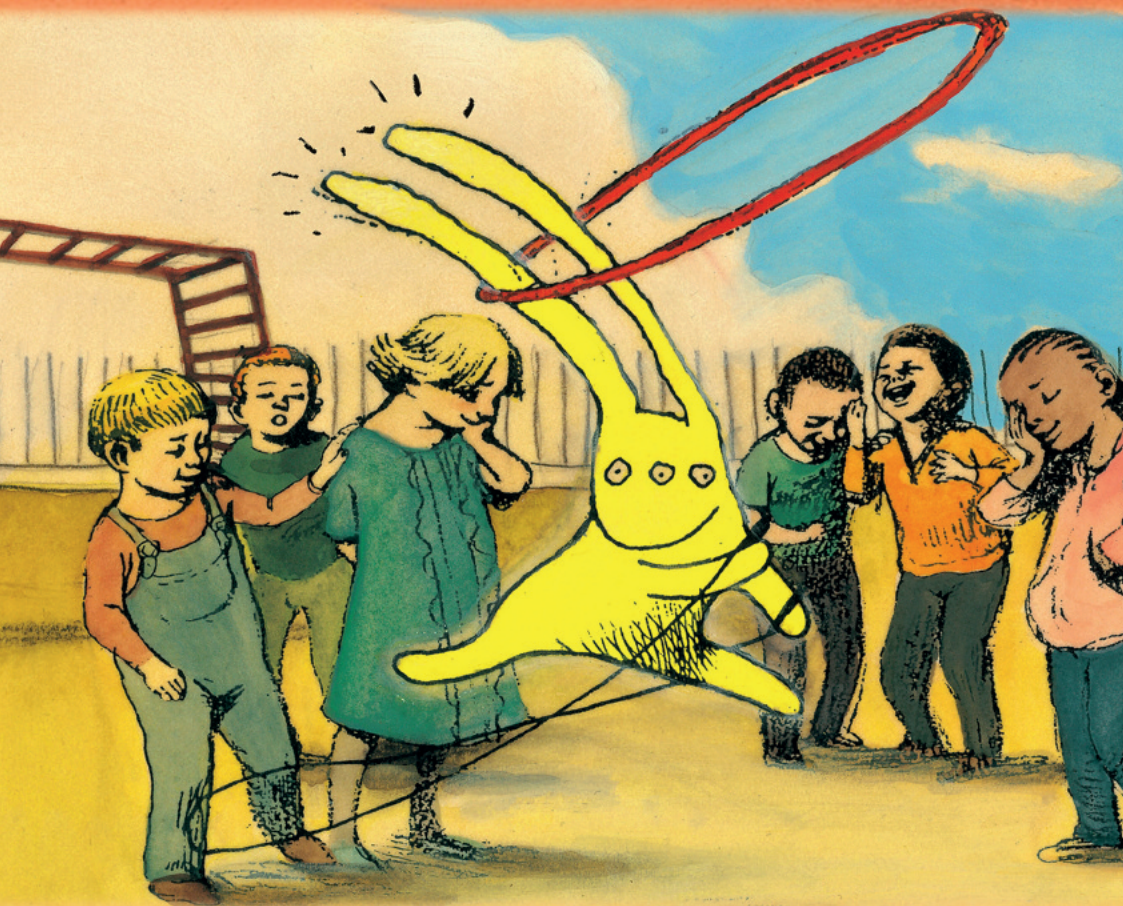


Children's Books Ireland Conference

19th & 20th May 2012

# Weaving a Shared Story

at the National Library of Ireland, Kildare St. Dublin 2



**Guest Speakers:** Alexjs Deacon, Jutta Bauer, Éilís Ní Dhuibhne, Judi Curtin, Alan Early, Paula Leyden, Geraldine Meade, Denise Deegan, Debbie Thomas, Brian Gallagher, Nicola Pierce, Peadar Ó Guilín, Sally Nicholls, Chris Judge, Barbara Coughlan, Mary Murphy, Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick, Ed, Rebecca and Michael Emberley, and the students of Trinity Comprehensive, Ballymun and St Paul's, Waterford

SATURDAY 19TH MAY

- 9.15 Registration  
 10.00 Opening Remarks
- 10.10 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
 from Laureate na nÓg 2012–2014  
 CBI is delighted to celebrate our new children's literature laureate. The second holder of this prestigious honour will be announced by President Higgins on May 8th 2012. Laureate na nÓg is an initiative of the Arts Council, with the support of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Poetry Ireland, CBI and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland. Visit [www.childrenslaureate.ie](http://www.childrenslaureate.ie) for more.
- 10.55 Coffee Break
- 11.10 **PRE-LITERACY IN THE EARLY YEARS, UNESCO Dublin City of Literature.**  
 To celebrate Dublin's permanent designation as a UNESCO City of Literature, CBI undertook five projects in 2011 which connected different communities of children, young people and families with writers and illustrators. Picture book creator Mary Murphy joins us to talk about the project located at The Base Youth Centre in Ballyfermot, while librarian Barbara Coughlan and picture book creator Chris Judge talk about the South Dublin project. Jane Alger, Director of Dublin UNESCO City of Literature introduces this session.

- 12.00 **CHILDHOOD INFLUENCES PANEL**  
 with Alan Early, Paula Leyden, Geraldine Meade, Denise Deegan and Debbie Thomas  
 Five recently published authors discuss the writers who had the greatest influence on them as children and whose words continue to influence their writing today.  
 Chaired by Dr. Pádraic Whyte, TCD.
- 12.45 Lunch
- 2.00 **WHAT'S THE STORY?**  
 Revisiting The Reading Choices of Young People in Ireland  
 Published in 2002, *What's the Story?* examined what, how and why children in Ireland read. In a fast changing context, with new technologies offering us a plethora of new ways of enjoying a book, what are children reading in 2012? Transition Year students from Trinity Comprehensive, Ballymun and St Paul's Community College, Waterford, have been trying to answer this question. They join us today to present their findings.
- 2.30 **PICTURING THE WORLD: JUTTA BAUER**  
 Presented by The Goethe-Institut and IBBY Ireland  
 Winner of the 2010 Hans Christian Andersen Award for Illustration, Jutta Bauer is celebrated as a picture book artist as well

as a film animator. Her work is described as both humorous and optimistic. Jutta joins us to tell us about her influences and creative life.

- 3.15 Coffee Break
- 3.45 **ÉILÍS NÍ DHUIBHNE**  
 in conversation with Dr. Róna Nic Congáil  
 Award-winner Éilís Ní Dhuibhne has seen her novels and short stories translated into dozens of languages and she recently undertook the task of translating her Irish language novel *Hurlamaboc* into English, (*Snobs, Dogs and Scobies*). Éilís is joined by Dr. Nic Congáil (St Patrick's College) to talk about the translating process as well as many other aspects of her varied career as a writer.
- 4.30 Closing Remarks
- 5.00 **CBI AWARD PRESENTATION & DRINKS RECEPTION**  
 The CBI Award is presented annually in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the world of Irish children's books. CBI members are asked to make their nominations before April 20th. For further information contact the CBI office. Venue: Oisín Gallery.

SUNDAY 20TH MAY

- 11.00 Registration  
 11.30 Opening Remarks
- 11.35 **THE EMBERLEY FAMILY**  
 In what is sure to be one of the highlights of this year's programme, CBI have brought together picture books' premier family! We are delighted to be joined by Caldecott Medal winner Ed Emberley, the man who inspired a generation to draw, including his own children Rebecca and Michael. Today Ed and Rebecca join us from the USA, while Michael Emberley and his wife Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick join us from closer to home. As this impressively creative extended family sit down together, be prepared for a lively debate about working practices, inspiration and collaboration. Illustrator and designer Steve Simpson chairs this session.

- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.45 **ALEXIS DEACON**  
 Describing himself as someone who draws 'compulsively', Alexis Deacon is one of the youngest illustrators to be included in Martin Salisbury's *Illustrating Children's Books*. He was also chosen as one of Booktrust's ten Best New Illustrators in 2008. Alexis joins us to talk about his career to date and his fresh and innovative illustrating style.
- 2.45 **PAST VERSUS FUTURE PANEL**  
 with Brian Gallagher, Nicola Pierce, Peadar Ó Guilín and Sally Nicholls  
 What is it that makes a novel set in a different time so appealing? Historical fiction, which has always played a large part in Irish publishing for children, meets the new genre on the block, dystopian fiction, for this panel

debate featuring authors Brian Gallagher, Nicola Pierce, Peadar Ó Guilín and Sally Nicholls. Chaired by Dr. Conor Kostick, TCD.

- 3.30 Coffee Break
- 4.00 **JUDI CURTIN**  
 in conversation with Anna Carey  
 Bestselling author and creator of the wildly popular Alice and Megan series, Judi Curtin is a firm favourite with young readers the length and breadth of the country. Here she joins children's author and journalist Anna Carey to talk about her writing career, her inspirations, her influences and her fabulous fans.
- 5.00 Closing Remarks
- 5.30 **CBI AGM**  
 All CBI members are invited to attend.

ATTENDANCE FEES

	CBI Members	Non-Members	Students
<b>Saturday:</b>	€35	€45	€40
<b>Sunday:</b>	€35	€45	€40
<b>Weekend:</b>	€70	€90	€80

Please note that lunch will not be included as part of a conference package this year. A café with a limited selection of refreshments and limited seating is available on site, otherwise delegates are encouraged to make their own arrangements.

BOOKING FORM

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CBI Member? Yes  No

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Saturday only  Sunday only  Full Weekend

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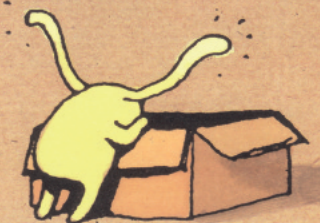
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 Children's Books Ireland,  
 17 North Great George's St, Dublin 1**

Places can also be booked by calling the CBI office on tel (01) 872 7475



CBI's Annual Conference is a weekend-long celebration of the very best in children's books. We are honoured to host our Irish and international speakers and share once again in the creative passion and enthusiasm of the children's books community.

This year we showcase the many ways in which books and reading can be part of young people's lives. As well as leading authors and illustrators, this year also features projects and ideas which have created innovative opportunities for children to engage with books. Bringing together many threads, our 2012 conference, in the beautiful surrounds of the National Library will inspire, inform and delight. Everyone with an interest in books for children is warmly invited to attend.

"Excellent choice of very interesting speakers, great balance in topics"

"Really excellent, the speakers were entertaining and engaging and their experience drawn from a varied interaction with children's books"

"Excellent range, informative yet relaxed approach, thoroughly enjoyable"

(Reponses from delegates in 2011)

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**A pop-up bookshop featuring a wide selection of titles will be open throughout the weekend, with speakers available to sign books following their presentations.**

CBI is very grateful to all our supporters and partners who have made the 2012 conference possible:

