleton has met thousands of children through her television and radio work. In her new book, *Dear Katie*, she provides real answers to real children's problems, giving advice on the challenging side of growing up. Today, she covers concerns from friendship fallouts to mental and physical health, providing a comforting and supportive environment in which you can ask your questions.

Philip Reeve: End of the Railroad

15:45 Age 12+
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, £5.00

Don't miss out on the final chapter of CILIP Carnegie Medal-shortlisted author Philip Reeve's smash hit *Railhead* trilogy, *Station Zero*. The stunning series conclusion follows Zen and Nova's final movements in a broken dystopian world. Meet this critically acclaimed author as he guides you through his retro influences and futuristic themes.

Will Mabbitt: Dead Funny

16:30 Age 8-12
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Hear all about Will Mabbitt's spookily funny new series, *Embassy of the Dead*, as you join him for an hour of chilling thrills. Jake is being threatened by beings from a seedy underworld. Thankfully he has a hidden talent - but it's so hidden that he doesn't even know about it! If he's going to survive, he better discover it fast... Join Will to find out if this unlikely hero will come out on top.

My Grandad, Mandela

17:00 Families & 5+
Baillie Gifford Main Theatre, £5.00

To mark the centenary of former South African President Nelson Mandela's birth, his two great-grandchildren (aged 6 and 7) have asked their grandmother, Mandela's daughter Zindzi, 15 questions about the man the world remembers as an inspirational leader and peacemaker. Through her answers, they learn about the life of the Nobel Peace Prize winner, finding out how they can continue his legacy in the world today. Authored jointly by **Zazi, Ziwelene** and **Zindzi Mandela**, and told from a child's perspective, discover this amazing story told as never before.

Paul Magrs & Lin Man-Chiu: Ventriloquism for Dummies

18:15 Age 12+
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Taiwanese author Lin Man-Chiu's latest work of young adult fiction, *The Ventriloquist's Daughter*, is a terrifying tale about a creepy ventriloquist's doll. Talking about evil puppets and controlling fathers, today Lin is interviewed by Paul Magrs, whose own work, *Hands Up!*, takes a satirical look at the world of ventriloquism. Get ready to enter the dark but maybe not-so-menacing world of talking dummies.

Tuesday

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Including:
Frank Cottrell Boyce
Summer Reading Challenge
Paul Magrs
Yoga Babies
Lari Don



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The Lives of Illustrators

10:00 Age 12+
Baillie Gifford Main Theatre, **£5.00**

Join four excellent, yet quite different, picture book illustrators to hear all about technique, inspiration and the process of turning their ideas into published books. **Jill Calder** and **Eilidh Muldoon** find inspiration in natural and urban environments, while **Chris Haughton** and **David Melling** create wonderful, empathetic animal characters for the youngest readers to enjoy. A perfect event for those curious about the illustration process or planning an artistic career.

Will Mabbitt: I Can Only Draw Worms

10:00 Age 3-5
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

A former employee of Disney, Nickelodeon and Cartoon Network, author Will Mabbitt has a pretty big problem - he can only draw worms. In his hilarious picture book *I Can Only Draw Worms*, Will - you guessed it - draws worms! Watch some of Will's live worm drawing and have a chuckle at the superbly silly story behind his funniest book yet.

YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE: CODENAME F

Freedom to be Heard

10:00- Families & 8+
17:30 The Bookshop on George Street, **Free & Drop-in**

Our Year of Young People co-programmers have designed a day of activities to challenge perceptions on how children and young adults engage with society; from politics to religion, immigration to environment, come and voice your thoughts and debate the issues of the day with the leaders of tomorrow. Fun, thoughtful and vocal activities for all. *Find out more about why our Year of Young People co-programmers designed this event at: learning.edbookfest.co.uk*

The Legend of Loch Ness with Lari Don

10:30 Age 5-8
Spark Theatre on George Street, **£5.00**

Shrouded in mystery and living deep underwater, the Loch Ness Monster is Scotland's favourite mythical icon. Following the success of *The Secret of the Kelpie*, Lari Don is back with a new tale exploring the monster living at the bottom of the deep blue loch. Get carried away with scintillating submerged secrets as you join her for a lively mythical storytelling session.

Making Mischief with the Summer Reading Challenge

11:00- All Ages
16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Join Edinburgh City Libraries for fun crafts, colouring, badge making and more as they celebrate 80 years of the Beano with this year's Summer Reading Challenge theme - Mischief Makers. The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays so channel Dennis the Menace, Gnasher and their friends and let your mischievous side shine during this drop-in craft event.



Join the Super Power Agency

11:00- Families & 8+
16:30 Super Power Agency Bus on George Street, **Free & Drop-in**

Hop aboard the Super Power Agency Bus and become a literacy superhero! Special agents show you how to take a book out of your head and onto the page, where it can change the world, with fun bookmaking and storytelling activities.

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11:30- Age 0-3
12:00 Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

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Frank Cottrell Boyce: Intergalactic House Guests

12:00 Age 8-12
The Spiegeltent, **£5.00**

CILIP Carnegie Medal-winning author Frank Cottrell Boyce's latest bizarre comedy sees science fiction meet man's best friend. *Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth* follows the Blythe family and their peculiar new house guest who appears to be a dog to everyone except young Prez. Don't miss out on an event that is truly out of this world.

Bad Mermaids with Sibéal Pounder

12:15 Age 7-10
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Sibéal Pounder brings a new twist to the underwater world of mermaids with her *Bad Mermaids* series, featuring magical mysteries and fabulous fashion. Today, she introduces the latest instalment of her fin-tastic tales, revealing lots of secrets about her fishy friends and their adventures. Perfect for fans of *The Little Mermaid*.

Alison Murray: Playful Picture Books

12:45 Age 3-5
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Meet author-illustrator Alison Murray and watch as she reads and draws from her beautiful picture books, *The Little Green Hen* and *Dino Duckling*, the latter of which gives a prehistoric spin to the classic Ugly Duckling tale. The perfect event for curious little chickens and aspiring dino designers.

Sophie Cameron & Sally Gardner: Sky Falling

VOTE

14:00 Age 12+
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Join two highly talented authors as they explore difficult topics including mental health, death and sexual identity in their latest moving novels. In award-winning writer Sally Gardner's *My Side of the Diamond*, Becky jumps from the top of a building but doesn't hit the ground. Debut novelist Sophie Cameron's *Out of the Blue* follows a girl grieving for her mother, when suddenly angels begin falling from the sky.

Sheena Dempsey & Swapna Haddow: Ready, Set, Fly!

14:30 Age 5-8
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Meeting new friends is great for Dave Pigeon, and with friendship comes some healthy competition. But Dave's not worried - after all, what better than a race for a racing pigeon? Burn off some afternoon energy with author Swapna Haddow and illustrator Sheena Dempsey in a fast-paced event full of flapping feathers and pigeon pandemonium.

Sarah McIntyre & Philip Reeve: The Legend of Kevin

15:45 Age 7-10
The Spiegeltent, **£5.00**

Expect lots of dressing up and interactive games with Sarah McIntyre and Philip Reeve as they bring *The Legend of Kevin* to life. A magical storm sees Kevin the flying pony and lots of other lively creatures crashing into Max's town. With Max's quick thinking and a constant supply of biscuits for Kevin, you'll soon discover that there's nothing this unlikely but heroic duo can't achieve.

Jill Calder: Illustrating the World

16:15 Age 7-10
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Have your pencil at the ready as you investigate the world like never before in this interactive live drawing event with illustrator Jill Calder. Explore borders, mountains, rivers, seas and oceans, along with the natural wonders of the world, fascinating cultures and much more. Culminating in a team drawing, this event is bursting with beautiful artwork, astounding facts and informative maps.

Karen Lord & Paul Magrs: Past, Present, Future

19:00 Age 12+
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Two giants of speculative fiction explore contemporary concerns through fantastical worlds and imaginative ideas. Multi award-winning writer Karen Lord and *The Lora Trilogy* author Paul Magrs talk about their latest novels and how they take societal issues from the past and present, including power, crime and corruption, and set them against a backdrop of futuristic landscapes.



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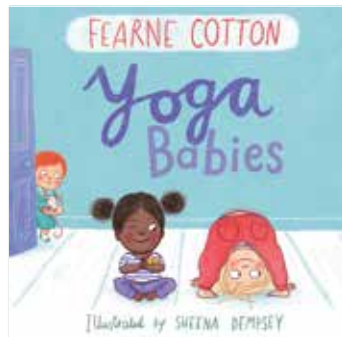
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& 15 Aug 10:00

The Mysterious Grotlyn with Benji Davies

10:30 Age 4-7
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Picture book superstar Benji Davies's new charming tale, *The Grotlyn*, sees a series of mysterious occurrences take place in a Victorian town. But what is the Grotlyn? And why is it stealing people's knickers? Come along to find out as Benji live draws parts of the story all about things that go bump in the night.

Become a Magical Character with Book Aid International

11:00- All Ages
16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Step into an enchanted forest and become a fairy tale character. With the help of Book Aid International, author-illustrator **Tor Freeman** leads a magical, crafty drop-in. Wands, masks, crowns and unicorn horns are available to help bring your character to life, and you can even snap a picture in our photobooth once you're dressed as your best fairy tale self.

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Lucy Volpin: Painting with Crocodali

12:30 Age 3-5
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Create a masterpiece with author Lucy Volpin inspired by the most talented painter in the whole wide world - Crocodali. The artistic croc needs your help, but be sure to do exactly what he says otherwise the paint could end up everywhere! Celebrate the inventive, creative style of Crocodali as you take part in Lucy's arts and crafts activities. Guaranteed to keep little hands busy.

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Meet the Artist with Lizzy Stewart

15:45 Age 5-8
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Lizzy Stewart introduces you to the work of artist J M W Turner in an event packed with inspiring activities for budding young artists. Lizzy's brilliant new activity book encourages you to get creative with lots of different materials. Come along to find out what inspired her to create a book about Turner's art and leave with plenty of ideas for a craft-filled afternoon.

The Girl Guide with Marawa Ibrahim

16:15 Age 10-14
The Spiegeltent, **£5.00**

World record-breaking hula hooper Marawa Ibrahim shares her new life advice book, *The Girl Guide*, a go-to handbook packed with humorous stories and vital information about periods, body hair, sweat and more. Helping you see the funny side of growing up, enjoy light-hearted conversation with Marawa before having a go at beating the hula hooping champion with some twirling of your own.

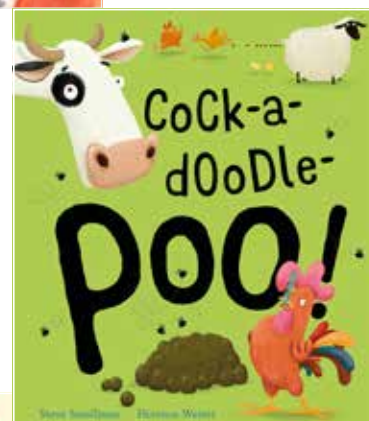
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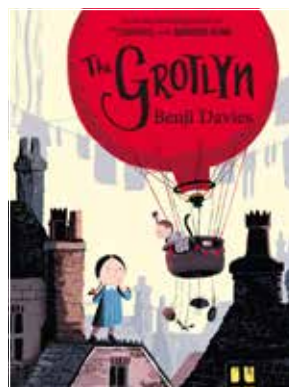
Join the Cuilean Craicte team and illustrator **Tom Morgan-Jones** for fun and games with Uilleam Againne (Oor Wullie) and friends - in Gaelic! Draw along with Tom, try some of Uilleam's favourite games and listen carefully so you can answer the quiz questions at the end for a chance to win a Soor Ploom or two. *Thig còmhla ri Cuilean Craicte agus neach-dealbhachaidh Tom Morgan-Jones airson spòrs is fealla-dhà le Uilleam Againne is a chàirdean. Dèan dealbh no dhà, feuch cuid dhe na geamannan as fheàrr le Uilleam is èist gu dlùth ach am freagair thu na ceistean aig an deireadh airson cothrom air Soor Ploom no dhà.*



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Debi Giori ↑
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Meg McLaren: Creative Critter

10:00 Age 3-5
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Maurice the mouse loves the Station Mouse Handbook, but what will happen when he's faced with a choice between following the rules and following his heart? Find out as you join author-illustrator Meg McLaren for a creative start to the day. Learn how to improve your doodling skills and draw along as Meg illustrates some of her picture book characters live.

Yo Ho Ho! Pirate Crafts with the Museum of Childhood

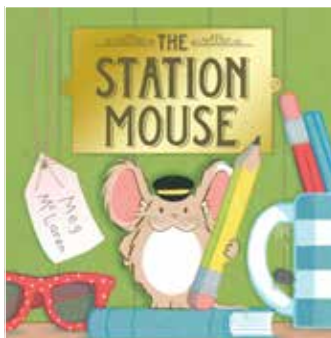
11:00- All Ages
14:00 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Inspired by the Growing Up with Books exhibition at the Museum of Childhood, the Museums & Galleries Edinburgh team offer craft activities inspired by your favourite pirate books. Drop in to make a map of your own treasure island, hoist yer sails and head for land, or create your own pretty Polly parrot sidekick to share your pirate secrets with.

Rhymetime

11:30- Age 0-3
12:00 Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **FREE: Book in advance**

Join Craigmillar Books for Babies for a fun and lively sing-along as they share their favourite rhymes and songs. With lots of laughs and language development, this event is ideal for families with children under the age of four.



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Superhero Sidekicks with Lizzy Stewart

13:45 Age 3-5

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Superhero Juniper Jupiter is on the search for a sidekick but she can't find one who is quite right... Waterstones Children's Book Prize-winning author Lizzy Stewart introduces you to the fantastic characters in *Juniper Jupiter* and teaches you all about how to be a superhero (with or without a sidekick), before helping you make your own special superhero mask.

Colin MacIntyre & Catherine Thomann: The Humdrum Drum

14:00 Age 4-7

Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Prepare to get lively and loud with musical maestro Colin MacIntyre (most notable for Mull Historical Society) and illustrator Catherine Thomann as they introduce their picture book *The Humdrum Drum*, a colourful musical tale about teamwork and togetherness which revolves around the beat of a drum. Bust a move and tap to the tune as you help Colin keep the orchestra alive with the sound of music and watch Catherine draw some of the book's vibrant illustrations.

Meg McLaren's Big Draw

14:30- All Ages

16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

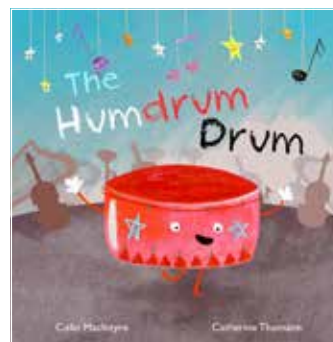
Help create a giant picture of a busy, bustling train station with author-illustrator Meg McLaren. Add in all the commuting characters you might find including Maurice the Station Mouse from Meg's latest picture book. You'll also get the chance to make your own Station Mouse ears and snap a photo of yourself with Maurice.

All the Way Home with Debi Gliori

15:15- Age 3-5

15:45 Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Take half an hour out of your day to enjoy CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal-shortlisted Debi Gliori's intricately designed illustrations. Using several different mediums, Debi draws captivating work for young minds. Come and take a sneak peak at what's behind the cover of *Alfie in the Woods*, *All the Way Home* and *Goodnight World* as Debi draws the much-loved characters and scenes before your eyes.



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Wild Adventures with Joshua Davidson

16:30 Age 7-10

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Author Joshua Davidson leads you through a wild hour of interactive fun as he introduces the next adventure in his *Night Zookeeper* series, *The Lioness of Fire Desert*. What will happen when Will and his friends go on a mission to uncover myths and legends in the desert wilderness? Find out in this engaging event with Joshua, who has created an accompanying website designed to inspire creativity and make learning fun.

Holly Bourne & Cat Clarke: Finding Resolve

17:30 Age 12+

Spark Theatre on George Street, **£5.00**

When friendship, mental health, love and death come into play, life can get pretty complicated. These are the key themes in Holly Bourne's *Are We All Lemmings and Snowflakes?* and Cat Clarke's *We Are Young*. Join two hugely talented authors of young adult fiction to discover how their central characters deal with difficult situations and secrets from their pasts.



Friday

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Including:

Juno Dawson

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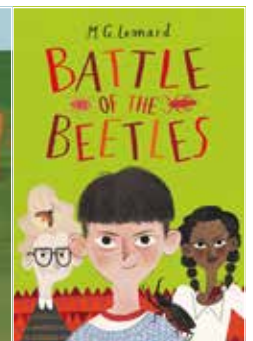
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10:00- Age 3-5

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Doctor Book

10:30- All Ages

15:30 Baillie Gifford Children's Bookshop, **Free & Drop-in**

Stuck for something to read? Looking for new and exciting authors to explore? Edinburgh City Libraries' Doctor Book is on hand to dispense advice. You'll even get your own reading prescription to take away with you. A simple medical procedure to cure your reading woes for babies, teens and even parents. No appointment necessary!

Sensory Space Adventures

11:00 - 16:30

All Ages

LD Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Embark on a multi-sensory, intergalactic adventure with **Ailie Finlay** from Flotsam and Jetsam Puppets and Stories, in association with Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity. With out-of-this-world crafts and entertaining stories of far away galaxies and friendly aliens, there's surely no place on earth you would rather be. *This sensory drop-in event is suitable for all ages, including those with additional needs.*

Superhero Parents with Joe Berger

11:30 Age 3-5

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Mums and dads are always saving the day but can you imagine if they were real superheroes? Joe Berger turns your dreams into reality in his new books, *Superhero Mum* and *Superhero Dad*, showing that sometimes the greatest superpowers are the ones that don't seem so extraordinary. Come along to learn about the amazing powers that all our parents have.

Squabbling Squirrels with Rachel Bright

13:15 Age 3-5

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Two squirrels are chasing the last nut of the season through the forest. Which one of them will get to it first? Will they be able to work together and share? Join author Rachel Bright to find out more about *The Squirrels Who Squabbled*, her latest hilarious rhyming adventure. The perfect event for competitive friends and sibling rivals.

Chae Strathie: Surviving Ancient Egypt

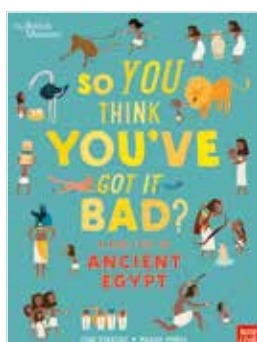
14:00 Age 7-10
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Life in ancient Egypt may sound like fun, with all the amazing pyramids and glorious sunny weather, but in award-winning author Chae Strathie's new book, you'll discover it was actually pretty tough! Come along to find out what life was really like, from dodging Deathstalker scorpions to cleaning up cow dung, eating roast hedgehog to being slammed in the stocks. Maybe modern life's not so bad after all...

Create Your Own Character Map

14:00- Age 8-12
16:00 The Bookshop on George Street, **£8.00 [£6.00]**

Come along to this interactive workshop and create a unique map of your reading experience and your favourite characters. Through a series of playful exercises and prompts, you can chart the voices of characters from books that you have enjoyed. Then take your map home with you and use it as the starting point to create your own wonderful stories.



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Joe Berger: Lyttle's Big Lies

15:45 Age 8-12
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Author-illustrator Joe Berger is back with his second book featuring Sam Lyttle, the little boy who tells big lies. This time around, Sam has to tell the truth for at least six weeks - it's going to be a tough task! Joe shares his top tips on how to avoid fibs in this lively hour of laugh-out-loud storytelling and little white lies.

M G Leonard: Beetle Mania

16:00 Age 8-12
Garden Theatre, **£5.00**

M G Leonard shares her passion for creepy crawlies, reveals fascinating facts about insect lifecycles and explains why beetles are important to the environment, before giving you the chance to meet some real-life insects, courtesy of Cool Creatures. Plus, she reads from her brand new novel *Battle of the Beetles* in which humanity is under siege and its future depends on three children and their beetles.

Barry Hutchison: Magnetic Mooing Mayhem

16:30 Age 3-5
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Award-winning children's author Barry Hutchison writes for a broad range of ages and we're delighted to welcome him to share his debut picture book *Magna Cow* today. It's a moo-ving and wacky tale of cows, friendship... and magnets! Barry shares Magna Cow's shining moments with you in this very funny, interactive event.

Teddy Bear Sleepover

17:15- Age 3-5
18:00 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **FREE: Book in advance**

Bring your teddy bear or soft toy (maybe not your favourite one!) to enjoy some bedtime stories and songs with Craigmillar Literacy Trust. Then get them tucked into bed for a sleepover in Charlotte Square Gardens. Will they have a good night's sleep or will they get up to mischief? Find out tomorrow when you come back to collect them from 11:00-16:30 in Story Box.

Juno Dawson: Clean

17:30 Age 14+
Spark Theatre on George Street, **£5.00**

As a School Role Model for the charity Stonewall, Juno Dawson is well versed in communicating the nitty gritty to young adults. She returns to the Festival with her razor sharp novel about one young girl's rise from the lows of heroin addiction. A gripping and edgy portrait of addiction and tackling demons, *Clean* is an important and clever book. Juno discusses it today in her characteristic open and honest style.



Saturday

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Including:

Gemma Cairney

Dirty Bertie

Andy Stanton

Odin, Thor and Loki

Pamela Butchart



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Andy Stanton: One Million Years of Stupidity

10:00 Families & 6+

Baillie Gifford Main Theatre, **£5.00**

Kick off your day with the entertaining author of the bestselling *Mr Gum* series, Andy Stanton. *Natboff! One Million Years of Stupidity* is his latest thigh-slapping comedy book, taking you through history to meet some hilarious and very peculiar characters. While you may not learn a huge amount along the way, you're guaranteed to laugh your socks off.

Yuval Zommer: Illustrious Illustrations

10:00 Age 3-5

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Popular illustrator Yuval Zommer has created some of our favourite images, from slippery, scaly, underwater creatures to furry bears in the woods. Here to spark your creativity, today Yuval discusses some of his most memorable characters before inviting you to join him in drawing some of your own. Get hands-on in this highly interactive illustration event.

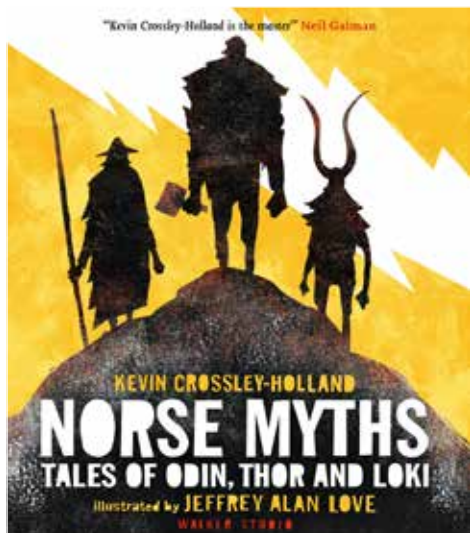
New York Nightmares with Barry Hutchison

10:30 Age 8-12

Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Keep an eye out for unusual goings-on as you discover the latest instalment of Barry Hutchison's hilarious *Spectre Collectors* series, *A New York Nightmare!*. Denzel and Smithy are back and this time they're getting entangled in strange paranormal activity in the Big Apple. Try not to get spooked as you meet the ghostbusting author behind this terrifically terrifying series.

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Get Stuck into Science with the Royal Society

11:00- All Ages

16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Inspired by the shortlist for their 2018 Young People's Book Prize, the Royal Society present a day of family fun in Story Box. Creativity and experimentation are in store with plenty of engaging activities and crafting opportunities. Drop in and don't forget to browse the six shortlisted books and cast your vote for the winner while you're here.

Hayley Scott: Meet the Twitches

11:45 Age 5-8

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Meet the Twitches, four tiny toy rabbits who live inside a beautiful Teacup House and come alive when no one is looking. Today, author Hayley Scott sets the scene and gives a contemporary, smart and inclusive take on 21st century families. Join her for a charming event about a series which demonstrates that families can come in all shapes and sizes.

Odin, Thor and Loki with Kevin Crossley-Holland

12:00 Age 7-10

The Spiegel tent, **£5.00**

Discover the extraordinary and enthralling illustrated anthology of Norse Myths from CILIP Carnegie Medal-winning author Kevin Crossley-Holland. Marvel in the mystical myths of Odin, Thor and Loki as you enter into the strange world of ancient magic, monsters and giants. An unmissable event for any fans of mythology who seek the original stories that inspired comic books and superheroes.

Freedom to Read, Freedom to Write

12:15 Age 10-14

Spark Theatre on George Street, **£5.00**

Join award-winning novelists **Lari Don**, **Candy Gourlay** and **Elizabeth Wein** to explore the expansive world of writing for children and teens. They talk about everything from taking inspiration from myths and legends, introducing history through compelling characters, to opening minds to fantastical lands and speculative fiction. Chaired by Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

Jonathan Meres: Norm's Final Chapter

12:15 Age 8-12

Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Jonathan Meres returns to the Festival with Norm's last and most outrageous adventure to date, *The World of Norm: Must End Soon*. The final book of this award-winning series will have you rolling on the floor with laughter. Jonathan's entertaining hour of hiccups and musical hilarity is not to be missed as you discover if life will finally become fair for our friend Norm.

Absurd Adventures with A L Kennedy

12:30 Age 7-10

Garden Theatre, **£5.00**

Badger Bill has noticed that his beloved best friend Uncle Shawn is acting a bit unusual. Can he enlist the help of four bickering llamas, a pirate boy and an invisible girl to save Shawn from being sent to the Maximum Security Institute of Unusualness? Find out as author A L Kennedy shares the latest book from her surreal but heartwarming series.

Yuval Zommer: Illustrious Illustrations

13:30 Age 3-5

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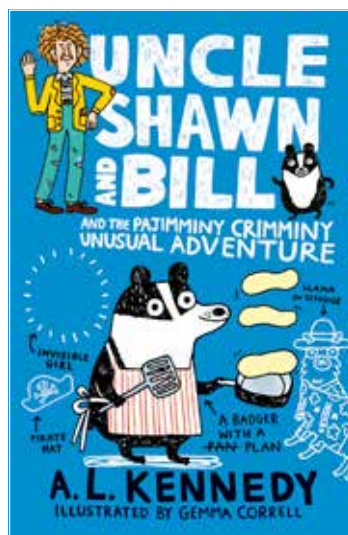
Alan MacDonald: Dirty Bertie is Back!

14:00 Age 5-8

Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre,

BSL **£5.00**

Dirty Bertie, the boy with nose-pickingly disgusting habits, is back for another helping of comical chaos. Alan MacDonald introduces *Mascot!*, his latest adventure about the little rascal who has found himself in another spot of bother. Alan then gives you a sneak peek of *Ask Oscar*, his new book about a talking dog who thinks humans are badly trained!



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Hayley Scott →
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David Litchfield: The Bear and the Piano

15:15- Age 3-5

16:00 Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Bear's recruiting musical mammals for his jazz band but artistic egos are causing him problems... Come along and hear about author-illustrator David Litchfield's brand new picture book, *The Bear, the Piano, the Dog and the Fiddle*. Starting as a young boy, David has been honing his drawing skills for years, and now enjoys teaching youngsters how to do the same. The perfect event for budding artists and beginners, including drawing, writing and hands-on crafts.

Use Your Voice: Spoken Word Workshop

15:30 Age 8-12

Writers' Retreat, £5.00

Spoken word is everywhere - from TV adverts to Spotify to Youtube. Two of the UK's leading spoken word stars, **Salena Godden** and **Molly Naylor**, host a fun and energetic workshop that will give you everything you need to start writing and performing like a pro. What thoughts do you want to share with the world?

Open Up with Gemma Cairney

15:45 Age 12+

Spark Theatre on George Street, £5.00

BBC Radio 1 DJ and agony aunt Gemma Cairney presents two new books offering comfort to those attempting to navigate their way through the modern world. Full of honest and practical advice from Gemma and professionals, *Open Your Heart* and *Open Your Mind* cover everything from anxiety to heartbreak to body image. Today, Gemma opens up about her books and answers your questions.

Pamela Butchart: Funny Phantoms

15:45 Age 7-10

Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, £5.00

Pamela Butchart leads you on an hour of ghost-hunting mayhem as she shares her latest comical *Baby Aliens* creation, *The Phantom Lollipop Man!* Lizzy and her friends can't work out where their lollipop man has gone. Could it be that he was a phantom all along? Join the award-winning author for a kooky, spooky, laugh-out-loud event.

Clare Elsom: Sporting Spectacular

16:45 Age 5-8

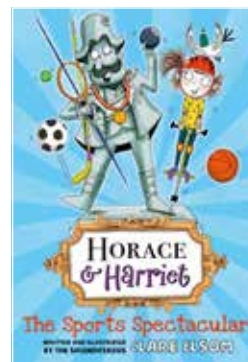
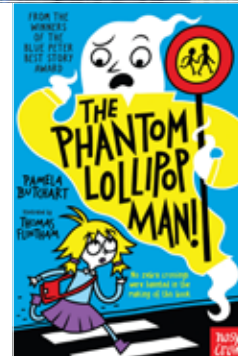
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Horace and Harriet are very different. Harriet is seven, while Horace is from the 17th century... and he's a statue! Despite their differences, a friendship is born and Harriet convinces Horace to take part in the Sports Spectacular. Join *Flying Fergus* illustrator Clare Elsom to find out if Horace can win and then be inspired to get drawing some sporting characters of your own. Remember to keep an eye out for crafty Coach Whipston!



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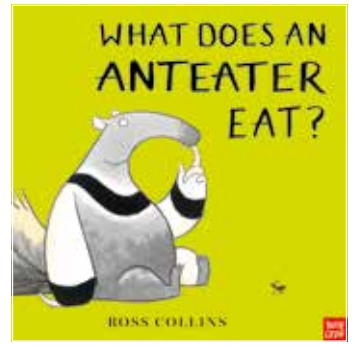
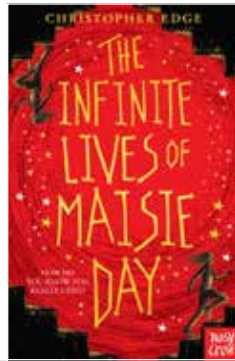


Sunday

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Chris Hoy
Francesca Simon
Derek Landy
Christopher Edge

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THE NAIRN'S EVENT

Chris Hoy: Cycling Sensation

10:00 Families & 6+
Baillie Gifford Main Theatre, £5.00

Jump on your bike and get down to this event to meet one of Great Britain's most successful Olympic athletes, Chris Hoy, as he shares the latest books from his magical cycling adventure series, *Flying Fergus*. The cycling legend is joined by his writing and illustration team, **Joanna Nadin** and **Clare Elsom**, for a fantastically fun, fast-paced event.

Alice Melvin: Paper-Cut Picture Books

10:00- Age 3-5
10:45 Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Award-winning illustrator Alice Melvin's board books are filled with wonderful paper-cut illustrations. Today, she introduces you to her two latest creations, *Me and You* and *My Day*, before helping you make your own concertina picture book to take home with you. Come along for cutting, crafting and colouring-in.

Companion Dogs for T S Eliot's Mogs

10:30 Families & 6+
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, £5.00

T S Eliot's *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* is one of the most successful poetry collections in history. Now **Christopher Reid** and **Elliot Elam** have created a witty companion volume, *Old Toffer's Book of Consequential Dogs*. Today they show off their puppy poetry prowess in this entertaining event featuring their varied verse and colourful illustrations.

Votes for Women!

11:00- All Ages
13:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, Free & Drop-in

2018 marks 100 years since the first women in Britain won the right to vote. Join us in Story Box to celebrate Vote 100 with placards, rosettes, sashes and suffragette-themed crafts aplenty.

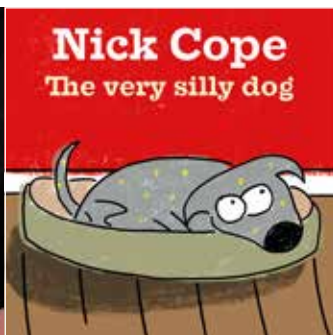


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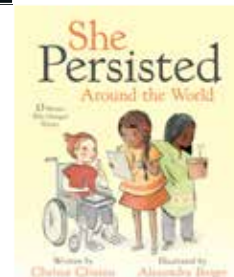


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Easy Peasy Cooking with Mary Contini & Pru Irvine

11:30 Age 8-12
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Multi-talented cookery book authors Mary Contini and Pru Irvine share their tips and tricks for making cooking fun, safe and scrumptious for the whole family. Their new cookbook, *Easy Peasy*, features over 60 recipes guaranteed to tickle your tastebuds. Today, they talk about how easy healthy eating can be and inspire you to cook up a storm in the kitchen. We're getting hungry just thinking about it...

Charlotte Cotterill & Francesca Simon: Double Trouble

12:15 Age 5-8
Spark Theatre on George Street, £5.00

Hack and Whack are on the attack and nothing's going to stop the Viking toddler twins... until their mum turns up! Discover the latest tale from 'queen of funny', author Francesca Simon, and learn how to draw your own vibrant Viking characters with illustrator Charlotte Cotterill. Expect a lively hour of historical hilarity.

Ross Collins: Anteater Antics

12:15 Age 5-8
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, £5.00

Baffled by what to eat and faced with a rumbling tummy, Anteater consults his animal friends to try and remember what it is that he eats. But Sloth is too busy, Toucan is clueless and Crocodile has his own mouth full. Help author Ross Collins to remember what Anteater should eat as you join him for a deliciously daft hour of animal eating antics.

David Litchfield & Ross Montgomery: Space Tortoise

13:15 Age 5-8
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Get lost in space with author Ross Montgomery and illustrator David Litchfield. Tortoise has never seen another tortoise and wonders where they could all be hiding. One day, he looks up at the night sky and realises he must travel further in order to find them... Soar far beyond the clouds with Ross and David in this heartwarming event about bravery and kindness.



Chelsea Clinton ↑
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Katie Tsang & Kevin Tsang
19 Aug 15:00



Inspiring Women with Chelsea Clinton

13:30 Families & 7+
Baillie Gifford Main Theatre, **£5.00**

Chelsea Clinton, Vice Chair of the Clinton Foundation and author of *It's Your World*, has authored two new children's picture books, *She Persisted* and *She Persisted Around the World*. Both books celebrate women who have used their voices and determination to change and shape history. Come and be inspired by some of the real-life heroes who feature, including Marie Curie and J K Rowling.

Nick Cope: A Very Silly Sing-along

13:45 Age 3-5
The Spiegel tent, **£5.00**

Musician Nick Cope's performances are legendary and his new series of picture books are soon to be too. Following the ups and downs of daily life for character Joe, the books offer a fresh alternative to traditional children's tales. If you haven't heard Nick's songs or seen his shows before, come and find out what you've been missing and enjoy a delightful hour of musical fun and silliness.

Emma Carroll & Sue Purkiss: Secret Searching

14:00 Age 8-12
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Two established authors present their captivating new novels. Emma Carroll's *Secrets of a Sun King* follows the life of a young girl in the 1920s who is obsessed with ancient Egyptian myths. *Jack Fortune and the Search for the Hidden Valley* by Sue Purkiss is a brilliant adventure story which sees Jack go on an incredible expedition. Join Emma and Sue as they reveal the real life inspirations behind these terrific tales.

Sustainable Story Book Creations

14:00- All Ages
16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Today, we're combining two things that we love at the Book Festival - creating stories and looking after the environment. Drop into Story Box to make one of your favourite story book characters from a range of recycled materials. Perhaps you will rework the Gruffalo from cardboard boxes or bring Supertato to life with old potato packaging - the possibilities are endless!

Conquering Fears with Katie Tsang & Kevin Tsang

15:00 Age 7-10
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Sam Wu is not a scaredy-cat - let's just get that straight. But sometimes Sam is understandably terrified of spooky, scary things like ghosts and sharks. Katie and Kevin Tsang tell you all about Sam and how he battles to overcome his fears with epic adventures as they introduce their brand new *Sam Wu* series. Be courageous and join them for this fear-conquering event.

Derek Landy: Skulduggery Pleasant

15:45 Age 10-14
Spark Theatre on George Street, **£5.00**

Skulduggery Pleasant and Valkyrie Cain are back in Derek Landy's most gripping story yet. *Midnight*, the eleventh instalment in Derek's hugely successful series, picks up where *Resurrection* left off. Come along to a bone-shaking event with the author of this edge-of-your-seat story and help Derek to crack his latest case. A non-stop action-filled thriller.

Sarah Crossan: Life and Death Row

15:45 Age 14+
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

It's not hard to see why Sarah Crossan's latest novel, *Moonrise*, was shortlisted for the 2017 Costa Children's Book Award. It's a thought-provoking tale of love and forgiveness written entirely in captivating verse. Today, Sarah shares her gripping tale of two brothers trying to make their relationship work in the final days before one's execution on death row. An insightful event exploring difficult issues.

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Helena Duggan & Christopher Edge: Quirky Adventures

17:00 Age 10-14
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Two masters of quirky and unforgettable adventures share the stage today. Explore the real-life science behind Christopher Edge's new mind-bending mystery, *The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day*, and venture back to Perfect with Helena Duggan in the second instalment of her creepy *A Place Called Perfect* series. Fantastic characters, twisting plots and unusual settings transport these books to another world. Find out why our Year of Young People co-programmers picked this event at: learning.edbookfest.co.uk

Monday

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Ben Faulks ↑
20 Aug 15:15

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Ben Faulks
The Powerpuff Girls
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Bookbug



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Bookbug

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Come and sing along with traditional nursery songs and action rhymes in an event hosted by Edinburgh City Libraries as part of Scottish Book Trust's Early Years programme.

20 Years of the Powerpuff Girls

11:00- All Ages
14:00 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Harness your inner superhero as you drop into Story Box for some super fun and super fierce activities to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Powerpuff Girls. Discover lots of fantastic facts about Blossom, Bubbles and Buttercup and try your hand at some awesome crafts.

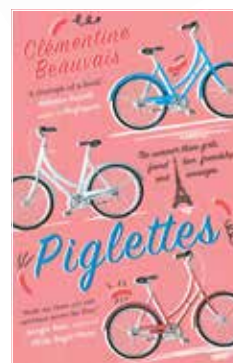
Megan Brewis: Friend or Foe

11:15 Age 3-5
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Make some new underwater friends with author of *Steve, Terror of the Seas*, Megan Brewis. Steve is no angelfish but there are far scarier creatures in the sea. He's not very big and his teeth aren't so sharp, so why are the other fish so afraid of him? Come along to hear Megan read from her delightful picture book and find out if the other fish will ever see Steve as a friend.



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Megan Brewis's Big Draw

14:30- All Ages

16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Dive into the sea with author-illustrator Megan Brewis as you create a wonderful underwater scene featuring Steve, Terror of the Seas, and all of his fishy friends. Drop in to meet Megan, look at some of her colourful picture books and enjoy a range of drawing activities.

Ben Faulks: Who Are You?

15:15 Age 3-5

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Star of CBeebies's Mr Bloom's Nursery, Ben Faulks loves games, songs and silliness. Join in the fun as you delve into his new book and ask yourself the very important question: *What Makes Me a Me?* Are you like a sports car - lightning fast? Or maybe you're very tall like a giraffe? Get ready for lots of audience interaction as Ben helps you get to the bottom of what makes you you.

Emma Carroll & Chris Priestley: Gloriously Gothic

17:00 Age 12+

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

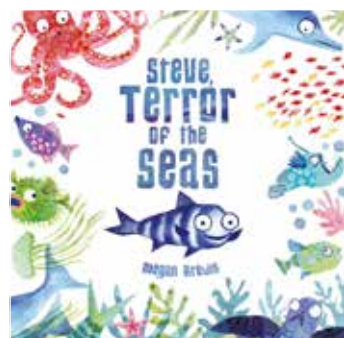
Two talented authors of gothic fiction divulge their deep, dark writing secrets. Emma Carroll and Chris Priestley's novels, *Strange Star* and *Mister Creecher*, are both deliciously creepy tales featuring ghostly stories and shadowy characters. They share their top tips for aspiring writers and explain how *Frankenstein* author Mary Shelley influenced their writing.

Clémentine Beauvais & Katherine Webber: Friendship and First Loves

19:00 Age 12+

Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

First loves may be left behind but true friendship lasts forever. Clémentine Beauvais and Katherine Webber share their latest books, *Piglettes* and *Only Love Can Break Your Heart*, uplifting and inspiring stories about body confidence and the pressure of fitting in. Discover two fantastic teen tales as these authors of young adult fiction talk about the importance of learning to love yourself before you can truly love someone else.



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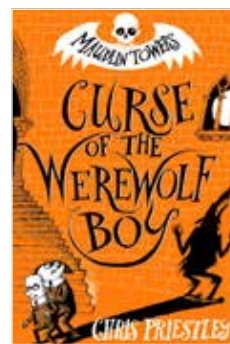
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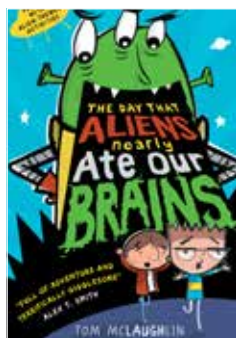


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The Big Tiger Tea Party

11:00- All Ages
14:00 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Celebrate 50 years of Judith Kerr's classic tale *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* by joining us for a tea party. Drop into Story Box to explore all of the sounds, tastes, feelings and smells of the story through a range of terrific tiger-inspired sensory activities with theatre-maker **Hazel Darwin-Clements**.

Duncan Beedie: The Last Chip

13:30 Age 3-5
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Percy the pigeon is very hungry. Every time he tries to get hold of a scrap of food, the bigger birds bat him away. But just as he's about to give up, someone offers him their last chip... Enjoy a mouth-wateringly good time as author-illustrator of *The Last Chip*, Duncan Beedie, shares his tale and then helps you to create your own Percy the pigeon.





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Jarvis's Big Draw

14:30- All Ages
16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Drop into Story Box to meet author and illustrator Jarvis and his creation Tropical Terry, a not-so-tropical fish who needs your help to look more colourful. Cut, colour and stick with all the shades under the sea to help make a beautiful collage of Terry and a shoal of his fishy friends.

Magic, Giants and Jellybeans with Adam Guillain & Charlotte Guillain

15:15 Age 3-5
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Step into amazing stories with Adam and Charlotte Guillain in this lively interactive storytelling event. There will be costumes, puppets and silly songs galore as you join George on his search for a real giant with the latest book in the *George's Amazing Adventures* series, *Jellybeans for Giants*. Plus, meet the characters from Adam and Charlotte's other brilliant books too.

Laura Ellen Anderson & Cerrie Burnell: Harper's Next Adventure

16:00 Age 7-10
Garden Theatre, **£5.00**

The eagerly-awaited next instalment in Cerrie Burnell and Laura Ellen Anderson's *Harper* series is here. The author-illustrator duo take you back into the Circus of Dreams for a wondrous adventure. Get involved in this interactive event as you hear all about Harper's next step in *Harper and the Fire Star* and watch some brilliant live drawing from Laura.

Hilarious Horror with Tom McLaughlin & Chris Priestley

16:45 Age 8-12
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Meet two very funny authors of humorous horror. Two school boy detectives get the fright of their lives as they investigate the case of the missing spoon in Chris Priestley's *Curse of the Werewolf Boy*. Meanwhile things don't quite go to plan in Tom McLaughlin's new laugh-a-minute alien adventure. Be prepared to laugh and scream in equal measure.

Yaba Badoe & Steve Tasane: Belonging

18:15 Age 12+
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

In Yaba Badoe's *A Jigsaw of Fire and Stars*, sole survivor of a shipwreck, Sante, is forced to confront her past when the unquiet dead call out to her. *Child I* by Steve Tasane focuses on a group of undocumented refugee children desperately trying to forge a new family in a camp. In this important event, Yaba and Steve discuss themes of immigration, belonging and hope as they introduce their gritty refugee stories.



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Rock Out with Dads Rock

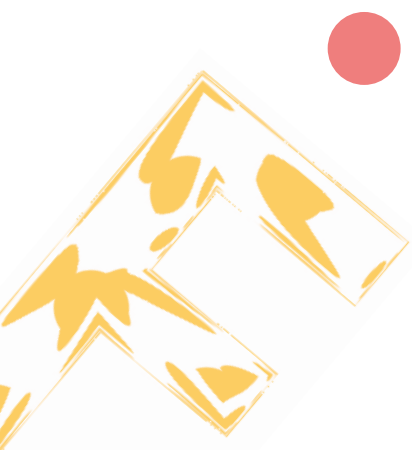
11:00- All Ages
16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

There's fun for the whole family with Dads Rock. Grab your dad (or another friend or relative) and drop into Story Box to release your wild side with some crazy crafts inspired by Dads Rock's favourite books. As always, the Dads Rock gang will have their instruments so come along and join their band. Let's rock!

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Reach for the Stars with James Carter

15:15 Age 5-8

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Pull on your space helmet and take an intergalactic adventure with author, poet and musician James Carter and Keith (his guitar). Hear James read poems from his brand new non-fiction book *Once Upon a Star*, fusing science and verse, as you get involved in this highly interactive zany event. Expect storytelling, drama and music aplenty, and even the chance to create your own out-of-this-world rhyme. Plus, get a sneak peek at James's next book, *Once Upon a Raindrop*.

Beverley Naidoo & Marjan Vafaeian: Cinderella of the Nile

17:00 Age 5-8

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Author Beverley Naidoo and illustrator Marjan Vafaeian bring to life their retelling of a 2000 year old version of the world famous Cinderella story. Learn about crossing boundaries and creating new tales from old as Beverley guides you through the many versions of the classic story and Marjan creates the colourful characters with intricate illustrations, before giving you the chance to draw your own mythical creatures.

Melvin Burgess & Steven Camden: Coping with Change

17:45 Age 12+

Garden Theatre, £5.00

CILIP Carnegie Medal-winning author Melvin Burgess comes together with spoken word artist and writer Steven Camden to discuss their beautiful but challenging stories about two young girls trying to cope with change. Discover why both authors chose to feature hallucinations and hearing voices in their novels as they share insights into how they write books focused on difficult issues.

YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE: CODENAME F

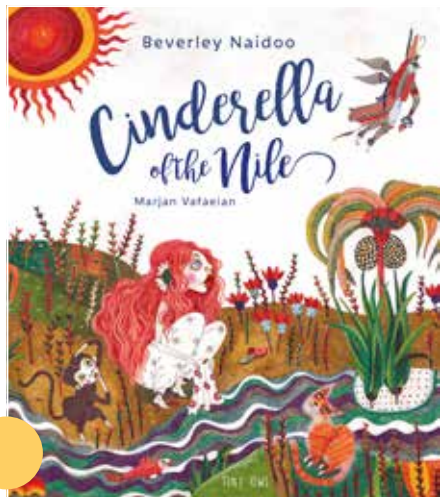
Hayley Barker & Mary Watson: Fighting for the Future

18:30 Age 12+

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Meet the authors of dark and action-packed novels for young adults which see young heroes fighting for their futures. Hayley Barker's *Show Stealer* is a dystopian novel in which children must perform in a deadly circus. In *The Wren Hunt* by Mary Watson, Wren Silke is caught in a battle between two ancient magics. Tense, dark and thrilling tales both. *Find out why our Year of Young People co-programmers picked this event at: learning.edbookfest.co.uk*

Beverley Naidoo & ↓
Marjan Vafaeian
22 Aug 17:00



Mary Watson ↑
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Steven Camden →
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Melvin Burgess →
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Thursday

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Including:
David Walliams
Dinosaurs
Tracey Corderoy
Ballet Bunnies



David Walliams ↑
23 Aug 17:00



Matt Sewell ↑
23 Aug 14:15
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THE TL DALLAS EVENT

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10:00- All Ages
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Marjan Vafaeian's Big Draw

11:00- All Ages
13:00 Baillie Gifford Story Box, Free & Drop-in

Drop in and meet Marjan Vafaeian, Iranian illustrator of the stunning Egyptian fairy tale *Cinderella of the Nile*. Learn all about Horus, the falcon god of the sky, and then have a go at drawing your own magical mythical creatures, inspired by Marjan's vibrant drawings.

Ballet Bunnies with Lucy Freegard

11:30- Age 3-5
12:15 Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Get dancing with author-illustrator Lucy Freegard as you hear her read from her brilliant new book, *Ballet Bunnies*. Betty loves to dance at home but when she tries to dance in class, her confidence disappears. Can she find her poise and balance in time to perform in the end of term show? Discover this delightful dancing tale before making your own paper bunny mask to take away with you.

Sensory Verses with James Carter

13:00 - 13:45
All Ages
LD Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Join poet and musician James Carter, along with Keith (his guitar) and Steve (his melodica), as he performs live on stage. Prepare for lots of fun rhymes about aliens, bubbles and bugs, and even a pirate called Pete. *This gentle but fully interactive event has been specially created for people of all ages with severe learning disabilities including PMLD. Carers are entitled to a free ticket. See p49 for details.*





Matt Sewell ↑
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Dinosaur Discoveries with Matt Sewell

14:15 Age 4-7
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

A must-see event for any dinosaur fan! Take a wild ride with Matt Sewell, author and illustrator of *Dinosaurs* and his latest book of peculiar creatures, *Forgotten Beasts*. Discover a range of extinct and awesome animals as you roam through history, following in the footsteps of the obscure dinosaurs, tigers and mammoths that came before us.

Lucy Freegard's Ballet Big Draw

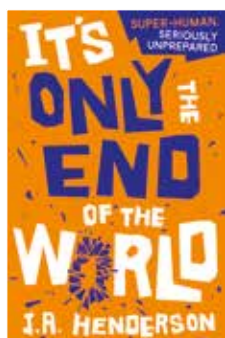
14:30- All Ages
16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Perfect your pirouettes and plies as you decorate life-sized animal ballerinas with author and illustrator of *Ballet Bunnies*, Lucy Freegard. Drop in for lots of dance-themed crafts and fun - just don't forget to point those toes!

Tracey Corderoy: Pony Pals

16:00 Age 8-12
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

From bestselling author of *Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam*, Tracey Corderoy, comes an enchanting new series perfect for pony lovers. When Bryony moves to a new home by the sea, she wishes she didn't have to leave her local stables behind, until one day she encounters a beautiful bay pony. Take a ride with Tracey as she shares her exciting new adventure, *The Pony With No Name*.



← J A Henderson
23 Aug 17:30



Positively Teenage with Nicola Morgan

16:30 Age 10-14
The Spiegeltent, **£5.00**

In a world where we're now spending more time than ever on the internet, Nicola Morgan's *The Teenage Guide to Life Online* looks at the positives and negatives of the web and how it affects teenage wellbeing, a theme continued in her latest book *Positively Teenage*. From surfing the net, to forging new relationships and thinking about body image, Nicola's books are full of helpful advice which she shares with you today.

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THE BAILLIE GIFFORD EVENT

David Walliams: Big Laughs

17:00 Families & 7+
Baillie Gifford Main Theatre, **£5.00**

Britain's biggest author, David Walliams, brings his unique sense of humour to the Book Festival as he shares with you his latest hilarious bestseller, *Bad Dad*. Be inspired to get writing your own funny stories as David explains how he became the fastest growing children's author in the UK. *Find out why our Year of Young People co-programmers picked this event at: learning.edbookfest.co.uk*

Alex Bell & J A Henderson: Unusual Thrillers

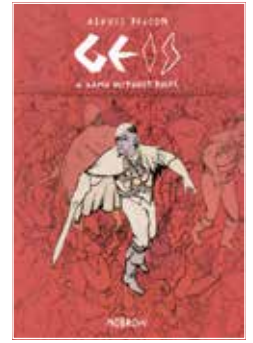
17:30 Age 12+
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Two talented authors share their unusual thrillers. Alex Bell's *Charlotte Says*, prequel to the bestselling *Frozen Charlotte*, sees a delivery of dolls trigger a series of strange incidents in Jemima's life. J A Henderson combines slapstick with horror in *It's Only the End of the World* which finds you questioning who's controlling who. Join the authors and ask them your questions about these fast-paced, original reads.

Friday

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Alexis Deacon →
24 Aug 17:00



Including:
Steven Butler
Cathy Forde
Abi Elphinstone
Alexis Deacon

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Matt Sewell's Dinosaur Big Draw

11:00- All Ages
13:00 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Author-illustrator Matt Sewell is completely fascinated by dinosaurs, from the T Rex to the Triceratops. Today, drawing pictures from his charming book *Dinosaurs* and its wonderful follow-up *Forgotten Beasts*, Matt helps you discover loads of dinosaur facts. Drop into Story Box to try your hand at drawing dinos before adding them to a giant canvas packed with prehistoric creatures.

Read, Write, Count with Scottish Book Trust

13:30- All Ages
16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Drop into Story Box for fun Read, Write, Count activities with Scottish Book Trust. Explore the free books and games that are gifted to all P2 and P3 pupils each year, and discover lots of simple ideas for doing your own exciting reading, writing and counting at home!

Duncan Annand: Caged

13:30 Age 4-7
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Meet debut picture book author Duncan Annand and admire the amazing illustrations in his new book, *Caged*. This witty tale of freedom and retribution sees a bluebird with a bright idea bring down the grand ambitions of a pair of eccentric gentlemen and their enormous birdcage palace. Today, Duncan shows how he created the stunning pictures in this wordless tale.

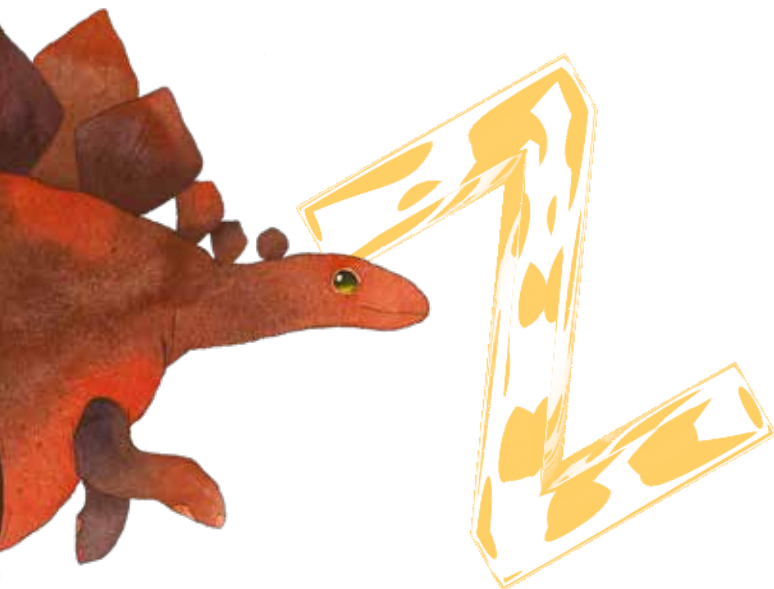
Steven Butler: Dog Diaries

15:15 Age 7-10
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Roald Dahl Funny Prize-nominated author Steven Butler's new picture book *Dog Diaries* will have you wagging your tail with excitement. Join Steven as he walks you through the good and bad side of being man's best friend. With plenty of treats to keep you entertained, you would be barking mad to miss this.



← Abi Elphinstone
24 Aug 15:45



Mixed Messages with Sally Nicholls

15:30 Age 5-8
Writers' Retreat, £5.00

When a village's telephone wires get crossed after a storm, lots of confusion ensues in Sally Nicholls's *The Great Telephone Mix Up*. But could all the missed connection chaos really be a blessing in disguise for the villagers? Make some new connections today by joining Sally to explore this charming story about community and lending a helping hand.

Abi Elphinstone: Sky Song

15:45 Age 8-12
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, £5.00

Fans of Philip Pullman's *His Dark Materials* will love *Sky Song*. Abi Elphinstone's thrilling new adventure full of magical moments. Today Abi reveals what inspired her to write the book, talking about her travels across the world including time spent with the Kazakh Eagle Hunters in Mongolia. Organs made of icicles, inventors and eagle huntresses all appear in this brilliant novel.

YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE: CODENAME F

Alexis Deacon & Joe Todd-Stanton: Gripping Graphic Novels

17:00 Age 8-12
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Travel back in time with stunning books from two highly talented illustrators. Two-time winner of the New York Times Best Illustrated Children's Book Award, Alexis Deacon returns with the second instalment of his medieval fantasy graphic novel *Geis* series. Joe Todd-Stanton's beautiful new adventure is set in ancient Egypt and has a strong female protagonist at its core. *Find out why our Year of Young People co-programmers picked this event at: learning.edbookfest.co.uk*

Mysterious Museums with Mike Nicholson

17:00 Age 7-10
Writers' Retreat, £5.00

Spend an hour in the company of mammoths, mummies and Mike Nicholson as he introduces his magnificent *Museum Mystery Squad* series. Did you think a museum was just a building with objects in it? Well think again - pick any exhibit, give it a twist and you have a mystery on your hands! Join Mike to investigate the strange goings-on and watch his stories come to life.

Adapting Fat Boy Swim

18:30- Families & 12+
20:00 The Spiegeltent, £8.00 [£6.00]

Cathy Forde's young adult novel *Fat Boy Swim* is being adapted into a stunning piece of musical theatre by Visible Fictions Theatre Company. Today is your chance to see some scenes and musical numbers from the play, performed by actors. Afterwards, the award-winning author Cathy Forde, director **Dougie Irvine** from Visible Fictions, and composer **Michael John McCarthy** discuss taking the book from page to stage to musical incarnation.



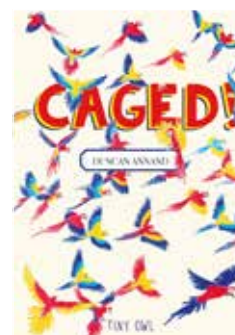
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Duncan Annand →
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Saturday

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Including:

Julia Donaldson

David Almond

Michael Morpurgo

Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam

Sarah Mussi



Julia Donaldson →
25 Aug 15:15

THE TL DALLAS EVENT

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Being Brave with Petr Horáček

10:00- Age 3-5

10:45 Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Little Mouse wants to play in the dark woods, full of big scary animals. She isn't afraid of anything - or is she? Start your day with author-illustrator Petr Horáček and his picture book *The Mouse Who Wasn't Scared*. Help Little Mouse face her fears and watch as Petr brings to life some of his illustrations.

Tracey Corderoy & Steven Lenton: The Missing Masterpiece

10:30 Age 5-8

Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

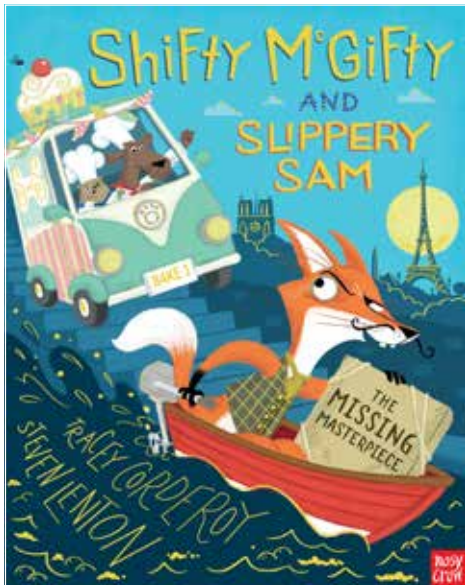
Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam have packed up their pots and pans and are baking a spectacular gingerbread Eiffel Tower for a posh Parisian art gallery. But someone's pilfered the main masterpiece! Can the detective dogs find the culprit and serve up their showstopper in time? Hear about this high stakes heist as hilarious author-illustrator team Tracey Corderoy and Steven Lenton introduce the latest book in this hugely successful series.

Once Upon a Story Box

11:00- All Ages

15:00 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

Skip through the wild woods of Charlotte Square Gardens and drop into Story Box to take part in lots of fun craft activities inspired by classic fairy stories and former Children's Laureate Chris Riddell's twisted new tale, *Once Upon a Wild Wood*.



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& Steven Lenton
25 Aug 10:30

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Chris Riddell: Fairy Tale Fun

12:15 Families & 7+
Spark Theatre on George Street, **£5.00**

Expect plenty of poems and live drawing from former Children's Laureate and Book Festival favourite Chris Riddell in this spectacular family fairy tale event. Chris's latest book, *Once Upon a Wild Wood*, is jam-packed full of familiar fairy tale characters for you to spot and enjoy. Can you solve the tricky fairy tale traps?

Philip Ardagh: Accidental Detective

12:15 Age 7-10
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Be prepared for an hour of historical hilarity as Philip Ardagh introduces you to Jane Pinny, Victorian house maid-turned-accidental detective. In the second instalment of the *Secret Diaries* series, Jane discovers a priceless necklace has gone missing. Will she be able to solve the mystery? Funnyman Philip separates the Victorian fact from fiction and gives you the chance to dress up and act out scenes from the book.

ILLUSTRATOR IN RESIDENCE

Puppy Poetry with Ehsan Abdollahi & Eloise Greenfield

13:00 Age 5-8
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Award-winning African American poet Eloise Greenfield and 2018 Illustrator in Residence Ehsan Abdollahi have created a unique collection of poems about the friendship between a young boy and his dog, Thinker. But Thinker is no ordinary puppy - he's a poet! Today, Eloise reveals what inspired her to write *Thinker: My Puppy Poet and Me* and Ehsan demonstrates how he created the accompanying collage illustrations.

David Almond & Michael Morpurgo: Great Adaptations

13:30 Families & 10+
Baillie Gifford Main Theatre,
BSL **£5.00**

Your chance to witness two greats of children's literature on stage together. Author of *Skellig*, *Clay* and *Kit's Wilderness*, David Almond joins Michael Morpurgo, the brains behind *War Horse*, *Flamingo Boy* and *Private Peaceful*, for an hour of entertaining reflection. The two master storytellers discuss the process of taking a book from conception to print, stage to film.

Alex T Smith: Penguin Detectives

14:00 Age 7-10
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Brave the cold with author-illustrator Alex T Smith and his arctic adventurer, Mr Penguin. Faced with codes to break, beasts to beat and sandwiches to devour, Mr Penguin is in for a wild ride when he is called in to investigate missing treasure from the Museum of Extraordinary Objects. Spend an exciting hour with the creator of this zany and hilarious detective series.

Barroux: How Many Trees?

14:45 Age 3-5
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Join Festival favourite Barroux to hear about his latest picture book *How Many Trees?*. How many trees make a forest? That's the question all the animals are trying to answer, but when everyone chimes in sometimes the smaller voices can't be heard. Watch as Barroux recreates the bold illustrations from the book as he talks about the importance of listening to everyone's voice - big or small.

YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE: CODENAME F

Julia Donaldson & Lydia Monks: Perfect Picture Books

15:15 Age 4-7
Baillie Gifford Main Theatre, **£5.00**

In her only event at the Book Festival this year, *The Gruffalo* author Julia Donaldson presents her latest creation with illustrator Lydia Monks. An exciting adventure packed with magic and a very unexpected ending, *The Girl, the Bear and the Magic Shoes* is sure to be a bestseller. Don't miss your only chance to see the picture book dream team behind *What the Ladybird Heard*. Find out why our Year of Young People co-programmers picked this event at: learning.edbookfest.co.uk



Saturday 25 continued...



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Morpurgo
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& 26 Aug 10:00



↑ Teri Terry
25 Aug 15:45 &
18:00

← Vivian French
11 Aug 10:30
& 25 Aug 16:30



Chris Riddell's Big Draw

15:30- All Ages
16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

After a day of celebrating Chris Riddell's wonderful new story book creation, *Once Upon a Wild Wood*, we're joined in Story Box by the former Children's Laureate himself for a hands-on interactive hour of fairy tale drawing and storytelling.

Martin Stewart & Teri Terry: Pacts and Power

15:45 Age 12+
Spark Theatre on George Street, **£5.00**

In Teri Terry's new *Dark Matter* novel *Deception*, an epidemic spreads, leaving the infected with strange powers and the population divided. *The Sacrifice Box* by Martin Stewart is an unsettling story of five friends, an ancient box and sacrifices that have consequences far beyond those intended. Hear from two original authors as they discuss these powerful stories of transformation and survival, love and power.

Nicola Davies: Light and Shadows

15:45 Age 10-14
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Hear tales from writer, TV presenter and zoologist Nicola Davies's new series, *Shadows and Light*. These fantastic stories explore the deeper, darker side of our connection with nature, setting myths of selkies, wolverines and lost children against the backdrop of wild, untamed landscapes. A must-see event for all nature lovers.

Improvising Stories with Vivian French & Petr Horáček

16:30 Age 5-8
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Sublime storyteller Vivian French is the author of many children's favourites including *Oliver's Vegetables* and *The Most Wonderful Thing in the World*. Petr Horáček brings stories vividly to life with his beautiful illustrations. Hear them discuss their much-loved works before you help them to create a new story live on stage. Give Vivian ideas for the storyline and guide Petr's illustrations in this lively improvisation event.

YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE: CODENAME F

Tense Thrillers with Sarah Mussi & Nikesh Shukla

17:45 Age 12+
Garden Theatre, **£5.00**

You'll be on the edge of your seat as you hear from two authors of tense thrillers. Freedoms are tested in Sarah Mussi's *Angel Dust* and *Breakdown* as life and love are at stake. Nikesh Shukla's *Run, Riot* is centred around two teenagers who witness the police shooting an unarmed man and find themselves running from those who are meant to protect them. An event guaranteed to get your heart racing. Find out why our Year of Young People co-programmers picked this event at: learning.edbookfest.co.uk

Freedom to Write: The Role of YA Fiction

18:00 Age 12+
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

The Youth Libraries Group Scotland supports and inspires those working within library services for children and young people. Today, they're joined by leading teen and YA writers **Frances Hardinge**, **William Sutcliffe** and **Teri Terry** to discuss the influence YA fiction has on its audience, from helping to make sense of the world, to inspiring young people to participate in social change. They also examine which themes are important for young people to read - will you agree? Come along and have your say.

Sunday

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Including:
Cressida Cowell
Ade Adepitan
Judith Kerr
The Moomins
Barroux



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YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE: CODENAME F

Barroux & Michael Morpurgo: War Force

10:00 Families & 8+

Baillie Gifford Main Theatre, £5.00

Former Children's Laureate and worldwide bestselling author Michael Morpurgo comes together with award-winning artist Barroux to tell the story of two brothers and the war that changed everything. Based on the true story of Michael's uncles during the Second World War, *In the Mouth of the Wolf* combines superb storytelling with stunning artwork to explore how war impacts families. Find out why our Year of Young People co-programmers picked this event at: learning.edbookfest.co.uk

Prickly Creatures with Rosie Wellesley

10:00 Age 3-5

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Author-illustrator Rosie Wellesley has created some wonderful prickly, tickly characters. The Itchy-saurus has an itch he can't scratch and it's making him mad. Isaac the hedgehog doesn't want to hibernate for winter, he wants to play. Join Rosie to discover more about her colourful creations in an insightful event touching on the difficulties of eczema and bedtime stubbornness.

Lydia Monks: Frog Hops Off!

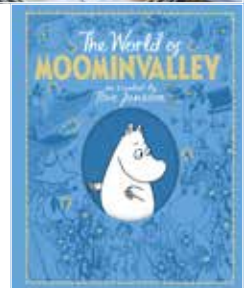
10:30 Age 5-8

Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, £5.00

Frog just can't sit still. He is always bouncing around and can't wait to go exploring underground with Miss Hoot and all his friends. But when Frog hops off on his own, he soon realises he doesn't know the way back... Come along to meet author and illustrator Lydia Monks and find out if Frog finds his way back to Twit Twoo School!

Rebecca Cobb & Nicola Davies
26 Aug 11:45

Cressida Cowell
26 Aug 13:30



Philip Ardagh
26 Aug 12:15

Barroux & Michael Morpurgo
26 Aug 10:00



Latecomers will not be admitted after the start of events and no refund will be given.

Sunday 26 continued...

Frances Hardinge & Marcus Sedgwick: Shadows and Monsters

11:00 Age 14+
Garden Theatre, **£5.00**

Reality and perceptions merge and opinions shift in the latest books by two multi award-winning authors. Drawing on Shelley's *Frankenstein*, Marcus Sedgwick's *The Monsters We Deserve* is a ghostly, menacing novel about creativity and imagination, while in *A Skinful of Shadows* Frances Hardinge weaves a dark, otherworldly tale. Meet the authors as they explore how some of the worst monsters are the ones we create ourselves.

ReimagiNation with Edinburgh College of Art

11:00- All Ages
14:00 Baillie Gifford Story Box, **Free & Drop-in**

From totem poles to hippo parades, Scotland's New Towns include some weird and wonderful examples of public art. Drop in to explore some of the creations that illustration students from Edinburgh College of Art discovered while taking part in our ReimagiNation project. Once you've admired their work, have a go at creating your own masterpiece.

The Day War Came with Rebecca Cobb & Nicola Davies

11:45 Age 7-10
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Imagine if, on an ordinary day, war came and turned your town to rubble. Nicola Davies and Rebecca Cobb's groundbreaking new picture book explores the child refugee crisis in a moving and accessible way. Following the long, difficult journey of a child forced to leave behind everything she has ever known, *The Day War Came* is a necessary tale of our time, presented today by this wonderful author-illustrator duo.

Ade Adepitan: New Kid on the Block

12:15 Families & 8+
Spark Theatre on George Street,
BSL **£5.00**

Ade is the new kid on Parsons Road and it's not easy to make friends when you look different to everyone else... Meet Paralympian and TV presenter Ade Adepitan and hear about his exciting new book, inspired by his own experience of moving to London from Nigeria. Find out how he adapted to life in a new country and explore the importance of friendship and embracing difference.

The Moomins of Moominvalley with Philip Ardagh

12:15 Families & 10+
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Step into the magical world of Moominvalley as Roald Dahl Funny Prize-winning author Philip Ardagh discusses his ultimate guide to all things Moomin. Learn facts about Moomintroll behaviour, habits and family trees, and hear from some of the original Moomin stories as Philip proves himself to be the number one Moomin superfan.



↑ Ade Adepitan
26 Aug 12:15



← Janina Ramirez
26 Aug 14:00

↓ Adam Stower
26 Aug 13:30



← Robin Stevens
26 Aug 18:30



Cressida Cowell: Twice the Magic

13:30 Families & 8+
Baillie Gifford Main Theatre, £5.00

The worldwide bestselling author of the *How To Train Your Dragon* series returns to the Book Festival with the second book from her new series, *The Wizards of Once: Twice Magic*. Expect wizards, warriors and magical wonders as Cressida Cowell delves into this exciting new must-read tale. Then ask her all of your burning questions.

Macastory: Big Monster Mash-up

13:30 Age 5-8
The Spiegeltent, £5.00

Macastory are making a monster - a monster of a story that is. Take the horns of a Minotaur, the hooves of a Kelpie and the tail of The Beast and you'll end up with a hairy, scary, monstrous storytelling session on your hands. Plus, don't forget to join Dr Frankenstein in his laboratory for a frightful game of body part bingo!

Adam Stower: King Coo

13:30 Age 7-10
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

While running away from the school bully, Ben falls down a hole and ends up in a hidden forest ruled by a tree-swinging, wombat-owning, fully-bearded girl called King Coo! Today, the hilarious creator of this marvellously mischievous tale, Adam Stower, gives you a step-by-step guide to drawing King Coo. Expect giggles galore in this creative event packed full of audience participation.

Viking Mysteries with Janina Ramirez

14:00 Age 8-12
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, £5.00

BBC historian and Viking expert Janina Ramirez's *Riddle of the Runes* is the first in an exciting new series following young investigator Alva as she tries to solve the mysteries of Kilsgard. Curious and stubborn, Alva is bound to run into trouble along the way... Discover Janina's amazing illustrations and find out what inspired her to create a Viking murder mystery series as she shares lots of fun Viking facts with you.

ILLUSTRATOR IN RESIDENCE

Ehsan Abdollahi's Big Draw

14:30- All Ages
16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, Free & Drop-in

Make a beautiful collage of the perfect pet with 2018 Illustrator in Residence Ehsan Abdollahi, using his stunning illustrations from *Thinker: My Puppy Poet and Me* as your inspiration. Cut, tear, scrunch and stick using lots of different materials. Will your pet be short or tall, fluffy or bald - it's up to you!

Judith Kerr: The Tiger Who Came to Tea Turns 50

15:15 Families & 10+
Baillie Gifford Main Theatre, £5.00

Judith Kerr is a national treasure thanks to her contribution to children's literature. This year is the 50th anniversary of her much-loved classic *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. Join Judith, her art editor **Ian Craig** and award-winning author **Daniel Hahn** for a lively discussion honouring the career of an author who has inspired generations of children.

Pip Jones: Wild Imagination

15:15 Age 3-5
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Celebrate the power of your imagination in this exciting interactive event with Pip Jones as she introduces you to Ruby Roo and her baby brother in *Quick, Barney, Run!*. Searching for something to do on a rainy day, Ruby and Barney become intrepid explorers, sailing through the air in a seaplane and trekking through the Amazon jungle, all without leaving the house. Take away your own rainy day ideas.

Celebrating the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal

15:45 Age 12+
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, £5.00

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. The CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal is a British literary award which annually recognises distinguished illustration in a children's book. Today, illustrators **Debi Gliori** and **Petr Horáček**, who have both previously been shortlisted for the award, come together with an author of Kate Greenaway Medal-shortlisted works, **Nicola Davies**, to discuss the importance and impact of the prize.

THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH EVENT

Riding a Donkey Backwards with Eleanor Martin & Sean Taylor

17:00 Families & 7+
The Spiegeltent, £5.00

Mulla Nasruddin is the wisest man and the biggest fool in his village. He is occasionally rich but often poor, sometimes a judge and sometimes a teacher. But wherever he goes, whatever he does, he will make you laugh. Join author Sean Taylor and performer Eleanor Martin as they bring to life *Riding a Donkey Backwards*, a collection of 21 tales and riddles about this hilarious trickster known and loved across Muslim cultures. *Sponsored and supported by the Alwaleed Centre.*

Robin Stevens: Murder Most Unladylike

18:30 Age 10-14
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Meet murder mystery master Robin Stevens as she presents *A Spoonful of Murder*, the 6th instalment of her bestselling *Murder Most Unladylike* series, which sees young detective Hazel framed for a crime she didn't commit. Robin sets the record straight before giving you a sneak peek at the 7th book in the series as well as her long-awaited sequel to Siobhan Dowd's *The London Eye Mystery*.

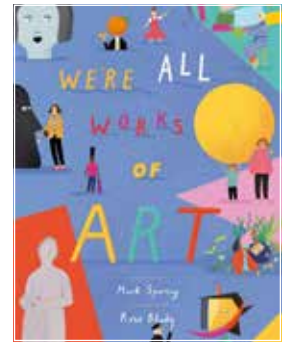
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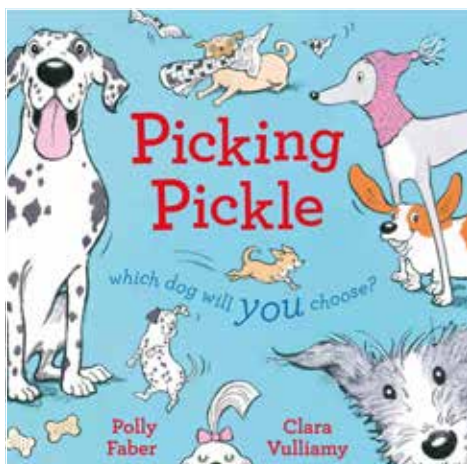
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Including:
Philip Ardagh
Harry Potter Willow Weaving
Tom Morgan-Jones
The Jolley-Rogers



Polly Faber & ↓
Clara Vulliamy
27 Aug 13:30



Weaving a Wizardly Willow Sculpture

09:30- All Ages
17:30 Charlotte Square Gardens, Free & Drop-in

Calling all *Harry Potter* fans! Grab your willow wand and use your powers to help our wonderful willow weaver **David Powell** create a giant sculpture of the ultimate baddie, He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named. Let's hope no Death Eaters bring it to life!

THE TL DALLAS EVENT

Are You Sitting Comfortably?

10:00- All Ages
10:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, FREE: Book in advance

Join one of our Festival authors each morning for a magical half hour of storytelling, poetry, song or rhyme. This daily changing event is suitable for children of all ages. Appearing today: **Adam Stower**.

Pick Up a Pencil with Kasia Matyjaszek

10:00 Age 3-5
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Have you ever thought how fun it would be to live as a different animal for a day? In Kasia Matyjaszek's latest colourful tale, a little girl must learn that she is not actually a penguin - or is she? Draw along with Kasia as she recreates some of the vibrant illustrations from her wonderful picture books, *I am Actually a Penguin* and *This Bonny Baby*.

A Bear Called Paddington

11:00- All Ages
16:30 Baillie Gifford Story Box, Free & Drop-in

Celebrate Britain's best loved bear from deepest, darkest Peru with lots of fun Paddington-themed craft activities in Story Box. Don't forget your duffel coat, wellington boots, and of course your marmalade sandwiches!

Rowan the Red Squirrel with Lynne Rickards

11:45 Age 3-5
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Rowan the little red squirrel and his sister Hazel are setting off on an exciting adventure on their own for the first time. But Rowan is worried about the strange noises in the forest - will they make it home safely? Join author Lynne Rickards to find out what happens to these squirrel siblings in this charming tale.

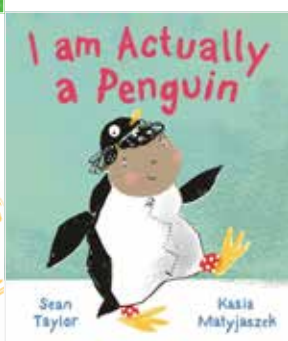


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Matyjaszek
27 Aug 10:00



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Canine Companions with Polly Faber & Clara Vulliamy

13:30 Age 4-7
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

It can be a real pickle picking the right pooch! Should you go for hungry Harvey who eats everything? Or how about sporty Boo-Boo who is as bouncy as a ball? Come along to this highly entertaining interactive event full of puppy-picking picture book fun with *Picking Pickle* author and illustrator duo Polly Faber and Clara Vulliamy.

Rose Blake: We're All Works of Art

15:15 Age 5-8
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

We may all differ in looks, shape and frame but think how dull the world would be if we were all the same. Join artist Rose Blake for a fun event exploring diversity as she shows you her stunning illustrations in *We're All Works of Art*. As you get a beginner's guide to different art styles, learn how beauty comes in many different forms.

Medieval Mayhem with Philip Ardagh & Tom Morgan-Jones

17:00 Age 7-10
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Norman the Norman is at it again! As Normandy's bravest broadsword-swinging hero, it's no surprise the Duchess has requested his help with the conquest. But, Norman can get easily distracted from the task in hand... Meet award-winning author and illustrator team Philip Ardagh and Tom Morgan-Jones for plenty of medieval merrymaking and mayhem.

Kaye Umansky: Marvellous Mischief

17:00 Age 5-8
Writers' Retreat, **£5.00**

Get ready for a spellbinding hour of magical mischief and daring quests with bestselling creator of the *Pongwiffy* series, Kaye Umansky. From house-sitting witches in *Witch for a Week*, to brave knights craving adventure in *The Knights and the Best Quest*, Kaye's charming tales will have you dreaming of some magic-making and epic adventures of your own.

Jonny Duddle: Shiver Me Timbers!

17:15 Age 5-8
The Spiegeltent, **£5.00**

Say 'ahoy, me hearty' to Jonny Duddle, bestselling author of *The Pirates Next Door* as he introduces his latest hilarious adventure, *The Pirates of Scurvy Sands*. When landlubber Matilda heads on holiday with the Jolley-Rogers, the other pirates aren't so sure about her... until she discovers the secret of the legendary treasure of Scurvy Sands. Grab your parrot and prepare to set sail for an hour of pirate pandemonium. Yo ho ho!

Thrilling Adventures with Natasha Farrant & Katherine Woodfine

17:30 Age 8-12
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Travel from a remote Scottish island to one of the world's most famous cities with two exciting tales of intrigue and espionage. In Natasha Farrant's adventure novel *The Children of Castle Rock*, a young girl enlists the help of her classmates to find her missing father, while Katherine Woodfine's *Peril in Paris* sees two supersleuths putting their spy skills to the test in France's capital. Today, they share their riveting mystery stories.

Events for Young Adults



Frances Hardinge
26 Aug 11:00

We have selected some events which teens and young adults may particularly enjoy and listed them together for convenience on these pages.

You can find further details on all these events and more for teens on our website at edbookfest.co.uk

Daily

The Hidden

Twice daily 13-25 Aug (excl. 19 Aug), Times vary
Central Library, **£15.00** [**£12.00**]

An interactive theatre experience taking you beyond the bookshelves of Edinburgh's Central Library.

Saturday 11 August

A Graphic Novel of Women

13:45 The Spiegeltent, **£12.00** [**£10.00**]

Indie publisher 404 Ink and BHP Comics highlight the achievements of British women in public life over 100 years.

THE WOODLAND TRUST SCOTLAND EVENT

Philip Pullman: Master Storyteller

17:00 Families & 10+

BSL Baillie Gifford Main Theatre,
£8.00 [**£6.00**]

Enter the magical world of one of the most highly acclaimed authors in the world.

Alice Broadway & L J MacWhirter: Feisty Fantasy

VOTE

18:30 Age 12+

Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, **£5.00**

Feisty female-led fantasy with two immensely talented authors of young adult fiction.

Laura Bates

20:30 Baillie Gifford Main Theatre,
£12.00 [**£10.00**]

The *Everyday Sexism* author returns with a book of essays charting the persistent gender inequality in British society.

Sunday 12 August

Edinburgh Comic Art Fair

10:00- The Principal Hotel,
17:00 Charlotte Square, **Free & Drop-in**

For graphic novel novices and lifelong comics fans – a vibrant gathering of over 40 comics authors and artists.

Tuesday 14 August

YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE: CODENAME F

Freedom to be Heard

10:00- Families & 8+
17:30 The Bookshop on George Street,
Free & Drop-in

A day of activities designed by our Year of Young People co-programmers aiming to challenge perceptions on how children and young adults engage with society.

Sophie Cameron & Sally Gardner: Sky Falling

VOTE

14:00 Age 12+
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Two highly talented authors explore difficult topics including mental health, grief and sexual identity.

Karen Lord & Paul Magrs: Past, Present, Future

19:00 Age 12+
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, **£5.00**

Two giants of speculative fiction take a look at contemporary concerns through fantastical worlds and imaginative ideas.

Thursday 16 August

Holly Bourne & Cat Clarke: Finding Resolve

17:30 Age 12+
Spark Theatre on George Street, **£5.00**

Explore how central characters deal with difficult situations in the latest novels from two talented young adult authors.

Friday 17 August

Juno Dawson: Clean

17:30 Age 14+
Spark Theatre on George Street, **£5.00**

Stonewall's School Role Model discusses her latest book in her characteristic open and honest style.

Saturday 18 August

Open Up with Gemma Cairney

15:45 Age 12+
Spark Theatre on George Street, **£5.00**

BBC Radio 1's agony aunt offers comfort to those attempting to navigate their way through the modern world.

Salena Godden & Molly Naylor

18:45 The Spiegeltent, **£12.00** [**£10.00**]

Meet two of the sharpest, wittiest voices from the spoken word scene.



Sunday 19 August

Sarah Crossan: Life and Death Row

15:45 Age 14+
Baillie Gifford Corner Theatre, £5.00

Sarah shares her gripping death row tale, *Moonrise*, shortlisted for the 2017 Costa Children's Book Award.

Tuesday 21 August

Yaba Badoe & Steve Tasane: Belonging

18:15 Age 12+
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

The authors of two gritty refugee stories discuss themes of immigration, belonging and hope.

Freedom to Weep

19:30- Garden Theatre,
21:00 £12.00 [£10.00]

Why is it so important to accurately represent boys in fiction? Share your opinion in this debate.

Wednesday 22 August

Melvin Burgess & Steven Camden: Coping with Change

17:45 Age 12+
Garden Theatre, £5.00

A multi award-winning author and a spoken word artist come together to share insights into how they write books focusing on challenging issues.

YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE: CODENAME F

Hayley Barker & Mary Watson: Fighting for the Future

18:30 Age 12+
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Meet the authors of two tense, dark and thrilling tales which see young heroes fighting for their futures.

Thursday 23 August

Alex Bell & J A Henderson: Unusual Thrillers

17:30 Age 12+
Baillie Gifford Imagination Lab, £5.00

Put your questions to the creators of two fast-paced, original reads.

Friday 24 August

Adapting Fat Boy Swim

18:30- Families & 12+
20:00 The Spiegeltent, £8.00 [£6.00]

Get a sneak peek at the new stage adaptation of Cathy Forde's breakout children's novel *Fat Boy Swim*.

Akala

20:30 Baillie Gifford Main Theatre,
£12.00 [£10.00]

MOBO Award-winning hip hop artist and political commentator Akala offers up his searing polemic on race in the UK.

Saturday 25 August

Martin Stewart & Teri Terry: Pacts and Power

15:45 Age 12+
Spark Theatre on George Street, £5.00

Two original authors discuss their powerful stories of transformation and survival.

YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE: CODENAME F

Tense Thrillers with Sarah Mussi & Nikesh Shukla

17:45 Age 12+
Garden Theatre, £5.00

Edge of your seat action from two authors of tense thrillers.

Sunday 26 August

Frances Hardinge & Marcus Sedgwick: Shadows and Monsters

11:00 Age 14+
Garden Theatre, £5.00

Meet the writers of menacing, otherworldly tales as they explore how some of the worst monsters are the ones we create ourselves.

Small Country

VOTE

19:00 The Spiegeltent, £15.00 [£12.00]

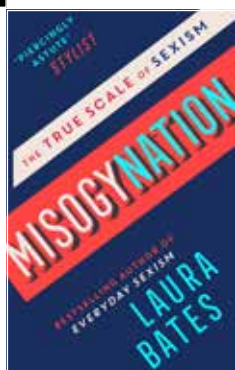
A musical storytelling of Gaël Faye's haunting account of a young man growing up in Rwanda during the genocide.



Laura Bates →
11 Aug 20:30



Gaël Faye ↑
26 Aug 19:00
Mary Watson ←
22 Aug 18:30
Laura Bates ↓
11 Aug 20:30



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The Book Festival Village

West End of George Street

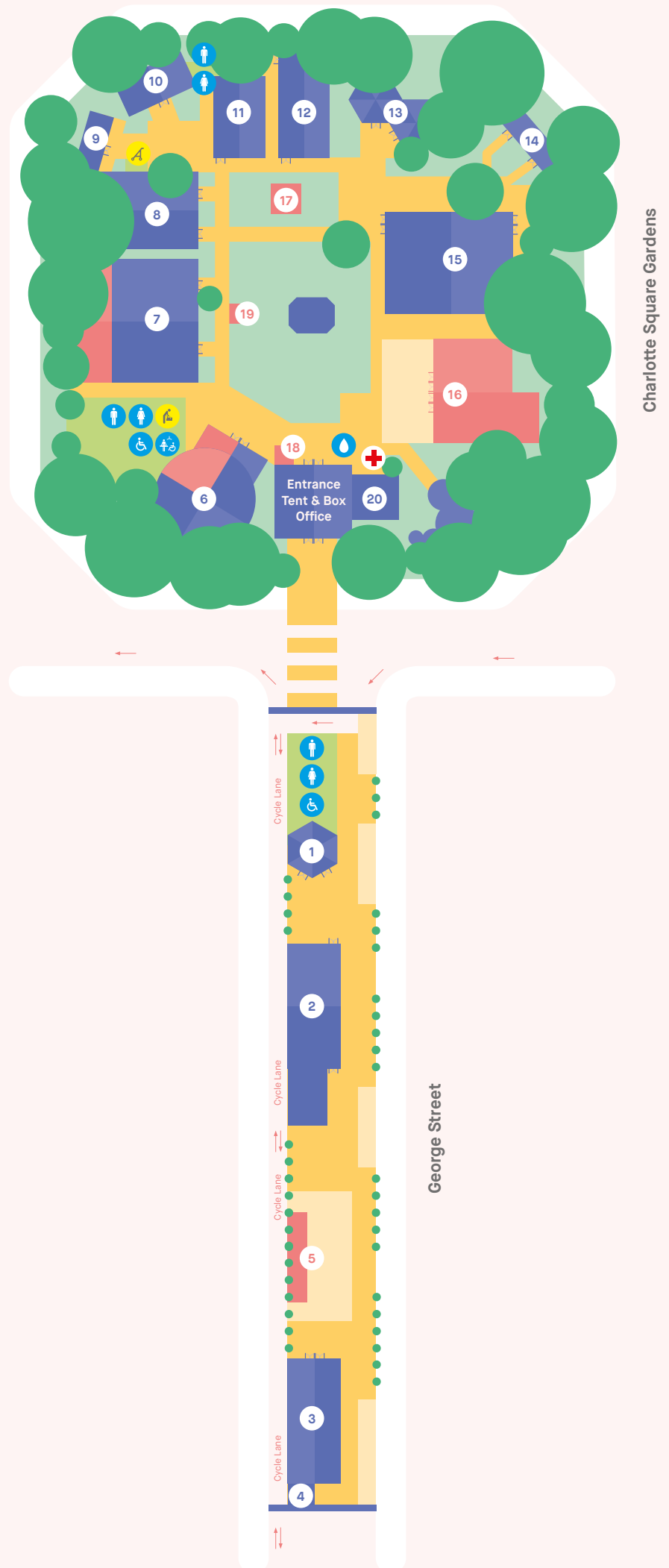
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Charlotte Square Gardens

- 6 The Spiegeltent (with pre-event bar)
- 7 The Bookshop (with café-bar)
- 8 Baillie Gifford Children's Bookshop
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-  Buggy Park

PLEASE NOTE:
No dogs will be admitted into the Book Festival Village except assistance dogs. Our official roving photographers will photograph visitors and authors at events and on the site during the Book Festival for promotional use. We reserve the right to refuse entry.



Drop in – we'd love to see you!

Entry is FREE to our tented
village in central Edinburgh
Open 9.30 until late

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Book Festival Bookshops

We run three independent bookshops and the proceeds from book sales are put directly back towards developing the Book Festival.

The Bookshop

Open daily from 9.30 – 21.30

Explore thousands of titles from Book Festival authors and beyond including Scottish interest books, British and international fiction and non-fiction, comics and graphic novels and titles for young adults.

Baillie Gifford Children's Bookshop

Open daily from 9.30 – 20.30

Our fully stocked bookshop entirely devoted to children and catering to all ages and tastes includes picture books, fiction, non-fiction, comics and graphic novels as well as a large selection for teenagers. There's plenty of space to browse at a leisurely pace and a reading area to help you choose.

The Bookshop on George Street

Open from Sat 4 Aug, daily 9.30 – 20.30

Books by Festival authors across a wide range of subjects and genres are available alongside many others from Scottish and international writers. Pop in for a browse and enjoy the free activities in our drop-in space at the rear of the shop.

Book Signings

Authors sign copies of their books after their events. Book signings take place in the Signing Tents in Charlotte Square Gardens and on George Street, The Bookshop and the Baillie Gifford Children's Bookshop. Please check the venue boards outside each venue for the signing schedule.

Facilities for Visitors with Disabilities



For large print, Braille, audio CD or MP3 brochures please contact: 0131 718 5666 or mailinglist@edbookfest.co.uk

- BSL interpretation by request: see page 49 for details.
- British Sign Language interpreted events
- Captioned events
- Learning disability friendly events
- Infrared systems in all theatres except Baillie Gifford Story Box and Imagination Lab. Please collect earphones and a receiver along with an instruction card from the Information Desk in the Entrance Tent prior to your event.
- Free carer tickets and reserved seating requests: see page 49 for details.
- Disabled toilets including a Changing Places toilet
- Assistance dogs welcome (no other dogs admitted).
- Free wheelchair hire from the Info Desk in the Entrance Tent
- Ear-defenders available to borrow

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We will do our best to help you enjoy your visit, please call 0345 373 5888 if you require assistance. The site is fully wheelchair accessible with free wheelchair hire. Please pull in outside or opposite the Entrance Tent to drop-off wheelchair users.

Artlink's Arts Access Service offers support to disabled visitors to Edinburgh to attend events with a volunteer escort. Please contact Artlink on 0131 229 3555 or info@artlinkedinburgh.co.uk or Tynetalk 18001 0131 229 3555.

Eating and drinking

Di Rollo of Musselburgh Ice-cream Trike

Open daily from 11.00 – 18.00

Delicious locally made ice cream.

Edinburgh Gin Signing Tent Café-bar

In the Signing Tent, Charlotte Square Gardens

Open daily from 9.30 – late

Enjoy healthy, homemade and delicious food all day including a variety of breakfast items, fresh summer salads, homemade soup, hearty sandwiches, croissants and hot Italian bread as well as a selection of freshly baked treats. Indulge in an Edinburgh Gin cocktail or chilled beverage whilst enjoying the sunshine on the decking.

Bookshop Café-bar

In the Bookshop, Charlotte Square Gardens

Open daily from 9.30 – 21.30

Head to the Bookshop Café at the rear of the bookshop to enjoy Fairtrade coffees, homemade soups, sandwiches and sweet treats with plenty options for the kids too, all made from scratch. Treat yourself to our irresistible selection of homemade cakes whilst you enjoy the bustling atmosphere of the bookshop.

George Street Café-bar

On George Street, Open from Sat 4 Aug, daily 9.30 – 17.30

A new pop-up café-bar in our George Street arena serving Fair Trade coffee, speciality teas, wine, beer, soft drinks and spirits. Tempting savouries and filled rolls are available for those with an appetite or choose from the range of delicious cakes and sweet treats – take away or relax and enjoy the seating area.

The Spiegelbar

In the Spiegeltent, Open daily before events

Our 1930s style bar featuring speciality signature cocktails is the perfect place to enjoy a drink before or after a show. Evening snacks available including popcorn, hot dogs and corn nachos.

The Spiegelbar Drinks Pod

On the Spiegeltent decking

Open daily 11.00 – late

A mini-bar for when you want to grab a hot drink, a glass of wine or a beer.

Information for Your Visit

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Accompanying children to events

Please accompany children under ten to events. Everyone attending an event will require a ticket. As space is limited, we can only admit ticket holders - additional babies/siblings may only be admitted at our discretion.

Duration of events

All events last 1 hour unless otherwise indicated in the event listings.

Latecomers policy

We do not admit latecomers once the doors have been closed to an event, or give refunds on latecomer's tickets. However, we understand people with young children may need to leave an event unexpectedly and we will help you exit as discreetly as possible, and get you back in again should you want to return.

The Book Festival is a charming tented village with lots of grass, walkways, bars, cafés and bookshops. It is a family-friendly space where children and adults can relax and have some fun. There's space to play, free daily activities and a big bookshop just for children. Interactive events for babies to teens take place throughout the Festival.

Baillie Gifford Children's Bookshop

This is our bookshop just for children (books for adults can be found in The Bookshop). We have hundreds of books for all ages and tastes. Feel free to spend lots of time browsing or enjoying the children's reading area.

Buggies, pushchairs and baby change

Buggies cannot be taken into the theatres, however we've provided a Buggy Park in the Gardens next to the Baillie Gifford Story Box. It is not staffed and items are left at the owner's risk. You can find the baby change area by the toilets.

Picnics and packed lunches

You're welcome to bring your own food and soft drinks. Relax on the grass for as long as you wish - you don't have to see an event. We've provided drinking water taps so you can fill up water bottles.

Food and drink for children

Our cafés serve a range of food and drink for children and we have high chairs for youngsters.

Age suitability of events

We've recommended an age range for each event. These are chosen in consultation with the publisher/author, taking into account the length, content and format of each event.

Bringing babies to adult events

You may bring your baby to an adult event if you cannot make alternative arrangements. Request a free baby ticket from the Box Office before the event. Our staff will find you a seat near the door to allow a swift exit, should it become necessary. Out of consideration to others, we will ask you to leave if your baby is noisy.

Children's illustrations: Evil Pea (c) Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet; Flying Fergus (c) Chris Hoy, Joanna Nadin & Clare Elsom; The Gruffalo (c) Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler; The Tiger Who Came to Tea (c) Judith Kerr; Mr Penguin (c) Alex T Smith; Leonard the Lion (c) Ed Vere; Queen Victoria (c) Terry Deary & Martin Brown; Bobby, The Bolds (c) Julian Clary & David Roberts; Little Green Hen (c) Alison Murray; Crocodali (c) Lucy Volpin; Juniper Jupiter (c) Lizzy Stewart; Cyril and Bruce, The Squirrels Who Squabbled (c) Rachel Bright & Jim Field; Horace & Harriet (c) Clare Elsom; The Powerpuff Girls (c) Craig McCracken; Hot Dog (c) Lily Murray & Jarvis; Percy the Pigeon (c) Duncan Beedie; Bad Dad (c) David Walliams & Tony Ross; Stegosaurus (c) Matt Sewell; Moomintroll (c) Philip Ardagh & Tove Jansson.

Booking Information

The Box Office opens for booking
at 8.30am on Tuesday 26 June

Tickets are limited to 4 per event per
booking on the first day of booking

Online

From 8.30am on Tues 26 June:
www.edbookfest.co.uk

By phone

0345 373 5888

Calls are charged at the same rate as a local call to a landline. Please check your mobile contract as its network charges may differ.

Opening hours:

Tues 26 Jun: 8.30 – 17.00

Weds 27 Jun to Fri 10 Aug:
10.00 – 17.00, Mon - Sat

Once the Book Festival has opened:
9.30 – 20.45 daily

The first day of booking is extremely busy. We will do our best to deal with calls quickly however you may not get through immediately.

In person

For the first day of booking only:

Edinburgh International Conference Centre,
Morrison Street, Edinburgh
Open: Tues 26 Jun, 8.30 – 15.00

After the first day of booking:

The Hub, Castlehill, Edinburgh EH1 2NE
Open: Weds 27 June – Fri 3 Aug,
10.00 – 17.00, Mon – Sat

Once the Book Festival has opened:

In Charlotte Square Gardens
in the Entrance Tent
Open: 9.30 – 20.45, daily

On George Street

Open: 9.30 – 19.30, daily
(also open from Sat 4 Aug 10.00-17.30,
the week before the Book Festival starts)

Payment, fees and refund policy

We accept Visa / Delta /
Maestro / Mastercard.

Cheques should be made payable to Edinburgh International Book Festival. Bookings are subject to a £1 booking fee per transaction, except those made in person. Tickets cannot be exchanged nor money refunded unless an event is cancelled or substantially changed. Where demand is high for sold-out events, we may take tickets back for resale at our discretion – tickets must be returned to the Box Office and, if resold, refunds will be made to the original payment method.

Concession ticket prices

[in brackets on event listing]

Available to students, over 60s, under 16s, Young Scot cardholders, jobseekers and disabled visitors (carer goes free – see details below).

Carer tickets

If your disability requires that you need a carer to attend our events the carer is entitled to a free ticket, which should be booked at the same time as your own. If booking online, buy two tickets and we will refund your carer ticket (free tickets cannot be booked online). See page 46-47 for details of our facilities for disabled visitors.

Baby tickets

Everyone attending an event requires a ticket. If you are bringing a baby under 2 years, please request a free baby ticket from the Box Office on the day of the event (unless the event is for children under 2). See page 48 for information about visiting with children.

Pay what you can

The standard price for these events is £12.00 but if you can pay a bit more it helps us to put on the Festival and offer cheaper tickets. If you can't quite manage it, please Pay What You Can.

Events and seating

Events are 1 hour long unless otherwise specified. Please do not book events back-to-back (where one event finishes at the same time the other starts) as you will not get to the second event in time; we do not admit latecomers (see below). All our seating is unreserved.

Latecomers

Latecomers will not be admitted after the start of events due to the nature of the events and venues. Please arrive in good time, allowing yourself time to collect tickets and get to the relevant venue. Refunds will not be given to latecomers.

Accessible seating requests

If your disability requires you sit in a specific area (aisle, etc) please let the Box Office know at least 2 days before your event. We will put a note on your booking and our front of house staff will reserve a seat for you at all the events you have booked. We will do our best to seat you somewhere suitable for your needs. Please note: due to space/demand we cannot also reserve seats for others in your group because we need to ensure the most accessible seats are available for those who need them most.

Captioned performances



A selection of events on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 August will be live-captioned. Look out for symbol in the event listings.

Learning disability friendly events



Events on Monday 13, Friday 17 and Thursday 23 August have been created for people with severe or multiple learning disabilities. Look out for symbol in the event listings.

BSL interpretation by request



You may request British Sign Language interpretation for any event in the programme.

How it works

- Buy tickets to the event you want to see in the usual way.
- Then email bsl@edbookfest.co.uk or phone 0345 373 5888 to request an interpreter for the event you have booked.
- We will process requests weekly in July and make arrangements with our BSL interpreters before confirming your request. If you would like a BSL interpreter, we ask that you let us know promptly.
- To allow preparation time for our interpreters, requests cannot be accepted after 27 July.
- If we are unable to fulfil a request we will refund your tickets, or exchange them to an alternative event if you prefer.

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