



# The Usborne Young Writers Award 2009

## what is it?

It's an opportunity to write a story with a real author.

Five authors have started stories and want your help finishing them.

## What are the stories like?

Here's a taster of each one.

*It all started on the 5th May, 2005.*

*I was ten years old and the storm spoiled my birthday party.*

*I remember the wind was incredible... The first murder happened exactly one year later.*



Malcolm Rose

*This little piggy sat right at the front.*

*This little piggy is not one of us.*

*So what's going to happen to this little piggy on the way home?*



Graham Marks

*Lily stopped dead when she first saw it. She'd been pounding through the wood, hunting for a hiding place, when suddenly the trees thinned out, and there it was: an old stone house...*



Sue Mongredien

*"Removal van!" announced Dad, peering out of the front window. "Shush!" Mum interrupted. "The Jacksons said they'd sold the house to a really nice person." But that was a week ago and we still haven't seen her.*



Ann Bryant

## What are the prizes?

A trip to Usborne House in London to meet all five authors and find out how a book is made.

£100 worth of FREE Usborne books

A year's FREE subscription to [readingzone.com](http://readingzone.com)

A year's FREE subscription to young writer magazine

Meet the author who started your story at an event in your school

## How do I get involved?

Visit the website to read the story starters in full, then download your favourite and get writing!

[www.usborne.co.uk/youngwritersaward](http://www.usborne.co.uk/youngwritersaward)