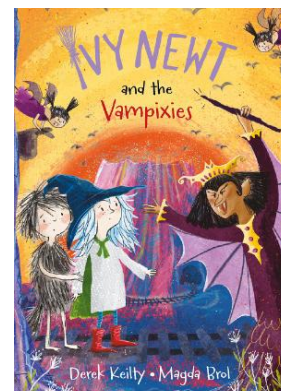
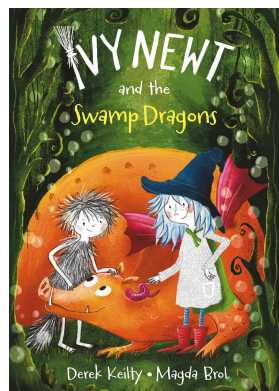


DEREK KEILTY - IVY NEWT SERIES

SCHOOL EVENTS



Journey to Miracula and meet Ivy Newt, an unstoppable and lovable young witch, and her friend and familiar Tom.

Ivy Newt is a highly illustrated chapter book series for ages 5-7, filled with magic and adventure!

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About the author

Derek Keilty lives in Belfast, Northern Ireland with his wife and twin daughters. They have a fluffy Bichon Frise called Duke who keeps them all on their toes. Derek is known for various middle-grade series including Flyntlock Bones and his latest series, Ivy Newt. He is experienced at school events and does lots of them, having never had the chance to meet an author when he was a child.

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Scallywag Press

EVENTS

Derek does two types of events: Storytelling and/or Creative Writing Workshop.

Storytelling

In this event, Derek explains how he got the reading and writing bug as a child, some of his favourite books and how, as a grown-up, he came up with the idea for Ivy Newt. The event includes an excerpt reading.

This half hour session includes loads of PowerPoint visuals, magic tricks, dress-up, and fun impressions.

Storytelling length: 30 minutes

Participants: Approx. 30-50 (classroom or larger venue e.g. assembly hall, library etc.)

Age Range: 5-8

Creative Writing Workshop

Interactive and gets the pupils involved creating a story plan: drawing the face of their main character then developing them- what the character likes, dislikes etc. Then we think about setting and finally a plot based around giving the character a big problem to solve. During the workshop we look at how a story becomes a book and the processes involved from manuscript to galley proofs to finished book. Near the end, the children are invited to show the story plans they have created to the rest of the class- I'm always blown away by the ideas they come up with. To finish, I read an excerpt from my new Ivy Newt book and this is followed by a short Q&A and book signing (if applicable). The workshop works best in a classroom setting with an electronic whiteboard for PowerPoint- if possible.

Writing workshop length: 60 minutes

Participants: Approx. 30 (works best in classroom)

Age Range: 7-11

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Costs: £150 plus travel at Society of Authors recommended rate of 45p/mile. To include dedicated/signed copy of latest book for school library.

Book Sale: Derek will have copies of Ivy Newt (5-7) for sale at £8 and Flyntlock Bones (7- 9) at £7 plus FREE bookmark!

Please contact Derek directly for enquiries by emailing keilty@btopenworld.com. Follow him on social media @derekkeilty or visit his website at www.derekkeilty.co.uk



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
Harrow School Library Service



REVIEWS

Ivy Newt and the Storm Witch

'A delightful magical romp of a story in which the unexpected is always bound to happen. [...] Ivy's parents seem to have disappeared for good! Ivy and her familiar Tom Boy, or sometimes, Tom Wolf, need magic and courage to find out just exactly what has happened to them.' **LOVE READING, Julia Eccleshare**

Ivy Newt and the Time Thief

'Perfect for children who are just making the step into longer chapter books. Full of magic and adventure, it would make a fantastic class read aloud in Key Stage One during the autumn term ... Magda Brol's black and white illustrations are so charming! Ivy and Tom are sure to become favourite characters as readers are absolutely captivated by their adventures.' **SCOPE FOR IMAGINATION**

Ivy Newt and the Swamp Dragons

'This is an enchanting and beautiful children's book that promises to capture the imagination of readers and their families... This book is a fantastic educational tool. It introduces children to the concepts of problem-solving and critical thinking as Ivy navigates her way through various obstacles. Additionally, the themes of teamwork and empathy are subtly woven into the narrative, providing valuable lessons for young minds.' **INCLUSIVE CHILDREN'S BOOKS**



Posie's Book Club ([Instagram](#))

'A brilliant book to transition readers from picture books to chapter books as it's filled with fun kooky and spooky illustrations.'

