

What is it?

The poet Ted Hughes and children's writer Michael Morpurgo came up with the idea to honour and celebrate writers and illustrators who had contributed to children's books. The role is awarded to a UK writer or illustrator every two years.

What do they do?

The role of the Children's Laureate is to get children excited about books, reading, writing and drawing. Previous Children's Laureates have focused on poetry, storytelling, books for disabled readers and even drama. The Laureates promote their themes by visiting schools, libraries, and even appearing on TV!

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