

School, Library and Festival Presentations and Workshops for 2018

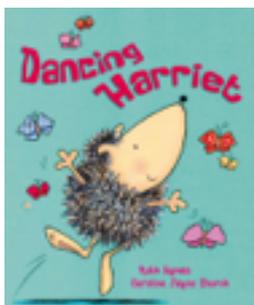
Ruth Symes



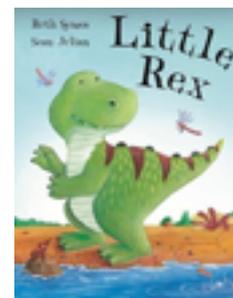
I write children's books under two different names – Ruth Symes and Megan Rix. The website for Ruth Symes is www.ruthsymes.com and for Megan Rix it is www.meganrix.com.

I'm a qualified teacher and taught children with learning difficulties, including children with autism and PMLD, for ten years, both in England and abroad, before becoming a full-time writer. I'm currently learning BSL and am always happy to use it!

The Ruth Symes books are sold all over the world and translated into lots of different languages. 'Dancing Harriet' and 'Little Rex' are two of the picture books I often use for multi-sensory story-times where we transform the room with sound and colour and smells and touch as well as craft, movement and dance activities, if appropriate.



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For slightly older children (5+) I usually run animal story writing and illustration workshops. 'How to draw a Dragon' is particular popular. The workshops also include a short presentation about the books and animal characters in them beforehand. I can focus on one particular book or series or make it more general covering most of the books. If the school / library / festival would like I can bring a very child-friendly dog with me too.

There are 6 books so far in this series about a girl who's adopted by a witch and lives in Coven Road with her witch's cat Pegatha. The books have all just received new jacket covers in the past month or so. Although the books are about being true to yourself, magical and very sweet I was invited to ScareFest to entertain the children there