

## Why not book a non-fiction author for your next book group event?

Whether for a focus on non-fiction in November, to tie in with curriculum work at school, or simply to feed the curiosity of your child members in your local community, why not consider booking a non-fiction author or illustrator for your next children's book group event?

This leaflet contains details of many non-fiction authors/illustrators/book creators for children and young people who are keen to come and visit you. Many are happy to travel across the UK, and others are keen to build relationships with their local groups; why not find out which non-fiction authors work near you?



### CARRON BROWN

**Areas of specialism:** Author of the best-selling Shine-A-Light books. Would host workshops for children to create their own unique Shine-A-Light picture!

**Recent/Forthcoming books:** Secrets of Animal Camouflage, On the Plane, On the Space Station, Secrets of the Vegetable Garden, Secrets of Winter

**Social media:** @SquirkRodent

**How to contact:** through Ivy Press:  
graham.robson@quarto.com

**Any other info:** Based in London but could travel!

### SEAN CALLERY

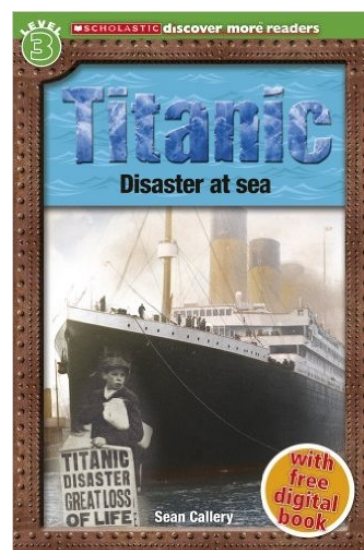
**Areas of specialism:** History, animals and the environment. Devised the successful LifeCycles series.

**Recent/Forthcoming books:** Rocks and Minerals, Titanic, The Celts

**Social media:** seancallery.co.uk

**How to contact:** Via website seancallery.co.uk

**Any other info:** Based in Oxfordshire and happy to travel to central midlands.



### LYDIA CROOK

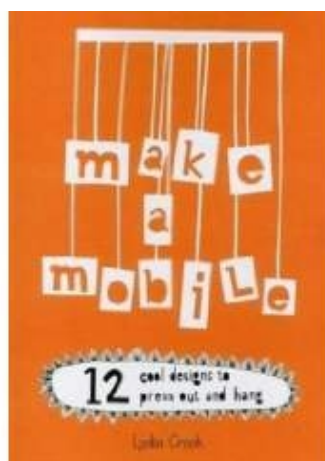
**Areas of specialism:** Paper Engineer and Artist can host Paper Play workshops!

**Recent/Forthcoming books:** Christmas Paper Play: Play, Make, Decorate!, Paper Play: Roll it. Rip it. Fold it. Snip it!, Make a Mobile: 12 cool designs to cut out and hang.

**Social media:** <http://www.lydiacrook.co.uk/> @\_paper\_cuts

**How to contact:** through Ivy Press:  
graham.robson@quarto.com

**Any other info:** Based in Sussex



## OWEN DAVEY

**Recent/Forthcoming books:** Laika The Astronaut, Knight Night, Foxly's Feast

**Social media:** [owen@owendavey.com](mailto:owen@owendavey.com)

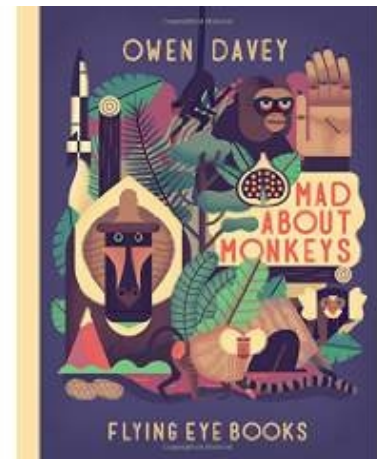
<http://www.owendavey.com/>

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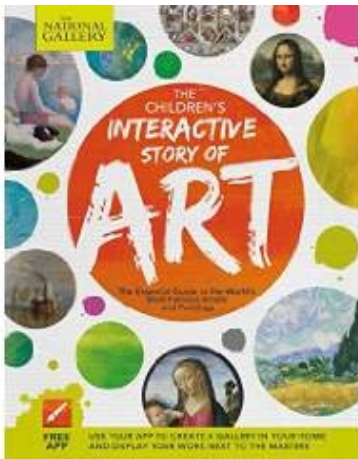
**How to contact:** [owen@owendavey.com](mailto:owen@owendavey.com)

**Any other info:** Based in Leicester but willing to travel if travel costs covered



## SUSIE HODGE

**Areas of specialism:** History of Art, practical art, history - although for children, I've written many books on a wide variety of subjects, including science, dance and religion



**Recent/Forthcoming books:** The Children's Interactive Story of Art; My Big Art Show; How to Look at Art; The Home Front in World War Two; Why Your Five Year Old Could Not Have Done That; How to Draw Dogs; What Makes Great Design, Why Is Art Full of Naked People? Published 5th September 2016

**Social media:** [www.susiehodge.co.uk](http://www.susiehodge.co.uk), @susie\_hodge

**How to contact:** Email link on my website or via Twitter or via [c.buckley@thameshudson.co.uk](mailto:c.buckley@thameshudson.co.uk)

**Any other info:** Extensive experience in schools and on TV and radio, always flexible, any age/ability catered for!

## SUNGJU LEE

**Areas of specialism:** North Korea

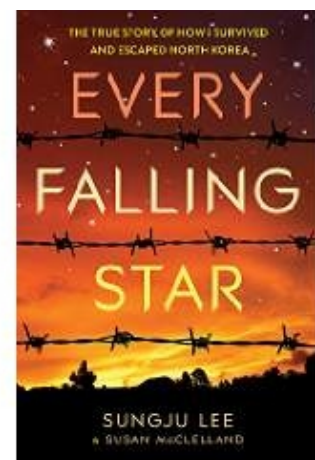
**Recent/Forthcoming books:** Every Falling Star

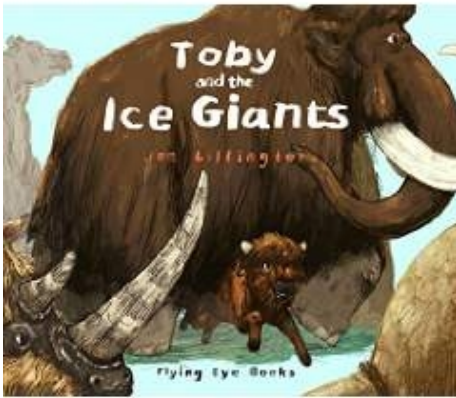
**Social media:**

<http://www.abramsandchronicle.co.uk/books/young-adult/9781419723810-every-falling-star>

**How to contact:** [publicity@abramsandchronicle.co.uk](mailto:publicity@abramsandchronicle.co.uk)

**Any other info:** Based in Warwick as studying at university there so nearby locations given preference





## JOE LILLINGTON

**Areas of specialism:** Non fiction illustration, Ice Age, Dinosaurs History illustration

**Recent/Forthcoming books:** Toby and the Ice Giants, Neffy and the Feathered Dinosaurs

**Social media:** [www.joelillington.co.uk](http://www.joelillington.co.uk) @LillingtonJoe

**How to contact:** Contact via email [joe@joelillington.co.uk](mailto:joe@joelillington.co.uk) or Emma O'Donovan [emma@nobrow.net](mailto:emma@nobrow.net)

**Any other info:** Based in Bristol

## ANTONY PENROSE

**Areas of specialism:** Art

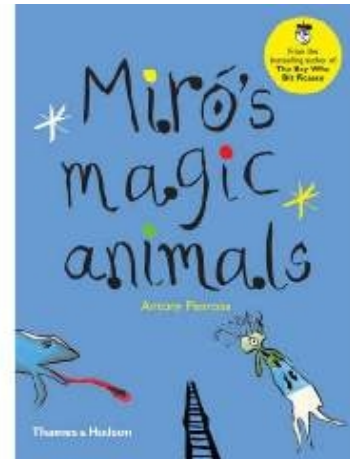
**Recent/Forthcoming books:** Miro's Magic Animals published 21 March 2016

**Social media:**

<https://www.facebook.com/FarleyFarmHouse>

**Home region:** Sussex

**How to contact:** Contact via [c.buckley@thameshudson.co.uk](mailto:c.buckley@thameshudson.co.uk)



## STUART ROSS

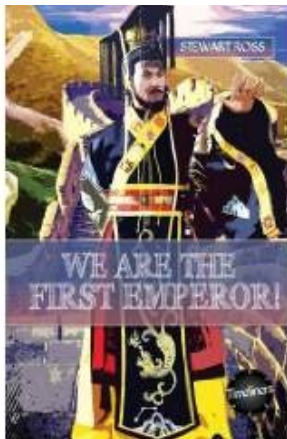
**Areas of specialism:** History, travel, exploration, literature, fiction

**Recent/Forthcoming books:** 3 crossover books for Readzone's Timeliners: We Are the First Emperor! The Lady of the Mercians and William – the Conqueror! And for Lonely Planet Unfolding Journeys Rocky Mountain Explorer and The Amazon River

**Social media:** @booksmvth / FB Soterion Mission

**How to contact:** via [www.stewartross.com](http://www.stewartross.com) or [words@stewartross.com](mailto:words@stewartross.com)

**Any other info:** Highly experienced, flexible and happy to go anywhere on the planet.



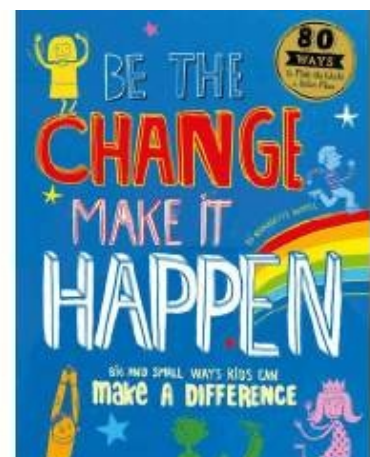
## BERNADETTE RUSSELL

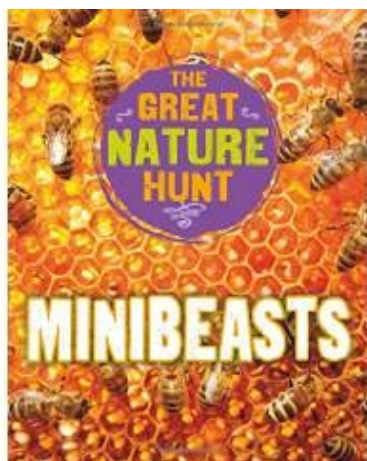
**Areas of specialism:** Happiness/kindness workshops for kids. Storyteller, mischief maker, giver of inspirational and curious talks, and curator of magical events!

**Recent/Forthcoming books:** Be the Change – Make it Happen: Big and Small Ways Kids Can Make a Difference, Do Nice, Be Kind, Spread Happy: Acts of Kindness for Kids  
**Social media:** <http://www.bernadetterussell.com> @BetteRussell  
<https://www.facebook.com/bernadette.russell.399?fref=ts>

**How to contact:** through Ivy Press: [graham.robson@quarto.com](mailto:graham.robson@quarto.com)

**Any other info:** Based in London but could travel!





## CATH SENKER

**Areas of specialism:** History, global and social issues, world religions, human geography and environmental topics.

**Recent/Forthcoming books:** Discovery Timelines: Food and Farming; Medicine; Warfare (World Book, 2016), The Land and the People: Mexico; Russia (Wayland, 2016), The Dalai Lama (Wayland, 2016), The Great Nature Hunt: Birds; Minibeasts; Garden Flowers (Franklin Watts, 2016)

**Social media:** [www.cathsenker.co.uk](http://www.cathsenker.co.uk) @cathsenker

**Home region:** South east England

**How to contact:** [cathsenker@yahoo.com](mailto:cathsenker@yahoo.com)

## TILLY

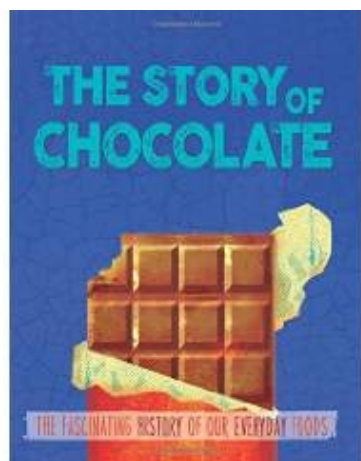
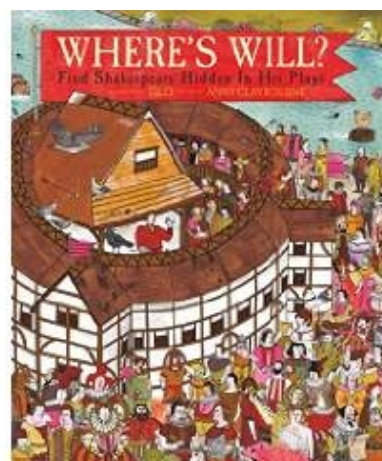
**Areas of specialism:** Colouring-in workshops

**Recent/Forthcoming books:** Where's Will?: Find Shakespeare Hidden in His Plays, A Year in My Life: Be Creative Every Day

**Social media:** <http://www.runningforcrayons.co.uk>  
@Running4Crayons

**How to contact:** via [graham.robson@quarto.com](mailto:graham.robson@quarto.com)

**Any other info:** Based in Brighton



## ALEX WOOLF

**Areas of specialism:** History, Science, Social Issues

**Recent/Forthcoming books:** The Story of Tea, The Story of Chocolate, You Wouldn't Want to Live Without Books, You Wouldn't Want to Live Without Soap, The Impact of Technology: Art

**Social media:** [alexwoolf.co.uk](http://alexwoolf.co.uk) @RealAlexWoolf  
<https://www.facebook.com/Alex-Woolf-author-163044690377900/?ref=hl>

**How to contact:** via a contact form on my website

**Any other info:** I prefer visits in the London area, or just north of there.

## YUVAL ZOMMER

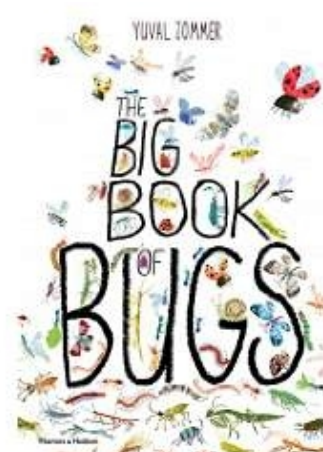
**Areas of specialism:** The Natural World

**Recent/Forthcoming books:** The Big Book of Bugs, published 21 March 2016

**Social media:** @yuvalzommer

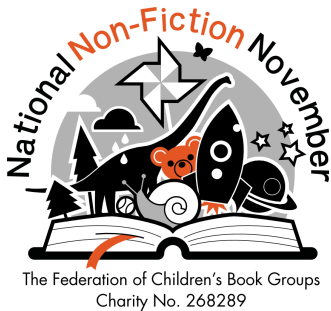
**How to contact:** Contact via [c.buckley@thameshudson.co.uk](mailto:c.buckley@thameshudson.co.uk)

**Any other info:** London preferred



You can also find non-fiction authors and illustrators to book for events through the following groups/databases/booking agencies:

Authors Aloud	<a href="http://www.authorsalouduk.co.uk/">http://www.authorsalouduk.co.uk/</a>
National Association of Writers in Education	<a href="http://www.nawe.co.uk/">http://www.nawe.co.uk/</a>
Speaking of Books	<a href="http://www.speakingofbooks.co.uk/">http://www.speakingofbooks.co.uk/</a>
Book events for School	<a href="http://www.bookeventsforschools.co.uk/">http://www.bookeventsforschools.co.uk/</a>
Contact an author	<a href="http://www.contactanauthor.co.uk/index.php">http://www.contactanauthor.co.uk/index.php</a>
Virtual authors	<a href="http://www.virtualauthors.co.uk/">http://www.virtualauthors.co.uk/</a>
Authors Abroad	<a href="http://www.authorsabroad.com/">http://www.authorsabroad.com/</a>
Nibweb	<a href="http://nibweb.org.uk/">http://nibweb.org.uk/</a>
Scottish Book Trust Search for an Author	<a href="http://scottishbooktrust.com/author-search">scottishbooktrust.com/author-search</a>
Apples and Snakes	<a href="http://applesandsnakes.org/">applesandsnakes.org/</a>
Society of Authors	<a href="http://www.societyofauthors.org/WritersAZ">http://www.societyofauthors.org/WritersAZ</a>
Patron of Reading	<a href="http://www.patronofreading.co.uk/">http://www.patronofreading.co.uk/</a>
Pop Up	<a href="http://pop-up.org.uk/education/">http://pop-up.org.uk/education/</a>
The Writers of Wales Database	<a href="http://www.literaturewales.org/writers-of-wales/">http://www.literaturewales.org/writers-of-wales/</a>



National Non-Fiction November is the Federation of Children's Book Groups' annual celebration of all those readers that have a passion for information, facts and stories from real life.

Find out more at:

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