

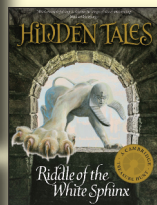
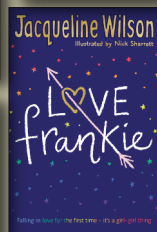
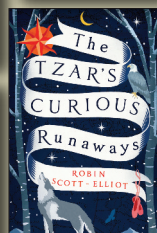
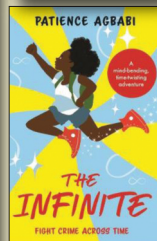
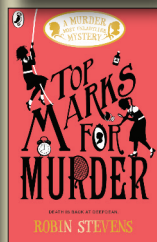
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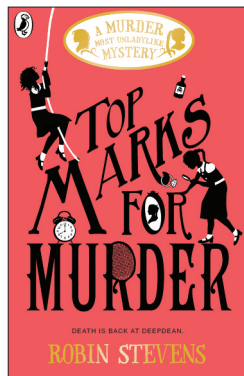
Calling all primary schools!

Get ready for the Big Read & Write – Come and meet Sita Brahmachari author of *Precious Planet* in Cambridgeshire's annual FREE live literacy event for Year 5 children.

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Saturday 18 April



Robin Stevens Murder Most Unladylike

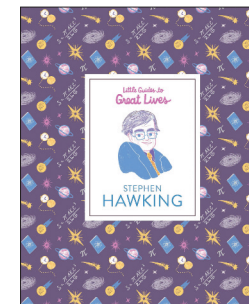
10-11am | Palmerston Room | £7 | Ages 8+

Robin Stevens, author of the bestselling and award-winning *Murder Most Unladylike* series, talks about her detective duo Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong. Find out why Robin is so fascinated with murder mysteries, tips on what makes a great detective and help create and solve a mystery of your very own... There will also be a chance to ask your burning questions, like any great detective!

Isabel Thomas Stephen Hawking

10-11am | McCrum Lecture Theatre | £6 | Ages 7+

Come and meet author Isabel Thomas and illustrator Marianna Madriz and discover some of history's most amazing lives! The *Little Guides to Great Lives* series introduces curious minds to the most inspirational figures from history. Get to know historical greats, including Anne Frank, Nelson Mandela and more. The latest *Little Guides* book is all about Professor Stephen Hawking, and Isabel and Marianna will unlock his great life with storytelling and activities.



Dr Max The Marvellous Adventure of Being Human

11:30am-12:30pm | McCrum Lecture Theatre | £6 | Ages 9+

Calling all budding scientists! Join Dr Max Pemberton for an amazing trip through the human body. Travel up nostrils, peer at eyes and float through the bloodstream to discover startling facts about how our bodies work and why our anatomy is so special. Dr Max will also be sharing his top tips for staying happy and healthy!

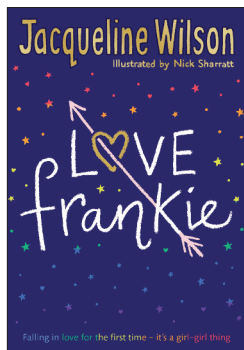


Fiona Lumbers Clem and Crab

11:30am-12:30pm | David Attenborough Seminar Room | £5 | Ages 3+

Join Fiona Lumbers as she introduces you to Clem, her environmentalist heroine, as she takes you on a journey of beachcombing and litter-picking with live drawing and reading. Clem is an explorer, a collector, a protector of the seas! Treasure hunting on her beloved beach, she stumbles across Crab, his claw stuck in a plastic bag. Crab will be much safer and happier in the city with Clem, but doesn't he belong on the beach? A stunningly illustrated timely tale of cleaning up our beaches, with the message that every small action helps.





Jacqueline Wilson Love Frankie

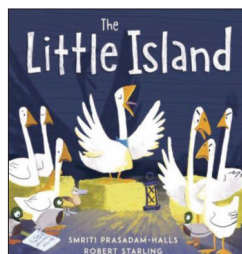
1-2pm | TTP Stage | £10 | Ages 9+

Join us for an afternoon with the much-loved Dame Jacqueline Wilson and discover how she started her writing career, how she created some of her best-loved characters as well as hearing about her brand new book, *Love Frankie*. Frankie is nearly fourteen and teenage life certainly comes with ups and downs. Her mum is ill, and Frankie can feel herself growing up quickly, no thanks to Sally and her gang of bullies at school. But when Sally turns out to be not-so-mean after all, Frankie starts to wonder whether the feelings she has for Sally are stronger than her other friendships. Might she really be in love?

Please note that there will be no book signing after this event but printed bookplates with Jacqueline's signature will be available from the bookshop.



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Smriti Prasadam-Halls & Robert Starling Hopes for Our Little Island

1-2pm | McCrum Lecture Theatre | £5 | Ages 4+

There was once a farm where all the animals were friends. Together, they looked after the farm and each other. It wasn't perfect and they didn't always agree (animals almost never do). But they liked it. One day the geese begin to gossip. Before long, they hatch a plan to leave the farm. Will life be perfect now? Join author Smriti Prasadam-Halls and illustrator Robert Starling as they introduce *The Little Island*, a powerful modern-day fable for our times told with humour and warmth, and most importantly, hope. A story of building bridges not barriers, respect not resentment and of finding friendship, not fear.



Sharna Jackson



Serena Patel



Roopa Farooki

Robin Stevens' Thriller Writers Daring Detectives and Puzzling Mysteries

2:30-3:30pm | McCrum Lecture Theatre | £7 | Ages 8+

Robin Stevens (*Murder Most Unladylike*) has brought together three other fiendish fiction writers, Sharna Jackson (*High-Rise Mystery*), Roopa Farooki (*Double Detectives Murder Mystery*) and Serena Patel (*Anisha Accidental Detective*) to discuss plots, twists and their favourite mystery books. Join this thrilling trio for triple suspense and intrigue.

Chaired by Robin Stevens

Kes Gray Oi Puppies!

2:30-3:30pm | Palmerston Room | £5 | Ages 3+

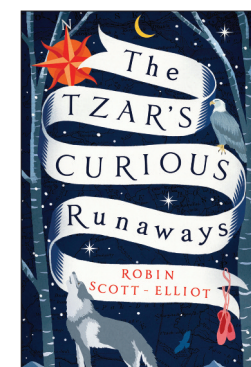
The laughter never ends with Oi Frog and Friends! Dog is looking after some puppies. Quite a few puppies actually – and they just... will not... SIT! Not even on guppies, like they're supposed to! They're getting a little out of hand. Luckily, as ever, clever Frog's got a cunning plan...



Robin Scott-Elliot The Tzar's Curious Runaways

4-5pm | McCrum Lecture Theatre | £6 | Ages 8+

Join the *Tzar's Curious Runaways* as they run for their lives! Katinka Dashkova, a dazzling ballerina born with a curved back, and her friends Alexei the Giant and Nikolai the Dwarf are different. That's why they're part of the Tzar's 'Circus of Curiosities'. But the Tzar, their protector, is dead and the children must flee the Winter Palace for their lives. Author Robin Scott-Elliot will talk about the fascinating and shocking real-life story behind his fictional 'curious runaways', as well as his career as a sports journalist, which included covering the 2012 Olympics. 'A vivid and vibrant adventure celebrating difference and friendship,' Clare Balding

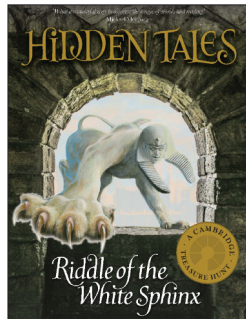




A M Howell The House of One Hundred Clocks

10-11am | McCrum Lecture Theatre | £6 | Ages 9+

June, 1905. Helena and her parrot, Orbit, are swept off to Cambridge when her father is appointed clock-winder to one of the wealthiest men in England. There is only one rule: the clocks must never stop. But Helena discovers the house of one hundred clocks holds many mysteries; a ghostly figure, strange notes and disappearing winding keys... Can she work out its secrets before time runs out?



Mark Wells & Jennifer Bell Hidden Tales

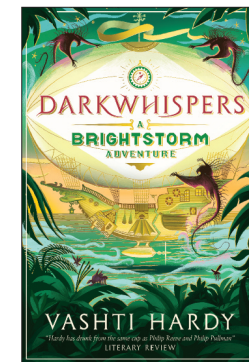
11:30am-12:30pm | McCrum Lecture Theatre | £6 | Ages 7+

Have you ever wanted to go on a real-life treasure hunt? Then here's your chance... Join author Mark Wells and illustrator Jennifer Bell on an other-worldly adventure as they reveal the secrets behind their Cambridge treasure hunt book *Hidden Tales*. Delve into the mysterious World of Secrets to discover the Hidden characters, crack codes and take part in a specially created festival treasure trail for intrepid adventurers... but be warned, you may never visit a museum the same way again!

Vashti Hardy Dark Whispers

1-2pm | McCrum Lecture Theatre | £6 | Ages 8+

Explore the fantasy worlds of *Brightstorm*, *Darkwhispers* and *Wildspark* with author Vashti Hardy. Vashti offers an inspirational talk about her writing process, asking 'what if' to create a story, and inspirational explorers from the past. Discover how maps can be a creative way to plan stories and spark the imagination.



Love Our Planet

2:30-3:30pm | McCrum Lecture Theatre | £6 | Ages 8+

Welcome to Planet Earth: our one and only home. It's an amazing place with crystals as big as buses growing inside Mexican caves, and a huge underground rainforest with trees up to 100ft tall! Join Usborne's Fact Force to find out more mind-blowing facts about Planet Earth, as well as learning about the climate crisis we all face and what each and every one of us can do to help our planet.



Patience Agbabi The Infinite

4-5pm | McCrum Lecture Theatre | £6 | Ages 8+

Leaplings, children born on the 29th of February, are very rare. Rarer still are Leaplings with The Gift – the ability to leap through time. Elle Bibi-Imbelé Ifié has The Gift, but she's never used it. Until now. On her twelfth birthday, Elle and her best friend Big Ben travel to the Time Squad Centre in 2048. Elle has received a mysterious warning from the future. Other Leaplings are disappearing in time – and not everyone at the centre can be trusted. Soon Elle's adventure becomes more than a race through time. It's a race against time. She must fight to save the world as she knows it – before it ceases to exist . .



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