

Year 2 Authors, Poets and Stories



In Year 2, we will look at the following authors/poets Rachel Bright, Judith Kerr, Hilary Robinson and Brian Moses. As well as this we will study the below stories, poets and authors throughout our work in English and in our class novel time.



	Authors, poets and stories linked to English	Class Novel
Autumn 1	The Way Home for Wilf – Rachel Bright	
Autumn 2	Flo of the Somme, Where the Poppies Now Grow & The Christmas Truce – Hilary Robinson Mog’s Christmas – Judith Kerr	War Game – Michael Foreman How Winston Delivered Christmas – Alex T Smith
Spring 1	Samson’s Titanic Journey – Lauren Graham	Lancashire Brilliant Book Awards
Spring 2	The Tin Forest – H. Ward Dreamer – Brian Moses	
Summer 1	Queen Victoria’s Bathing Machine	Paddington at the Palace – Michael Bond The Time-Travelling Cat and the Great Victorian Stink – Julia Jarman
Summer 2	Lila and the Secret of Rain - David Conway & Jude Daly	

Rachel Bright

1979 – present

Home Town: Shropshire, UK

Famous Books:

Love Monster, The Lion Inside, The Koala Who Could, Peter Rabbit Head Over Tail



Interesting Facts:

- She briefly worked as an air hostess with Virgin Atlantic before leaving to focus on her art career.
- World Book Day illustrator (2013)^[14]
- Writer for the Carmelite prize (2016)^[15]
- [Oscar's Book Prize](#) (2017, won - *The Koala Who Could*)^[16]
- Nottingham Children's Book Award - 'My sister is an Alien' (won)



Judith Kerr

14 June 1923 - 22 May 2019

Born: Anna Judith Gertrud Helene Kerr

Home Town: Berlin, Germany

Famous Books:

The Mog Series, The Tiger Who Came To Tea, When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit (semi-autobiographical)

Interesting Facts:

- She was the daughter of [Alfred Kerr](#) (1867–1948), a [theatre critic](#), and [Julia Kerr](#) (born Julia Anna Franziska Weismann; 1898–1965), a composer.
- She fled Nazi persecution with her family in 1933, escaping to Switzerland.
- During WWII, she worked for the Red Cross, attending wounded soldiers.
- She married screenwriter [Nigel "Tom" Kneale](#), in the BBC canteen. He wrote the cult TV science-fiction serial [The Quatermass Experiment](#)



Brian Moses

18th June 1950 – present

Hometown: Sussex, UK

Famous Books:

- The Budgie Likes to Boogie - Caboodle Books
- The Great Galactic Ghoul - Caboodle Books
- Billy's Coming Back - **Macmillan**
- Behind the Staffroom Door - Macmillan
- I Go Ape. - Macmillan
- The Monster Sale - Macmillan

Interesting Facts:

- He taught for 13 years and has been a professional writer in schools, libraries, theatres and festivals since 1988.
- He was commissioned by CBBC to write a poem for the Queen's 80th birthday which was then performed live on air.
- He was invited by Prince Charles to speak at Prince's Summer School for teachers, at Cambridge University in 2007.
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Hilary Robinson

23 January 1962 – present

Home Town: Devon, UK

Famous Books:

- Where The Poppies Now Grow
- The Christmas Truce
- Flo Of The Somme
- Beauty, The Beast and The Pea
- Hansel and Gretel and the Ugly Duckling
- Rapunzel and the Billy Goats Gruff
- Cinderella and the Beanstalk
- Jasper Dog Series

Interesting Facts:

- She was brought up in Nigeria and England.
- As well as an author, she is also a radio producer, broadcaster and feature writer.
- Her family descends from the Viking King, Eric of Sweden
- Her nickname is Billy
- She began writing to help conquer her daughter's fear of spiders.