



Malorie Blackman is launching ONLINE BOOK FESTIVAL FOR TEENS

Teen Fest takes place on 4 and 5 March as part of **World Book Day** and will see authors and readers chatting on social media, podcasts and career advice. Activities will be on sites including Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Google Hangout.



"I want to highlight the fact that reading is a great deal of fun." says Malorie, who is Children's Laureate and has written many novels for young adults, including *Pig Heart Boy*, *Thief* and *Hacker*

Marcus Sedgwick has written one of the World Book Day novels. He thinks everyone has the potential to enjoy reading. *"It's my belief that if you don't like reading, it's just a question of you haven't found the right book to read,"* he says.



Holly Smale, author of the *Geek Girl* series of books, agrees that if you keep searching you'll find something to read that you like.

"Author is a normal job that people do," explains Holly, *"I think it's great that it's now less of a mysterious occupation and actually something that's more every day."*

Teen Fest will also provide information about starting a career in publishing, whether as an **agent**, **editor** or even **writer**.

The **Teen Fest website** has the full line-up of authors, and details about how to sign up for news about the event. Follow **@BBCNewsbeat** on Twitter, **BBCNewsbeat** on Instagram and **Radio1Newsbeat** on YouTube.