

The Legend



This year, we are inspired by history, storytelling and trailblazers and our theme is **The Legend**.



Legends are often at the heart of stories because they are exciting, inspiring and make us think – there are so many ways to interpret it! Think about what The Legend means to you?



You might think of an ancient myth or a fantastical tale of gods and monsters, fairies and dragons.

Who tells these stories? Is it a story passed down by your family or a ghost story told between friends? Why do we tell them? Is it to inspire us, to explain something or to warn us?

Maybe a legend is a person – a sports star, a superhero or someone that inspires you. What makes someone into a legend, and what kind of qualities do they have? Are they brave, funny, clever? What challenges might they face? Do they get help along the way, or do it all on their own?

Remember, creativity and imagination are the most important part of any story and something that the judges will be looking for. **What makes your Legends-inspired story unique?**



Writing Tips



Here are some writing tips from bestselling and award-winning children's authors!

Write YOUR story

"Write what excites you and it will come across on the page."

Kevin & Katie Tsang advise writers to think about what you love and use that as the inspiration - your favourite stories, your hobbies, your friends and family – anything you feel passionate about.



Don't be scared of a messy first draft

Tolá Okogwu says not to worry about getting the perfect story first time.

"First drafts are supposed to be messy! No one is going to see it but you. Just get all your ideas on the page - you can edit and find the perfect words later."



Just start writing!

Children's Laureate **Frank Cottrell-Boyce** says, "Don't worry about having a perfect idea before begin - just start writing and ideas will come!"

Even if you don't have the perfect idea, just writing will help to get your imagination going,

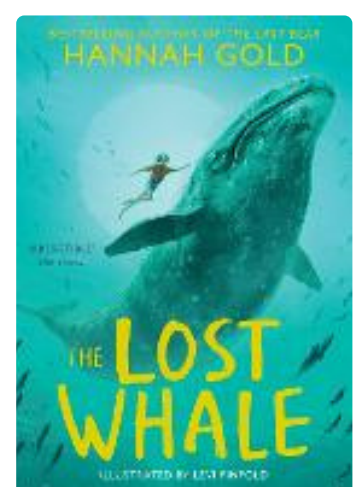
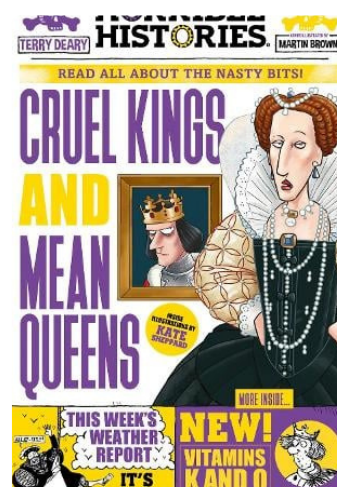
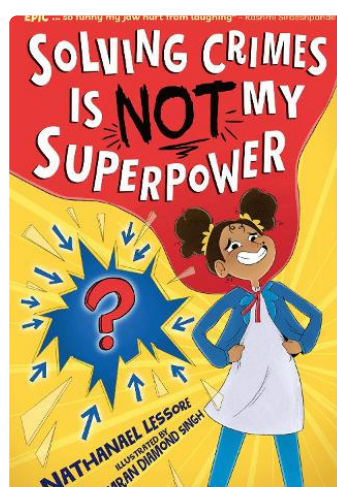
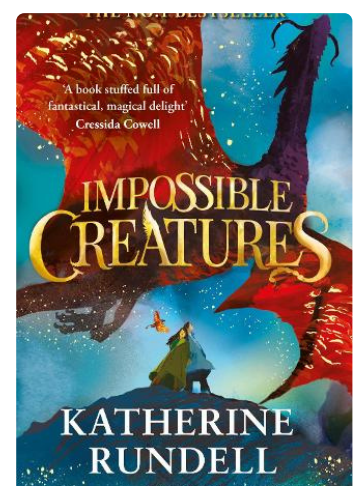
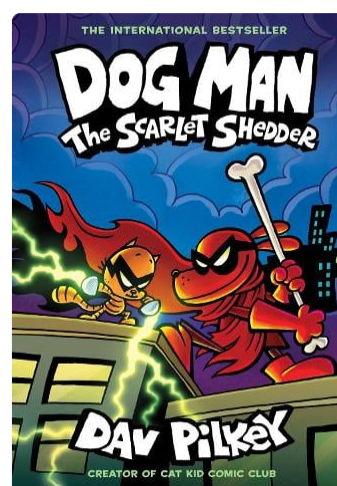
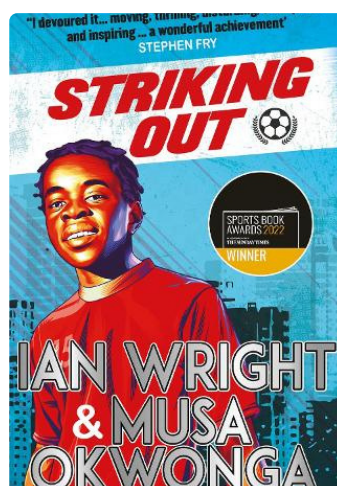
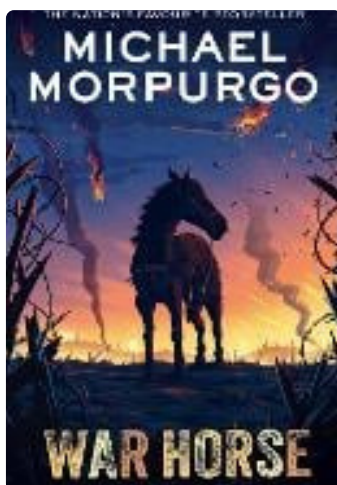
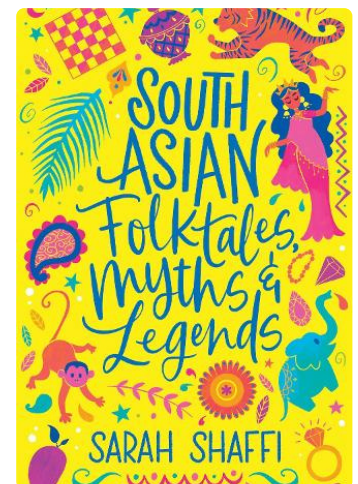
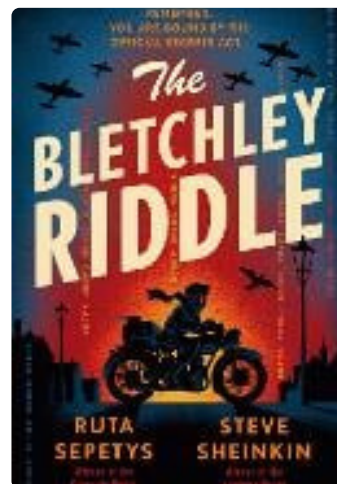
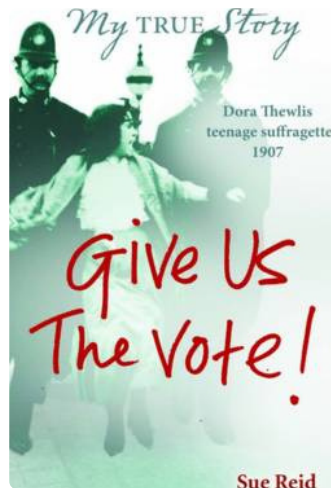


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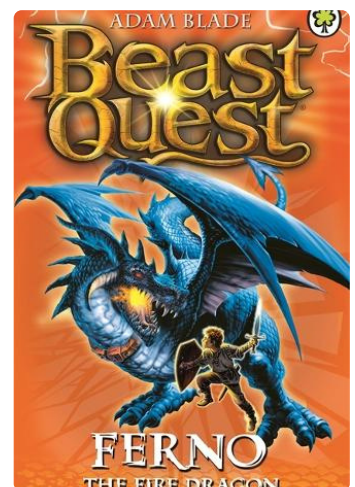
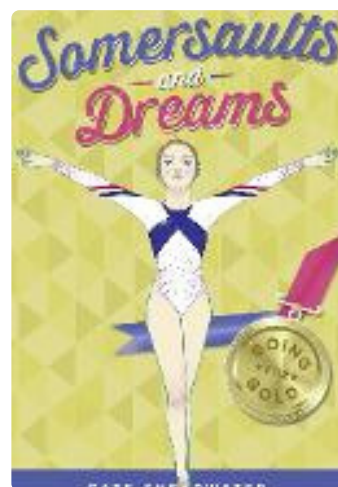
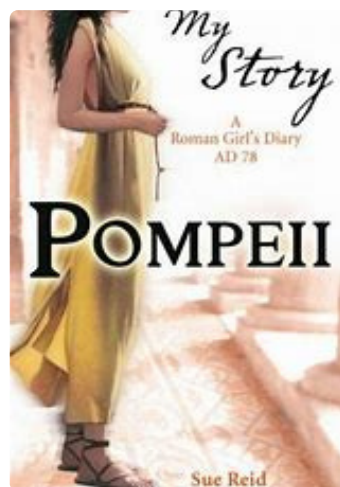
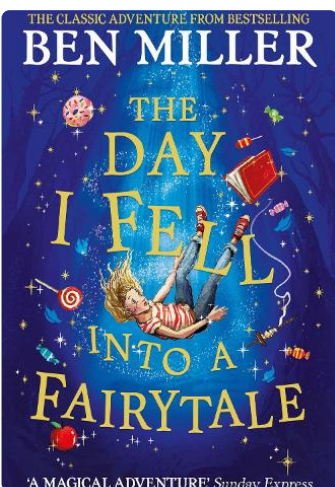
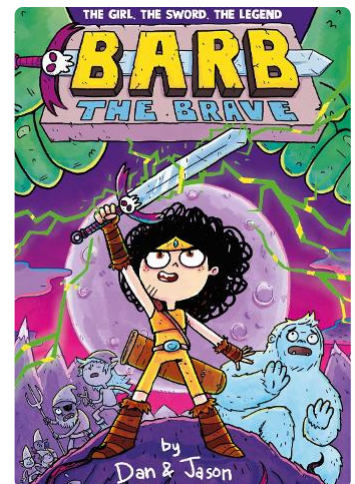
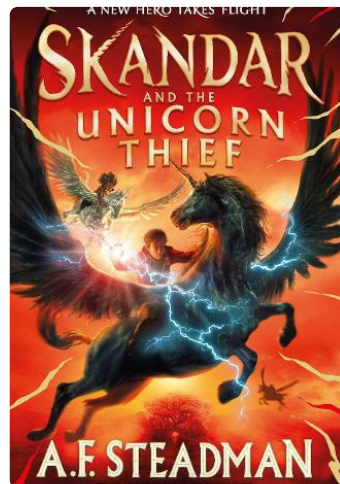
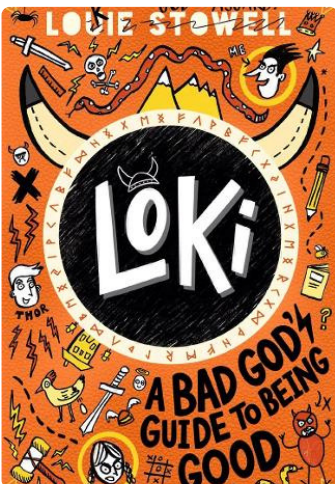
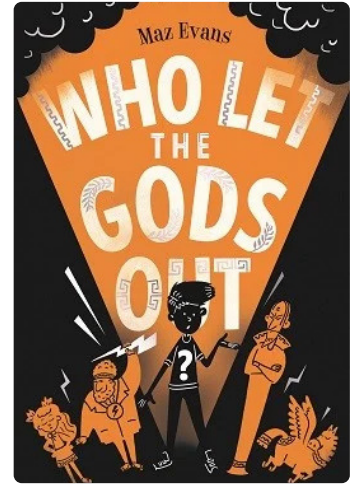
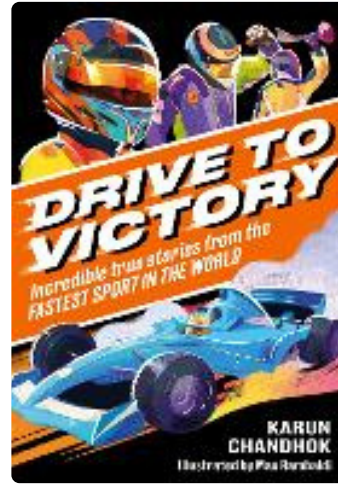
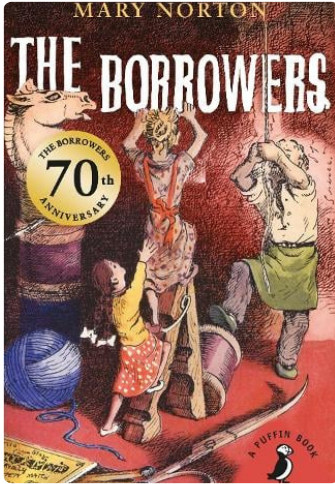


All the best writers are readers too!

Use these books to find inspiration for your story or poem.



Reading Recommendations



Writing Prompts



Stuck for ideas?

Have a look at our writing prompts and story starters to get your imagination flowing

Writing Prompts

The Guardian Dragon

Create a legend about a dragon that guards a hidden treasure in a cave. Is the dragon friendly or fierce? What happens when a brave adventurer tries to find the treasure?

The Legendary Battle

Write a poem about an epic battle between good and evil. Who are the heroes and villains in this legend?

The Magic Sword

Imagine you discovered a magical sword hidden in your backyard. What powers does it have? How do you use it, and what adventures do you go on?

The Big Game

Imagine you are playing the biggest game of your life. Describe the game, the crowd, and how you feel. What happens during the game, and how do you become a sports legend?

The Secret Superpower

Imagine you wake up one day and discover you have a secret superpower. What is it, and how do you use it to help your friends and family?

Writing Prompts



Writing Prompts continued...

The Forest of Enchanted Creature

Imagine a forest where every animal has a special power. Write a story about a young explorer who meets these enchanted creatures and the adventures they have together.

The Hero's Quest

Write a story about a young hero who embarks on a quest to save their village from a looming danger. What obstacles do they face, and what allies do they meet along the way?

The Lost Diary

You find the lost diary of a famous person. Whose diary is it, and what amazing stories or events do you discover within its pages?

The Time Traveler's Legend

A time traveler meets a legendary figure from the past. What do they ask them? What do they do together?

A Day with a Legend

Write about a day in the life of your favorite historical figure. How do they spend their day, and what challenges or adventures do they face?

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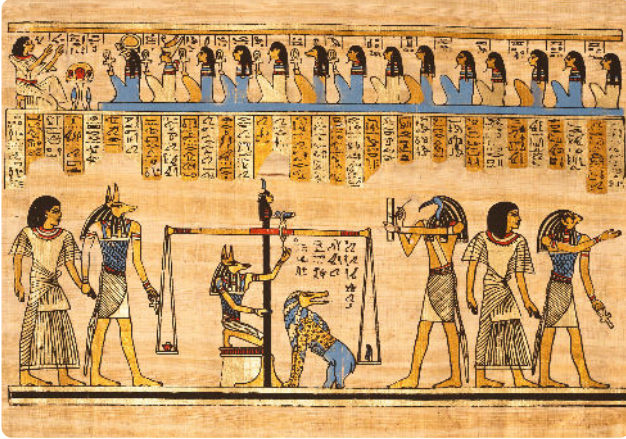


Story starters

1. As the crowd cheered, he knew this was his moment to become a football legend.
2. She thought the ancient amulet was just a myth, until she found it glowing in her attic.
3. Everyone knew the hero's story, but no one knew their secret.
4. When she found the hidden room, she learned it once belonged to a famous artist.
5. The story of the haunted castle had been told in my village for generations.
6. I traced my family tree all the way back to my great, great, great grandfather. His name was Robin - Robin Hood.
7. The tennis court was silent as she prepared to serve the winning point.
8. Deep beneath the waves, a young mermaid discovered a secret that could change her world forever.
9. As the singer stepped on stage, everyone in the audience held their breath.
10. On my birthday, I received a mysterious gift that turned out to be a dragon egg.



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