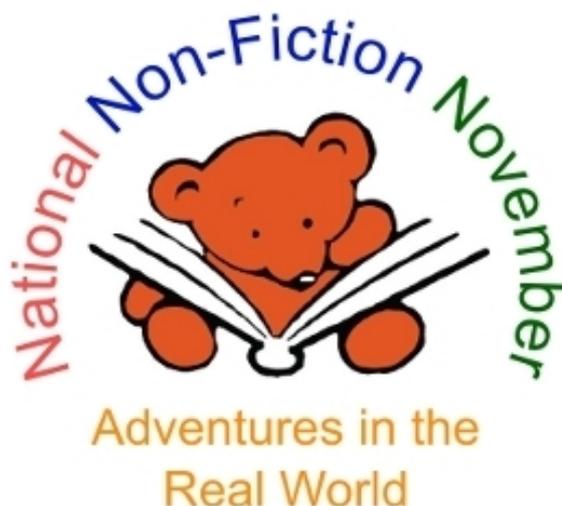


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National Non-Fiction November 2014

National Non-Fiction November is the Federation of Children's Book Groups' annual celebration of all things factual. Born out of National Non-Fiction Day, 2014 marks a new departure, with the **whole month** now being a celebration of all those readers, authors and illustrators who have a passion for information and facts.

One of our projects this year is '**30 days of Adventures in the Real World**'. On each day of November we will highlight a different aspect of non-fiction for children and young people. Interviews with non-fiction authors and illustrators, competitions, book lists, activity sheets and opinion pieces will be found in a variety of locations including magazines, on the radio, and online across a wide variety of websites. You will be able to take part in your own 30 day adventure by following the daily links on the Federation of Children's Book Group's website (<http://www.fcbg.org.uk>) and also via other social media outlets, using the hashtags #RealWorldAdventures and #NNFN

National Non-Fiction November is an ideal time to invite a non-fiction author for an event at your local school, library, or youth group. You can find details of many non-fiction authors at [Contact an Author](#) and [Authors Aloud](#). FCBG groups also have access to a dedicated directory of non-fiction authors who are keen to visit groups for events.

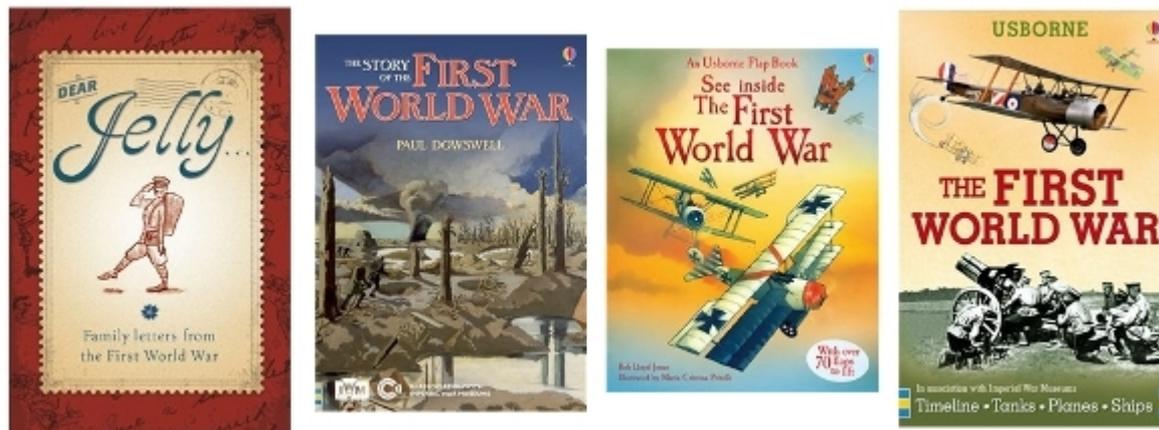
Free poster templates and bookmarks can be downloaded from the FCBG resources page, where you can also find the logo for National Non-Fiction November in various sizes for you to use if you wish.

<http://www.fcbg.org.uk/resources/>

This year's theme is **The First World War**, but this theme is not exclusive; all non-fiction for children and young people will be celebrated. The theme is merely to provide a focus for those who want it.

We are most grateful to Hachette and Usborne for facilitating two Federation events as part of National Non-Fiction November.

- (1) [Sarah Ridley, author of Dear Jelly](#) (Hachette) is visiting Ipswich Children's Book Group
- (2) [Usborne](#) have very generously provided a large pack of their First World War themed books and activity sheets to Saddleworth Children's Book Group



National Non-Fiction November will also see several new resources go live on the Federation of Children's Book Group's website (<http://www.fcbg.org.uk/national-non-fiction-november/>), with the aim of highlighting how non-fiction can play an important role in the enjoyment of reading by children and young people.

Of National Non-Fiction November 2014 Sarah Stuffins, Chair of the Federation of Children's Book Groups said:

"We're thrilled to be relaunching our celebration of non-fiction with a whole month of adventures across the web and in our children's book groups. This month-long focus will give us a fantastic opportunity to showcase the wonderful world of non-fiction as a different way into reading for those children who love information and facts. I'm personally really looking forward to hearing all about the events and experiences children enjoy during November."

For more information please contact Zoe Toft on nnfn@fcbg.org.uk

Notes for Editors

1. The Federation of Children's Book Groups was set up as a charity by Anne Wood, the originator of The Teletubbies. It acts as an umbrella organisation for local Children's Book Groups all over the UK. The groups organise a variety of activities including author events and other activities that promote the enjoyment of children's books. As well as organising National Non-Fiction November, the FCBG also owns and runs the Red House Children's

Book Award, produces numerous specialist book lists, organises National Share-a-Story Month each May and holds an annual conference each spring. For more information see:

<http://www.fcbg.org.uk>

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/91835048748/>

<https://twitter.com/FCBGNews>

1. The FCBG portal to all aspects of National Non-Fiction November

<http://www.fcbg.org.uk/national-non-fiction-november/>

2. Free downloadable resources for National Non-Fiction November

<http://www.fcbg.org.uk/resources/>

3. To book an author who specialises in non-fiction for children and young people the following organisations may be useful:

Contact an Author

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

Authors Aloud

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

Network for Information Book Writers and Editors

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/anne.rooney/nibweb/www/>