Senior Young Writers Competition

Writing Tips



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Georgie Morley

Georgie currently works at Wimbledon BookFest and helped run this year's Young Writers Competition. Alongside her work, she has worked as a First-Round reader for the Commonwealth Short Story Prize and a mentor in English.

Margaret Reeve

Margaret is the longest serving judge, having been on every judging panel since 2011. A Merton resident and former teacher with over 20 years' experience, Margaret has also taught at Chelsea FC, including some England players.

Nathanael Lessore

Nate is an award-winning author and former teacher. Born to French and Madagascan parents, Nate has lived in Singapore, Paris, Strasbourg and now lives in Peckham. His second novel, King of Nothing, won Waterstone's Book of the Year and the Jhalak Prize.