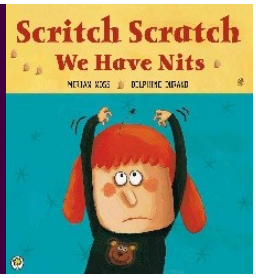
LEWES CHILDREN'S BOOK GROUP

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2012

Come & meet Miriam Moss: an illustrated talk about writing picture books.

Wednesday 30th January 2013, 7 for 7.30pm
Lewes Library (AGM to follow the talk)



Have you ever wondered how to write a picture book and who might illustrate it if you not an artist? Is it easy to do because there are so few words?

Miriam Moss will give us an insight into the creative process of writing a picture book and will answer your questions about it. She is a member of LCBG and an award winning author of over 75 books, including 30 picture books, poetry and short stories. To find out more about Miriam, look at her website: www.miriammoss.com

There will be refreshments available from 7pm along with a selection of Miriam's books for sale, which she will sign. There will also be some vintage books for sale in aid of our funds. The AGM will follow Miriam's talk.

Non-members are very welcome to join us for the talk, which is free of charge.

Please encourage your friends to come along to what is guaranteed to be an interesting talk.

The future of Lewes Children's Book Group

This year started with a very small committee that has gathered a couple of new members later in the year. However, limited time and resources have meant that we've just run the regular book swops and not organised any other events.

We desperately need more members to join the committee to contribute a bit of time, enthusiasm and ideas to carry on with the Book Group. We realise that everyone is incredibly busy, with many calls on their time, but even a small amount of time makes a difference. Without more members coming forward we will have to consider whether there is a future for the Book Group. Will we reach our 40th anniversary in 2014?

Please either email lewescbg@gmail.com or talk to Diana on 474964 for further details or if you think you can help.

Our next Book Swop will be on **Saturday 16th February**, 10.30-12.30 at the Nutty Wizard Café (opposite Bags of Books on South Street) for ages 0-12+. **Bring books to swap – no money allowed!**

We know that the Book Swops are incredibly popular and we're often asked why we don't run more of them. Part of the answer is that it takes time to rebuild a balance 'starter stock'. What's left each time is younger and sometimes not very appealing! Would swops be so successful on busy term-time Saturdays?

Currently books are stored in Diana's loft and it would be hard for her to move them more often (there are steps outside too!) Publicity and transport also take up time and energy.

However, if you have a good idea of somewhere else the books could be stored that is easily accessible, then there could be scope for running extra Book Swops. We would also need more helpers to come forward and the Community Café or somewhere else equally convenient, friendly and cheap to be available. Let us know if you have any ideas!

We are now on Facebook as Lewes Childrens Book Group.
'Like' us for the chance to win a goodie bag.

Find us on Facebook

Contact us: Diana Rogers –01273 486764
Email: lewescbg@gmail.com
http://leweschildrensbookgroup.weebly.com

red house children's book award!

This is the only national book award voted for entirely by children. Children have been reading and reviewing books all year long and these are their favourite ten. Now we need more children to take part and help choose a winner.

Children who want to vote need to read all the books in a category. Please contact Diana Rogers (474964) if you have a child who would like to test a set of the books. Votes are needed by January 6th.

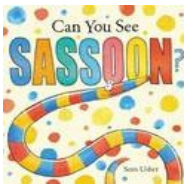
Even if your child doesn't vote, it's worth borrowing the books from the library (children can reserve books free of charge) or buying them from Bags of Books as they come highly recommended by other children. There are details of the longlist on the Red House website, under 'Pick of the Year'. Please be aware that the books in the older readers category cover some hard-hitting subjects and are suitable for the 12+ age group.

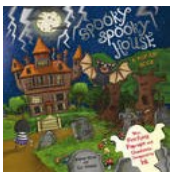
The prize will awarded at the Imagination Children's Festival at London's Southbank Centre on 23rd February 2013

http://www.redhousechildrensbookaward.co.uk

Picture Books

- Welcome to alien school by Caryl Hart
- Can you see Sassoon? by Sam Usher
- The spooky spooky house by Andrew Weale
- Dog loves drawing by Louise Yates





Younger Readers

- Operation Eiffel Tower by Elen Caldecott
- The world of Norm: may contain nuts by Jonathan Meres
- Gangsta Granny by David Walliams

Older Readers

- Eight keys by Suzanne LaFleur
- The power of six by Pittacus Lore
- The Medusa Project: hit squad by Sophie McKenzie

Federation of Children's Book Groups

You are a member of the Federation through your membership of LCBG. Their new website is up and running. Why not have a look at their blog, which can be accessed through the website? **www.fcbg.org.uk**

The Federation organise a conference each year. Next year it is called The Power of the Page. See the ad for details or look on their website, where there is a booking form. It is a great opportunity to meet people from other groups and hear some wonderful talks by authors and illustrators.

Membership is still only £12 if you live in Lewes!*

Despite prices going up all around, we have managed to keep local membership of the book group at the same rate.

The benefits of membership include:

- 15% discount off books at Bags of Books in Lewes.
- 10% discount off all books at Much Ado Books, Alfriston.
- **Carousel** - a nationally produced magazine with news and reviews of children's books.
- National Conference with the chance to hear high-profile children's authors and illustrators.

Being a member also helps us cover insurance, Book Swops and Author Events that we hold.

A big thank-you to Bags of Books and Much Ado Books for their support.

Membership is due for renewal in January - please help us by paying promptly.

*We have had to raise the subscription to £18 if you live outside Lewes to help cover the additional postage costs.

THE POWER OF THE PAGE

FCBG ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2013

The Culford School, Bury St Edmunds....March 22nd – 24th

Provisional authors include:

Melvin Burgess, Rachel Ward, Angie Sage, Mary Hooper, Jane Ray, Sally Nicholls, Liz Pichon, Harriet Castor, Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore

and many more to be confirmed....we hope to see you there

Membership Renewal 2013 – due January 2013

Please complete & return this slip with cheque or cash (£12 Lewes, £18 postal) to Diana Rogers, 48 South Way, Lewes, BN7 1LY.

Name:……

Address: ……

Postcode:……**Tel:**……

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Your email address can help us save money (and paper!) and is useful to remind members about Book Swops and events. By providing your email address you agree to be contacted occasionally by email about Lewes Children's Book Group events. We will not pass your details onto any other individuals or organizations.

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