

Free online book-related activities during COVID19 from UK children's authors

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GROUPS/VARIOUS
This list in The Guardian: www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2020/mar/26/one-big-virtual-love-in-how-childrens-book-authors-are-creating-online-sanctuaries?CMP=share_btn_tw
Follow the hashtag #BookTrustHomeTime on Twitter for Cressida Cowell's readings
Various authors: dailycreative writing prompts on https://twitter.com/WeWriteEveryDay
INDIVIDUAL AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS
Cathy Cassidy - reading from LOVE FROM LEXIE & more; 9-adult www.youtube.com/channel/UCfb6rOVkqXINmo_jUjmRQ
Kathryn Evans: @kathrynevansink; hub for diary creating resources; all ages; www.ourcoronadiary.com , #ourcoronadiary
SF Said: @WhatSFSaid weekly Twitter chat, Tue 1-2pm
Andy Seed: @andyseedauthor fun things to do; 7-11 www.andyseed.com/2020/03/some-anti-boredom-fun/
Mo o'Hara: school age + pre-school on moohara.co.uk/activities/ Youtube vids with her cat youtu.be/tXAMoDFUbOg
Catherine Cooper: Free ebook and resource pack; 7-12; www.pengridion.co.uk
Sally Nicholls + Viviane Schwarz: @Sally_Nicholls @vivschwarz; free picture book about lockdown; 3-6; https://bit.ly/StayingHomeBook
Sue Purkiss: @sue_purkiss; weekly creative writing prompts; older children + adults; https://suepurkissentertises.blogspot.com/
Steve Skidmore: @JustoneSteve; creating videos for www.offschool.org.uk ; 5-11
Sharon Tregenza: @sharontregenza; fun guide "The Jewelled Jaguar"; 8-12; https://fireflypress.co.uk/blog/the-jewelled-jaguar-activity-pack/
Sarah McIntyre: @jabberworks on Twitter #DrawingWithSarah videos: www.youtube.com/user/jabberworks/
Oliver Jeffers: Instagram Live each weekday Story Time; www.instagram.com/oliverjeffers/
Joanna Nadin: Penny Dreadful adventures read aloud; 6-10s; www.youtube.com/channel/UC5-J3N2Aqb5zE_-roy454kA/
Sarah Todd Taylor: @sarahtoddtaylor; mini 'Write your own mystery' course; https://sarahtoddtaylor.com/activities-and-games/ ;

Pauline Tait: Facebook @ptauthor & Insta tait_pauline_author www.paulinetait.com Weekly activities 4-8's #thefairyinthekettle
Camilla Chester: @camcauthor @stanleydogblog; www.camillachester.com/blog ; daily chapter readings on YouTube; 8-12s
James Mayhew: @mrjamesmayhew Daily storytime 3pm weekdays; facebook.com/jamesmayhew/ + www.youtube.com/watch?v=awVpVMHF15Y
Steve Weatherill: @SteveWeatherill; Dinosaurs to Unicorns ~ Draw and colour; primary; http://babygoz.co.uk/downloads
Inbali Iserles: Twitter + Insta @Inbalinka; writing tips; 8-12s (or anyone who wants to write a book)
Allan Dapre: @allandapre Free downloadable online resources; 6-9s #PorridgeTheTartanCat alandapre.com
Tamsin Cooke: @TamsinCooke1; Fun writing activities; 7-12s tamsincooke.co.uk/fun-writing-ac...
Liz Kessler: Facebook: www.facebook.com/lizkesslerchildrensauthor Online live writing workshops; 2pm Mon +Fri; all ages 8(ish) to adults #TogetherAtHome #UnitedByBooks
John Dougherty @johndougherty8 Videos funny story about pirates; 5-9s. www.youtube.com/channel/UCtdflzEQLws91s_eQd4jFiw
Claire Fayers: @clairefayers Story prompt e-cards and videos; 7-12s
Linda Strachan: @strachanlinda Video readings; tots to teens; www.youtube.com/user/wordsmithshe/featured
Wendy Meddour: @wendymeddour; Story Time for Little Ones; https://wendymeddour.co.uk/story-time
Shoo Rayner: @shoorayner live drawing and illustration; drawstuffrealeasy.com + www.youtube.com/user/ShooRaynerDrawing ; beginner artists + aspiring pic bk creators
Dan Metcalfe: codebreaking facebook.com/DanMetcalfWriter Creative writing challenges on YouTube, FB, Twitter. 8-12
Pie Corbett ++: daily, free interactive literacy; language games, creative writing, poet of the day; families, schools, writers. RadioBlogging.net #RadioBlogging
Sean McManus: Scratch tutorials to get kids coding; 8-16 +parents; sean.co.uk/scratch/
Moira Butterfield www.moirabutterfield.co.uk Poem to make Skype/Facetime fun; 3-6s

If you're a children's author or illustrator, member of The Society of Authors **and** doing activities for families during lockdown, to be added to the list, contact Nicola on Twitter (@NicolaMorgan) with the following information in this order/format:

Name; social media handle; max 5-word description of activity; age target; link to activity

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