

Authors at Key Stage 2 Years 3 & 4

Atinuke

The **Anna Hibiscus** series appear in chapter and picture format along with the **No! Car Spotter** series. This is a vibrant look at life in Africa. Illustrations intersperse the text and the stories are great for reading aloud as well as linking back to the oral traditions.

<http://atinuke.com/>

Baker, Jeannie

Award winning picture books all produced in collage. These are thought provoking with environmental themes and contrasts of habitats. Minimal or wordless texts encourage the children to discuss all the detail in the pictures and develop their own stories using these books as a visual stimulus.

<http://www.jeanniebaker.com/index.htm>

<http://www.walker.co.uk/contributors/Jeannie-Baker-3387.aspx>

Bartram, Simon

This author/illustrator writes picture, poetry and chapter books which have plenty of humour and entice the most reluctant reader as they try to spot the aliens that don't exist or do they? The author's website has some teaching ideas linked to it.

<http://simonbartram.com/>

Bently, Peter

Award winning author with a huge variety of picture books and a series of chapter books called **Vampire School** and **Knightmare**. Good sized font interspersed with illustrations. Full of great puns the children will love. Great for building reading confidence.

<http://www.peterbently.com/books/vampire-school-monster-chef/>

Anthony Browne

This author is an International award winner and former Children's Laureate. His books demand to be studied in detail as much for what is related through the illustrations rather than the text. Several of his books relate to fairy tale characters.

<http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/library/authors/anthonybrowne.htm>

<http://education.scholastic.co.uk/content/11403>

Child, Lauren

Award winning **Clarice Bean** stories both in picture book and chapter format and these will lead onto the **Ruby Redfort** stories for yrs 5 & 6

<http://www.milkmonitor.com/home/>

Cowell, Cressida

Author of the **How to Train Your Dragon** series. These are humorous and entertaining with great descriptive passages and links to PSHE. The stories are full of action with plenty of moral dilemmas to provoke discussion. The characters develop throughout the series and the overarching theme is what makes a hero? Fits well with the Vikings albeit fantasy ones!

<http://www.cressidacowell.co.uk/index.asp>

<http://www.howtotrainyourdragon.com/> the film versions

https://www.hachettechildrens.co.uk/Downloads/HodderChildrensBooks/httyd_activity_sheets.pdf page which contains free downloadable activities.

Davies, Nicola

Silver Street Farm series and her animal series: **Manatee Baby**, **Walking with Bears**, **The Elephant Road** etc. She also writes non fiction titles. She has written **Whale Boy** which was shortlisted for the Blue Peter Award 2014, **Rubbish Town Hero** and **A Girl Called Dog**. The latter titles are at a Year 3 & 4 reading level but deal with harsher realities such as child slavery and may well be more suited to Years 5 & 6. Her new picture book is aimed at KS2 children entitled **The Promise**.

<http://www.thepromise.uk.com/>

<http://www.nicola-davies.com/index.php>

<http://www.walker.co.uk/contributors/Nicola-Davies-2580.aspx>

<http://www.randomhousechildrens.co.uk/index.php/key-stage-2-ages-7-11-free-resources> - notes on **Whale Boy**.

D'Lacey, Chris

Introduce the children to a fantasy writer who writes for this age and beyond. A must for all dragon fans! **The Dragons of Wayward Crescent** series are a great starting point. Female protagonist, but should appeal to both genders, with the fantasy of dragons and a mystery or crime to solve, humorously told and with Adam Stower's illustrations to enjoy.

<http://www.icefire.co.uk/welcome.html?1395304892299>

<http://www.readingrockets.org/books/interviews/dlacey>

Funke, Cornelia

An international award winner. A German writer who is as popular in Germany as Jacqueline Wilson is in the UK. She writes a huge range from picture books to teenage fiction. Look at the **Ghosthunters** series, **Igraine the Brave** and the **Ghost Knight** (some scary passages, suitable for more able readers).

<http://www.scholastic.com/corneliafunke/novels.htm>

<https://www.orionbooks.co.uk/Books>

Gaiman, Neil

This internationally acclaimed Hampshire author is famous for his graphic novels for adults. In **Fortunately the Milk** he has teamed up with Chris Riddell to produce a great fantasy story. Try also **Odd and the Frost Giants** which features Vikings.

<http://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/fortunately-the-milk--9781408841761/>

Higgins, Chris

A teenage writer who has her first series for this age called **My Funny Family**. This is good for language with a good font style and it includes different writing styles e.g. in **My Funny Family**

there are lists, a song, lots of family conversation as well as lovely descriptions. The text is interspersed with great illustrations. Chris writes stories aimed at children from Year 3 – Year 9. **The Secrets Club** is also suitable for primary 5/6 as the girls are starting secondary school together.

<http://clubs-kids.scholastic.co.uk/authors/147241> - includes an interview with the author.

www.chrishigginsthatsme.com

Horse, Harry

These are lovely books with quirky characterisation delivering powerful messages about the environment. **The Last Polar Bears** features the Arctic and exploration and **The Last Castaways** could be used when looking at islands.

<http://www.penguin.co.uk/nf/Author/AuthorPage/>

Ibbotson, Eva

This award winning author wrote many wonderful stories. She has a beautiful writing style with strong characterisation and a love of nature. **One Boy and his Dog** is a great example of her work with all the makings of a classic. Aimed at the more able reader.

<http://images.scholastic.co.uk/assets/a/83/52/book-talk-one-dog-and-his-boy-866128.pdf>

<http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/library/books/onedogandhisboy.htm>

Jarman, Julia

Her **Friends** series is told from the different perspectives of the 3 friends. **Pillywiggins** is a fantasy story. Her website contains teachers' notes on **Pillywiggins** as well as some of her picture books and the **Travelling Cat** stories for yrs5/6. <http://juliajarman.com/teachers-and-librarians/lessonplans.html>

McKay, Hilary

A prolific award winning author for a variety of ages and abilities. The **Charlie** books and **Lulu** stories are great at this age and her website has a problem page for Charlie. More advanced readers will enjoy the Cassons family (Years 5 & 6) and **Wishing for Tomorrow** which is written as a sequel to **A Little Princess** in the same narrative style.

<http://www.hilarymckay.co.uk/index.php>

http://www.albertwhitman.com/resources/BookResources/9/3/documents/ccssguide_lulu41.pdf

Meddour, Wendy

A Hen in the Wardrobe was Wendy's first novel and it was immediately long listed for an award. This book depicts a British Muslim family and it fits in well with the SMSC curriculum. She has followed this with the **Wendy Quill** series full of insight and humour and accompanied by illustrations created by her daughter.

<http://wendymeddour.wordpress.com/> with video clips.

<http://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/2013/may/22/wendy-meddour-writing-tips-funny-fiction>

Morris, Jackie

Picture books and traditional tales for all ages, her love of myth and story telling are evident in her lyrical style and illustration.

<http://www.jackiemorris.co.uk/blog/book-list/> this links to YouTube where Jackie reads the Ice Bear. <http://wordpool.co.uk/ap/morris.htm> gives an interview with the author and illustrator

<http://www.jackiemorris.co.uk/tellmeadragon.htm> takes some of the pages from the book. This is a great way to encourage creative writing as is her blog of how I am Cat began:

<http://www.jackiemorris.co.uk/iamcat.htm>

Newbery, Linda

Here is an award winning author who writes a wide range of novels for this age and beyond. Her website has **Lob** and the **Cat Tales** series listed under stories for younger readers. Lob is useful for good characterisation, changing viewpoints and PSHE. Cat Tales would read aloud well.

<http://www.lindanewbery.co.uk/>

<http://justimaginstorycentre.co.uk/blogs/resources/14998449-lob-by-linda-newbery>

http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/english/pdfs/cat_tales.pdf

Norriss, Andrew

Andrew is a Hampshire writer and has written several children's books and scripts for TV. Many of his books have accompanying teacher's notes. The Archie stories are great fun and have universal appeal. They are organised in short chapters with each one dealing with a day of the week. An interesting idea for budding writers as a story structure.

<http://www.andrewnorriss.co.uk/>

<http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/library/authors/andrewnorriss.htm>

<http://anorrissbooks.wordpress.com/books-by-andrew-norriss/i-dont-believe-it-archie/>

Riddell, Chris

Award winning author and illustrator, his **Ottoline** series is beautifully produced and **Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse** won the Costa Childrens Prize 2014. This book can be read on many levels.

<http://www.panmacmillan.com/author/chrisriddell>

<http://www.gothgirlbook.com> – talks about his drawing technique, there is a story opener for you to finish and lots more activities all linked to the book.

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/view/33263>

<http://www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/Ottoline-in-the-rainforest-writing-the-sequel-6140382/tp://www.panmacmillan.com/author/chrisriddell>

Smith, Alex T

This author writes in a picture and chapter format. Some of the picture book characters are now in chapter form eg **Foxy Tales** by Caryl Hart. The **Claude** series are good for developing reading stamina and there is a good balance of text to illustration with quirky stories and witty illustrations.

<http://www.alexsmith.com/>

<http://alexsmith.blogspot.co.uk/>

<http://claudbooks.blogspot.co.uk/>

<http://writers.scholastic.co.uk/alex-t-smith>

Umansky, Kaye

Kaye writes for a wide ability range and includes titles published by Barrington Stoke for dyslexic children. Her best known series is about a witch called **Pongwiffy**.

Goblinz!, I am a Tree, Romantic Giant, Silver Spoon of Solomon Snow (Years 5/6)

<http://kayeumansky.com/Profile/Home.html>

Willis, Jeanne

A versatile and prolific writer. Her titles range from rhythm and rhyme picture books to teenage books. Her books are often humorous but with strong messages. Try the Penguin Pandemonium series.

Beast of Crowsfoot Cottage

<http://jeannewillis.com/>

<http://www.walker.co.uk/contributors/Jeanne-Willis>