

2009 Children's & Teen Highlights

RBS Children's Programme

John Burningham
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 Terry Deary
 Alexander McCall Smith
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 Anthony Browne
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 Helen Oxenbury
 Cathy Cassidy
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 Mini Grey
Sir Charlie Stinky Socks
 Tim Pigott-Smith
Harry & the Dinosaurs
 Toon Tellegen
 Mark Walden
 Lucy Hawking
 Steve Bloom
Clarice Bean
 Chris Riddell
The Beano
 Hardeep Singh Kohli
 Darren Shan
 Joan Lingard
 Tony Ross
 Carol Ann Duffy
 David Roberts
 Caroline Lawrence
 Philip Ardagh
 Vivian French
 Mio Matsumoto
 John Fardell
 L P Howarth
 Theresa Breslin

and many more . . .

- Astoundingly popular children's writer Cornelia Funke will make a rare public appearance to talk about her entrancing *Inkworld* series, and may drop some hints about next year's *Reckless*, her new book set in a Grimmsian fairy tale world
- We celebrate the 40th Birthday of Eric Carle's *Very Hungry Caterpillar*, plus birthdays for *The Gruffalo*, *Clarice Bean* and *Topsy & Tim*
- Enjoy exclusive sneak previews of new work by Julia Donaldson, Michelle Paver and Steve Cole
- Techno-expert, Jason Bradbury, from *The Gadget Show*, will be joined by a troupe of robots to talk about his novel, *Dot Robot*
- Martial Arts Master, Chris Bradford, will entertain with an authentic samurai sword demonstration illustrating his award-winning *Young Samurai* series
- Launching new books in Charlotte Square will be Nick Butterworth, Emily Gravett, Jeremy Strong, Angie Sage and Terry Deary among others
- We welcome back Jacqueline Wilson to talk about her teenage struggles as an aspiring writer
- Sports fans will enjoy new work from Narinder Dhani who follows up *Bend it Like Beckham* with *The Beautiful Game*, Bali Rai who brings *Soccer Squad*, his fast paced, down to earth series on football, and Blue Peter Award Listed Tom Palmer with *Deadball*
- Catch the end of *The Edge Chronicles*, as Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell discuss their brilliant final instalment, *The Immortals*
- Also coming to an end this year, Louise Rennison's *Confessions of Georgia Nicholson*, Malorie Blackmore's *Noughts and Crosses*, Caroline Lawrence's *Roman Mysteries* and Jenny Nimmo's *Charlie Bone*
- Internationally renowned Swedish crime writer, Henning Mankell talks about his children's novel *The Cat Who Liked Rain*, recently shortlisted for the Red House Book Award, the UK's only national prize voted for exclusively by children
- Graphic Novels continue to grow in popularity. Ian Rankin launches his debut graphic novel, a noir thriller, and is joined by Neil Gaiman, author of the epic *Sandman* series. Plus, we are delighted to welcome Mark Millar, Gary Erskine and Tony Lee to Charlotte Square
- Judith Kerr, creator of *Mog the Cat* and *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, discusses her fascinating childhood escape from Nazi Germany, as told in the autobiographical novel *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*

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