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Author Spotlight...

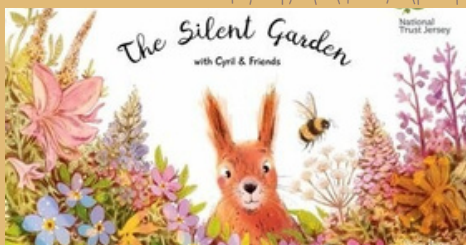
PENNY BYRNE



Penny Byrne is a children's writer in Jersey.

Penny runs a number of children's events including poetry and writing workshops, book readings and working with schools as part of their literacy curriculum.

Some of Penny's
bestselling books



In this section, we will have top picks of our favourite books...

This issues 'top pick' is from our QUEST CEO,

Mr Marc Doyle.



'London Parks' by Hunter Davies

Take a peek at the blurb...

Think you know London? Hunter Davies dares you to step outside! In 'London Parks,' he ditches the double-decker for a year of rambling through the city's green spaces.

From pelican-peeping in St. James's to Heath-hiking, Davies proves these spaces aren't just for pigeons and picnics. It's a hilarious, insightful stroll through the capital's wilder side, revealing the quirky characters and hidden histories lurking beneath the leaves. Prepare to see London in a whole new, wonderfully grassy light!



What does Marc say?

'I love this book because it takes me away to lazy days travelling around a city that I love!'

An Interview with an Author

Why do you choose to read?

I love reading for so many reasons. I love making new and interesting friends. Yes, I often reread books, sometimes many, many times and when I am struggling with life, I can go back to them and reset my frame – it is kind of like falling back on the familiarity and kindness of an old friend.

I love getting inside other people's imaginations, which can be incredibly colourful and frankly fascinating. And I love the connections it brings – cuddling up with a child or two as you read to them, or as you read side by side, or when you talk about books to friends or in book clubs where you get to spend time with people you otherwise don't get the chance to see!



Quote of the Month!



What have we been up to at Quest Trust?

World Book Day 2025!

Have a look at how some of our schools have celebrated!



Bramhall's Book Club Launch!



Two of our chosen Bramhall's Buddies - Reading Ambassadors from across QUEST Trust met this afternoon at Hindley Library. We also had the privilege of being joined by Mr Bramhall and Kammalah, Mrs Bramhall's daughter. It was wonderful for the ambassadors to hear stories of Mrs Bramhall's legacy, the reason behind the creation of BBC.

Today, we launched with getting to know one another and sharing some of our ideas of what we would like to see in our Trust, community and Book Club moving forward. Some ideas were linked to fundraising, school libraries and wider contributions to our Trust, all with the premise of reading at the heart.

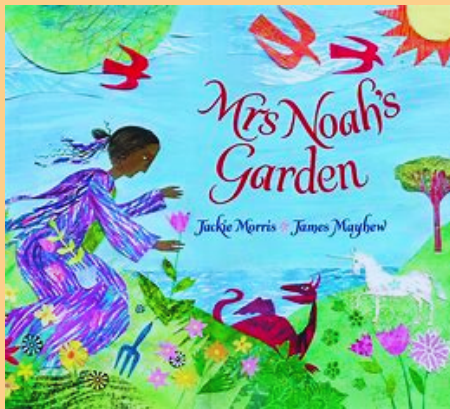
We are looking forward to what amazing things our Buddies and Ambassadors will be getting up to in the near future.

Until then, keep your eyes peeled for the Wigan Observer, where coverage of our meeting will feature!



Recommended Reads!

Early Years

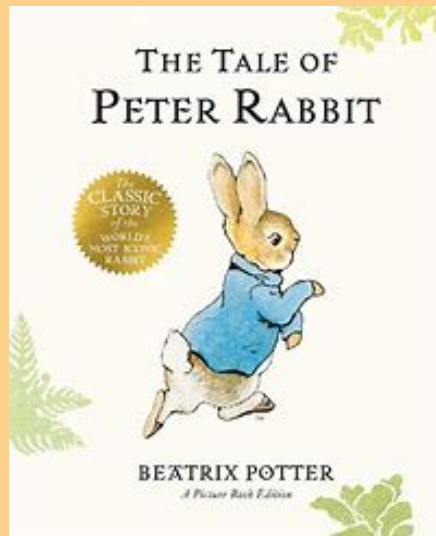


Inspired by the biblical tale of Noah's Ark, the central character in this charming picture book is the strong, compassionate and quietly determined figure of Mrs Noah.

After successfully navigating the flood waters, Mr and Mrs Noah finally reach dry land. Mrs Noah desperately misses the garden she left behind, so decides to transform the land surrounding their new home.



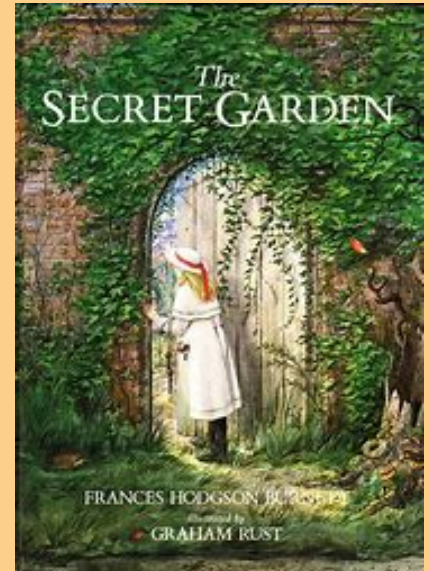
Key Stage One



A delightful tale that follows mischievous and disobedient young Peter Rabbit as he gets into, and is chased around, the garden of Mr. McGregor.

Luckily, after putting up quite a big fight, he escapes and returns home to his mother, who puts him straight to bed!

Key Stage Two



The Secret Garden tells the story of a young orphan who was born into luxury, but loneliness. When she finds herself in another part of the world, she navigates through life with friends and nature. She eventually learns to see life in a better and happier light.

Upcoming Reading Events!



Pyjamarama Day! Thursday 22nd May

Thousands of children all around the country – in schools, nurseries, community groups and at home – will spend the day reading, enjoying, and sharing stories all in the comfort of their pyjamas to raise vital funds to ensure every child has access to a story at bedtime.

