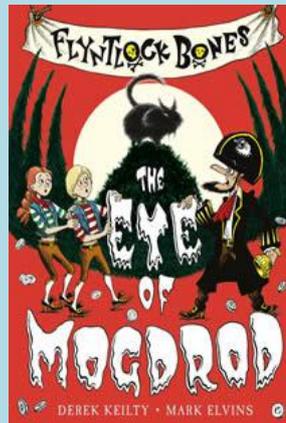
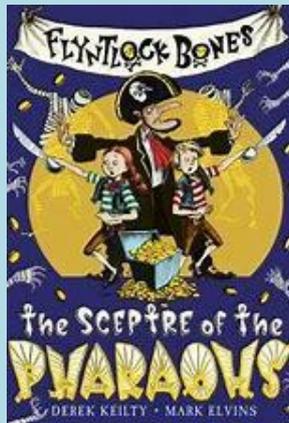


# DEREK KEILTY



Derek Keilty is a veteran children's author with over 10 titles to his name. His latest series, *The Flyntlock Bones Trilogy*, follows the adventures of cabin boy Flynn and his crew of pirate investigators as they solve crimes all over the Seven Seas! The first book in the series, *Flyntlock Bones: The Sceptre of the Pharaohs* came out in 2020 and the second instalment, *Flyntlock Bones: The Eye of Mogdrod* was published in March 2021.

- THE TIMES Top 20 Children's Books of 2020
- THE WEEK The Best Summer Reading for Children 2020
- TOPPSTA Best 100 Books of 2020

Derek is currently based in Northern Ireland.

## **Workshop: Storytelling and Meet the Author Event (Suitable for digital and in-person events)**

**Workshop length: 30 minutes**

**Participants: Approx. 30-50 (class or larger venue e.g. hall, library etc) Age Range: 7-10**

**Cost: In person: £150 + travel expenses. Virtual: £75**

Based around the adventures of *Flyntlock Bones* and the crew of the Black Hound, Derek discusses how he got the writing bug at a young age, his favourite books and how he came up with the idea for *Flyntlock Bones*. This is followed by a reading of an extract of the book, using his hilarious funny piratey voices. In fact his voices are so good that he was invited to record the audio book versions of Flynn and crew's escapades, published by Bolinda.

## **Workshop: Creative Writing (Suitable for digital and in-person events)**

**Workshop length: 60 minutes**

**Participants: Approx. 30 (works well in classroom) Age Range: 7-10**

**Cost: In person: £150 + travel expenses. Virtual: £75**

Starting with a drawing of a character, Derek uses creative writing techniques to help the children develop their character, put them in a setting and build a plot. He also discusses the process of how a story becomes a book, from writing a first manuscript right through to seeing the finished book on shop shelves! Finally the children are given an opportunity to write the beginning of their own story and even read out a few if they'd like to share them with the group.



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## Event Testimonials

*"If you haven't heard of Irish writer Derek Keilty and his delightful adventure series, Flyntlock Bones, you are in for a treat. I was fortunate enough to book Derek for a Kirklees Libraries' Library Adventures Live! event in September 2020; he and his characters provided plenty of swash and buckle in an entertaining hour which delighted our viewing audience, even the most reluctant reader."*

Alison Brumwell  
Chair - Youth Libraries Group  
Librarian and Reader Development Consultant

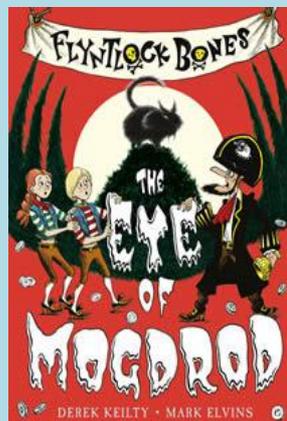
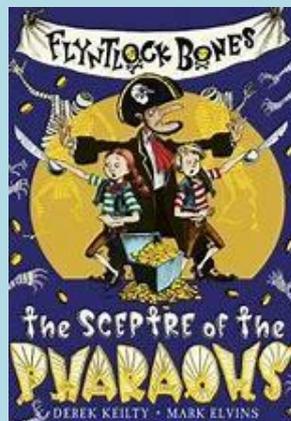
*"We were very honoured to be the hosts for Derek's book launch on World Book Day, and the two events which we were able to organise reached a wide audience across the Borough. Firstly Derek recorded an event which premiered on WBD then there was a live event at 1pm, which was very exciting for the children watching. Derek has a wonderful storytelling voice and we were very glad that we had also arranged for him to meet children in a second session arranged through the school library service."*

Rachel Johnston  
**Listen to Derek reading his book:** <https://youtu.be/vEX2i2crAfM>  
Harrow School Library Service



**Watch one of Derek's events, with Kirklees Library:**  
<https://youtu.be/gPcuKg1hCpw>

**Find out more about Derek and his books:**  
<https://www.scallywagpress.com/books-flyntlock.html>



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