### Cambridge Literary Festival Definition 19–23 April 2023 Children's Programme



## Saturday 22 April

#### 10–11am | Palmerston Room £10/£7 | Ages 4+ John Agard Poetry Time!!

A rare opportunity for children of all ages to meet legendary author and performance poet John Agard. John will delight us with a selection of readings including his 2022 children's book *When Creature Met Creature*. Warm, witty, generous, flamboyant and not to be missed.

#### 12–1pm | Union Library | £8/6 Ages 3–6 Di Podmond *Pucksgak*

## Di Redmond Rucksack

A boy loses his rucksack with all his precious memories. Travelling though war zones and patrol crossings he re-enters the country he was forced to leave and finds new memories, new friendships – and a new rucksack! "RUCKSACK" is a children's picture book for the 100,000 displaced children of Ukraine.

Proceeds donated to Cambridge4Ukraine and Children and War UK

# Sunday 23 April

#### 10–11am | Union Chamber, TTP Stage £10/8 | Ages 8+ Robin Stevens The Ministry of Unladylike Activity

Join Robin Stevens, author of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize winning and bestselling Murder Most Unladylike series to find out about her brand-new book *The Ministry of Unladylike Activity.* You will also get the chance to put your own sleuthing skills to the test and ask your burning questions.

10-10.45am | Union Library | £8/£6

#### <sub>Ages 2–5</sub> Sam Copeland The Bear Behind

A hilarious, interactive storytelling event from Sam Copeland, bestselling author of



*Charlie Changes into a Chicken*. His latest larger-than-life picture book, *The Bear Behind*, encourages little ones aged 2-5 to realise that there's fun to be had when you leave your worries behind.



#### 2–3pm | Union Library | £8/£6 Ages 8+ Peter Wohlleben What's Wild Outside Your Door?

Join naturalist, forest educator and bestselling author of *The Hidden Life of Trees*, Peter Wollheben, as he introduces his new book, *What's Wild Outside Your Door?* An informative and interactive guide to wildlife in our cities and suburbs, packed with tips and science-based activities.

### 12–1pm | Union Library | £8/£6 Ages 7+

### Emma Carroll *The Little Match Girl Strikes Back*

It only takes one strike: a blazingly brilliant and fearlessly feminist reimagining of Hans Christian Andersen's iconic fable from bestselling and award-winning creators Emma Carroll (*Letters from the Lighthouse* and *Escape to the River Sea*) and illustrator Lauren Child.

#### 4–5pm | Union Chamber, TTP Stage £10/8 | Ages 5+ Michael Morpurgo The Boy Who Would Be King

Michael Morpurgo returns with a brandnew story celebrating the new monarch, King Charles III. An allegorical story about how – with the help of a tiny acorn – a wise old woman gives a lonely boy, who would be king, the courage and determination to change the world for the better, for everyone.

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#### 12–1pm | Union Chamber, TTP Stage £10/£8 | Ages 7+ Jacqueline Wilson The Other Edie Trimmer

Join us for an hour in the company of much-loved Dame Jacqueline Wilson and discover how she started her writing career, how she created some of her best-loved characters as well as hearing about her brandnew book, *The Other Edie Trimmer*.

#### 4–5pm | Union Chamber, TTP Stage £10/8 | Ages 8+ Cressida Cowell Which Way To

**Anywhere** Celebrate the 20th

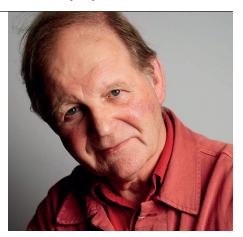
Anniversary of *How to Train Your Dragon* with Cressida Cowell, as she talks about her new book



Which Way to Anywhere. Learn writing and drawing tips at this energetic and inspiring event. Every child receives a Viking crown!

### 2–3pm | Union Library £10/8 | Ages 12+ Dr Shini Somara Engineers Making a Difference

Meet Dr Shini Somara as she introduces you to the wonderful world of engineering and her new book *Engineers Making a Difference*. Created in collaboration with Imperial College London, this lively and inspirational event will demonstrate why engineers are the superheroes of the real world – maybe you will become one too?!



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