



# Collins Big Cat Writing Competition 2012 with Wimbledon BookFest



**THEME:**

Animal Olympics

**AGE GROUP:**

Years 5 and 6 (aged 9-11)  
Writing a reader for Year 1 age group

**COMPETITION RUN:**

January - February 2012

**WORD LENGTH:**

50 - 100 words

**ENTRY DEADLINE:**

2 March 2012 - schools to send top 5 entries

**JUDGES:**

David Wood, Writer & Wimbledon Bookfest Patron  
Cliff Moon, Series Editor, Collins Big Cat  
Jonathan Lloyd, Artistic Director, Polka Theatre  
Sarah Loader, Publisher, Collins Education  
Fiona Razvi, Wimbledon BookFest Director

**ENTRIES TO BE SENT TO:**

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## Competition Guidelines

- The competition is for a piece of free writing in any one of the following genres, poetry or prose.
- To get children started, the theme is Animal Olympics.
- The competition is open to all children in Year 5 or Year 6 (aged 9-11 years).
- Entries must be between 50 and 100 words.
- The winning entry will be published as part of the Collins Big Cat series within Yellow/ Band 3 for Year 1 readers in January 2013.
- Judges will be looking for a piece of original writing, using the theme, with a coherent structure (beginning, middle and end), and the target audience (Year 1) in mind.
- The winning title will be a picture book, so fully illustrated in colour, and while the commissioning of this is the responsibility of the publisher, entrants will be involved in the selection process and should keep in mind that their work needs to be illustrative.

## Writing Competition Entry Form

Please enter your details here and give one copy to each of your pupils for them and their guardians to complete. Attach this form to their 50-100 word competition entry and send to the address below by Friday 2nd March 2012. Good Luck!

### Teacher Details

Name: .....

School/College: .....

Postcode: ..... Telephone: .....

### Pupil Details

My name is .....

I am in Year 5 / Year 6 (please circle appropriate) I am ..... years old.

Return your pupils' entries to:

Laura Lea, Wimbledon Bookfest, 1 Archways Mews, London SW15 2PE

*Please see terms and conditions included in this pack.*



## Parent / Guardian Permission Form

Dear Parent,

Your child has been invited to take part in the Collins Big Cat Competition 2012 with Wimbledon BookFest, where they get the chance to write a story or poem and become a published author! Full details of the terms of the competition have been given to their teacher.

Please complete the below form and return to school.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Lea, Wimbledon BookFest

I ..... hereby give permission for my child  
..... to participate in the Collins Big Cat Writing Competition 2012 with Wimbledon BookFest. I agree that on submission of their entry all rights to the work are assigned to HarperCollins Publishers Ltd. I hereby waive my child's moral rights in the entry. I also give permission that, should my child receive the winner's prize, HarperCollins may use their name and image for future marketing purposes.

Signed ..... Date: .....

Name .....

Address.....

## Competition Terms and Conditions

1. This competition is promoted by Wimbledon BookFest, 1 Archway Mews, London SW15 2PE & HarperCollins Publishers ("HarperCollins"), 77-85 Fulham Palace Road, London, W6 8JB.

2. This promotion is open to all children at school in the London Borough of Merton in Years 5 and 6 of primary education except relations of Harper Collins employees and their immediate families, who are not allowed to enter the competition.

3. To enter, please print the 'Competition Pack' and return a separate entry form for each pupil complete with their entry to: Laura Lea, 1 Archway Mews, London SW15 2PE. Pupils entering the competition must send the permission from the Competition Pack signed by their parent or legal guardian.

4. The closing date for entries is **2nd March 2012** at 11.59pm. No entries received after this date will be valid. No purchase necessary. Only one entry allowed per pupil.

5. One winner's prize will be awarded. The prize for the winning pupil is that their story may be published as a Collins Big Cat book as part of Band 3 (Yellow) and if HarperCollins decides to publish their book they will receive five free copies of the finished, published book. The winner will also receive a selection of Collins Big Cat books for their schools. By entering this competition you agree that if you win and HarperCollins decides to publish your entry as a book no payment will be made to you for the book or any sales of it, and you agree to assign all rights in the book to HarperCollins.

6. The prizes are non-refundable, non-transferable and subject to availability. No guarantee is given as to the quality of the prizes.

7. No cash or prize alternatives are available.

8. HarperCollins reserve the right in their reasonable discretion to substitute any prize with a prize of equal or greater value.

9. The winners of the competition will be selected by David Wood, Cliff Moon, Fiona Razvi, Sarah Loader and Jonathan Lloyd based on the instructions in the Competition Pack.

10. The winners and runners-up will be notified by letter as well as an announcement on **www.wimbledonbookfest.org no later than the 29th March 2012**. Entrants should ensure that they retain a copy of their entry for their own records as HarperCollins will not be able to return any entries received. HarperCollins reserve the right to alter the

text of the winning entries in any way they see fit, without prior consultation or notification of the author.

11. It is anticipated that the winner's book will be published in January 2013, though this is subject to change.

12. Any application containing incorrect, false or unreadable information will be rejected. Any applications made on behalf of or for another person or multiple entries will not be included in the competition.

13. HarperCollins' decision as to who has won the competition shall be final.

14. To obtain the name of the prize winner after the closing date, please write to Laura Lea Wimbledon BookFest, 1 Archway Mews, London, SW15 2PE

15. The entry instructions are part of the Terms and Conditions for this competition.

16. By entering the competition you are agreeing to accept these Terms and Conditions. Any breach of these Terms and Conditions by you will mean that your entry will not be valid, and you will not be allowed to enter this competition.

17. By entering this competition, you are agreeing that if you win your name and image may be used for the purpose of announcing the winner in any related publicity with HarperCollins, without additional payment or permission.

18. Any personal information you give us will be used solely for this competition unless you have consented otherwise on your application and will not be passed on to any other parties without your agreement. HarperCollins' privacy policy can be found at:

<http://www.harpercollins.co.uk/legal/Pages/privacy-policy.aspx>

19. Under no circumstances will HarperCollins be responsible for any loss, damages, costs or expenses arising from or in any way connected with any errors, defects, interruptions, malfunctions or delays in the promotion of the competition or prize.

20. HarperCollins will not be responsible unless required by law, for any loss, changes, costs or expenses, which may arise in connection with this competition and HarperCollins can cancel or alter the competition at any stage.

21. Any dispute relating to the competition shall be governed by the laws of England and Wales and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

