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## General

### Creative Writing Competition

Mrs Mitchell had the very hard task of judging the Creative Writing Competition. The standard was so high and she really did struggle to pick a winner. However, she was delighted to confirm that the following students did stand out and will win a copy of one of her books (published as Eve Ainsworth) and a book voucher. Well done to everyone who entered! The winners were:

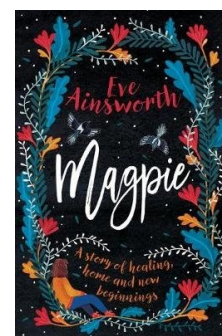
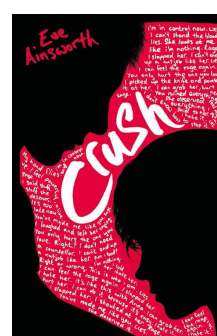
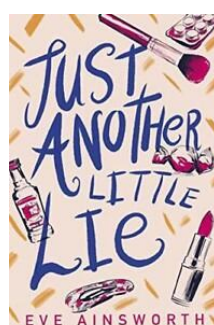
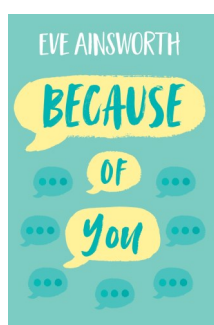
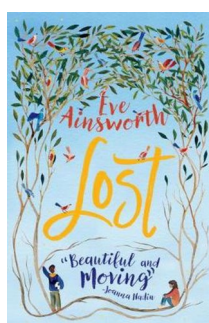
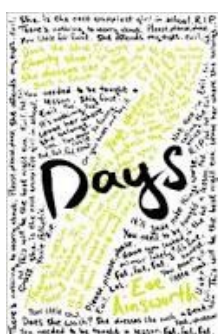
**Year 7 – Oliver Cook**

**Year 8 – Meagan Pitcairn-Hill**

**Year 9 – Emily Cook**

**Year 10 - Joint Winners Alfie Pelling & Finn Berreen**

**Year 11 – Caitlin Gilmore**



## Letter to David Walliams

In celebration of World Book Day (4th March), Tomas from year 7 wrote to his favourite author, which is below. Why not write to your favourite author, letting them know what difference they've made to your life and to your reading. Please share any letters that you do write with Mr Austin Locke and Mrs Mitchell.

Dear David Walliams,

*I am writing to you because you inspire me so much with your books and writing and make me think that anything is possible if you have a physical disability or a mental disability or if you do not have a disability at all. You have changed reading for me, your books make me laugh, and when your on Britain's Got Talent . The most recent book I read of yours was Slime and it had such a powerful message behind it. Even if you are a child that doesn't mean you can't do extraordinary things. For example Greta Thunberg and Malala and many more amazing people I hope you keep writing and inspire more people.*

Yours sincerely,

Tomas

# Exclusive Interview with Anne Cassidy

## Short Bio

Anne Cassidy was born in London in 1952, and worked for some years as a teacher, before becoming a full-time writer. She specializes in crime stories and thrillers for teenagers, and has written a series of East End Murder books.

Her books also include *Missing Judy* (2002), the story of Kim, whose sister Judy has been missing for six years, and *Looking for JJ* (2004). JJ is Jennifer Jones, a girl who is released after serving a sentence for manslaughter for a crime she committed when she was ten years old. This book was shortlisted for the 2004 Whitbread Children's Book Award and won the Booktrust Teenage Prize.

Two of her most recent books are *Innocent* (2006), *The Story of my Life* (2007), the story of Kevin, a teenage boy who is drawn into crime and the *Murder Notebook Series*.

## Interview

### What's your favourite book of all time?

There are lots of books I love. I read them over every few years.

Here are some

Great Expectations Charles Dickens

Case Histories Kate Atkinson

Fingersmith Sarah Waters

My favourite genre of book is the Crime genre. This is why I've written so many crime books.

My favourite book among those that I've written is *LOOKING FOR JJ* which a lot of people still like.



### Who or what inspired you to write?

I read a lot of books during my 20s and one day I wondered whether I'd be good enough to try and write one. A voice in my head said, *Don't be ridiculous – you were in trouble a lot at school – you were no good at English! Of course you couldn't write a book!* I ignored that voice.

### If you couldn't be an author what would you be?

Something creative; a dressmaker, maybe. My mum made lots of her own clothes. I wasn't very good at it because I couldn't thread the machine. I might be able to now!

### What are you reading at the moment?

A book called *The Lamplighters* by Emma Stonex – its about three men who work on a lighthouse and vanish without any explanation. I've only just started it but so far it's really good.

### Are we allowed to know what your next book will be about?

My next book is for slightly younger readers. It's called *THE DROWNING DAY* and will be published in spring 2022. It's a story about kids in the future struggling to live in a very different world to the one we live in now.

# Libraries of the World

## John Rylands Library, Manchester (UK)



The John Rylands Library was founded by Enriqueta Rylands in memory of her husband John Rylands, who died in 1888.

The John Rylands Library is one of the finest examples of neo-Gothic architecture in Europe and is indisputably one of the great libraries of the world. The library became part of The University of Manchester in 1972. It now houses the majority of Special Collections of The University of Manchester Library, the third largest academic library in the United Kingdom. of important projects.

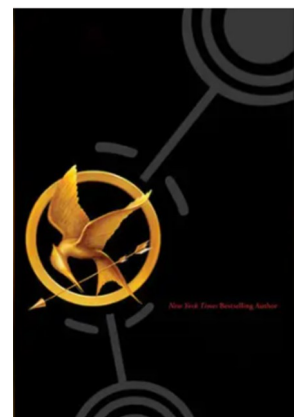
### Mini research Competition

We are running a mini research competition! Find an interesting library from around the world and write a short paragraph or two (maximum 100 words) describing the library and why you've chosen it to look up.

The winner will receive a prize and the entry will be featured in next month's newsletter!

### Book Quiz

#### Do you know these books by their Covers?



### Quiz Answers to Issue 3 | March 2021

1) B, 2) A, 3) C, 4) A, 5) A

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