



# UpdaTED

December 2018



Dear Book Group Chair,

Please pass this issue of UpdaTED on to all your members.



## A Message from The Chair

Dear Members,

Many thanks to everyone who has helped to make FCBG's 50th anniversary such a memorable year. We will be reporting about it in more detail in the next Newsletter and in the meantime, please take a look at our most recent blogs on the FCBG website which include contributions from Emma Carpendale (Northampton CBG), Jayne Gould (Ipswich CBG) and Karen Hellewell (National Executive Committee). Please let Chris know if you or one of your members would like to contribute a blog in the New Year [chrisrouth2@gmail.com](mailto:chrisrouth2@gmail.com). Alternatively, if you have news about your group's activities don't forget to send it to our Group Liaison Officer [hilarie.medler@btconnect.com](mailto:hilarie.medler@btconnect.com)

The members of the National Executive Committee would like to send their very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you and your group members.

Chris Routh, FCBG Chair

## FCBG Conference Update

As you know our next conference, Opening Doors, hosted by Lewes and Oxted CBGs, will take place at Woldingham School, Caterham from 12th -14th April 2019.

Places are filling up fast so make sure that you don't miss out. The provisional programme and a booking form are attached.

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Federation of Children's Book Groups  
**Annual Conference**  
**12 - 14 April 2019**

**Remember that the early bird booking closes on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019!**



## The Jean Russell Storytelling Project 2018

The Jean Russell Storytelling Project for 2018 (*The Doll Who Ate Stories*) finished with a triumphant performance by children from Dudley and Solihull Children's Book Groups at the Three Laureates Festival in Birmingham with Anna Conomos.



To see how the project has been developing over the year and to whet your appetites for the project resources to come shortly, watch the first of our videos with Highcrest Academy in High Wycombe at

<https://youtu.be/obHyr9-24Cl>



## Golden National Non-Fiction November

We would love to hear how you've been celebrating National Non-Fiction November this year. We hope you had the opportunity to read some of the fantastic blogs published on the website during the month and engaged with the giveaways and competitions on social media, including Twitter where we also featured a programme of guest reviewers for the first time.

As always, we are very grateful to all the publishers, authors and illustrators who contributed and particularly Hachette who are sponsoring this year's cake design competition. We received 300 entries from around the country and have shortlisted 10 entries for each of the three categories. These have now been sent to Hachette to choose the three winners, plus an overall winner. Look out for an announcement in January 2019!

## Invitation to join the FCBG National Executive Committee (NEC)



**Invitation to Join the National Executive Committee (NEC)** - If you or any of your group's members are interested finding out more about joining the NEC, you are very welcome to attend our next meeting on Saturday 12th January 2019. In addition to our regular agenda, we will be discussing our future plans for FCBG.

Please let Chris know if you wish to attend by Saturday 29th December 2018  
[chrisrouth2@gmail.com](mailto:chrisrouth2@gmail.com)



## FCBG Membership Subscriptions for 2019



Dear Members,

Just a reminder that the Group membership fee for 2019 is £120.00 per year and is now due. If you have not yet renewed your Group's subscription, please return the completed membership forms as soon as possible with your payment. If you prefer to pay by BACS you may email your completed forms.

***Do let me know if you need another copy of the forms.***

Many thanks to those groups who have already renewed. Your receipt will be sent out shortly.

Please send all completed forms to me at the postal/email address below:

Kind regards,

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## Wicked Young Writers Awards 2019



This wicked annual award for young writers was launched in October 2018 at an event for schools at the Loogabaroooga Festival in Loughborough with the help of author Dan Freedman, the Awards' new ambassador. The Wicked Young Writers Awards aim to recognise excellence in writing and encourage creativity and develop writing talent in young people. They are separated into six categories for entrants between the ages of 5-25.

The closing date for submissions is 18th March 2019. For further information and to find out how to enter visit the website: [www.wickedyoungwritersawards.com](http://www.wickedyoungwritersawards.com) Please tell your members about this amazing opportunity for young authors to see their writing in print and win some fabulous prizes.

Merry  
Christmas



from

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and all his little helpers at the  
Federation of Children's Book  
Groups!



Please send items for the January 2019 issue of **UpdaTED** to: [info@fcbg.org.uk](mailto:info@fcbg.org.uk) and keep us **UpdaTED** with your news. *Denise Lawrence* Editor

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