

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY VISITS

BEN JEAPES



A childhood overdose of *Dr Who* and *Thunderbirds* meant that Ben Jeapes was destined to be a science fiction writer. To date he has had 18 short stories and four novels published. He also wrote half the *Vampire Plagues* series for Scholastic under the name Sebastian Rook.

Ben's last three novels were all published by David Fickling Books: *Time's Chariot* (2008), *The New World Order* (2004) and *The Xenocide Mission* (2002). His first novel was *His Majesty's Starship* (1998, Scholastic).

When not writing for himself, Ben works in Oxfordshire as Senior Technical Editor for a computer network.

ABOUT TIME'S CHARIOT

"Just the ticket for YAs who like their sci-fi huge, sprawling and pretty darn funny." - *The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books* (September 2008)

"Good children's fiction for adults, or good adult fiction for children, depending on the way you look at it. Either way, it's a gentle touch, a fulfilling read" - *Interzone*

EVENTS

AUDIENCE

Ben is happy to visit schools, libraries festivals etc. within a day's journey of Oxford (weekdays) or further afield (weekends).

He will speak to boys and girls age 12+ and is happy to speak to audiences from 10-200 children depending on the format of the event. He will also talk to adult meetings.

Ben has a CRB full disclosure through his local church.

FORMAT

Ben has given readings from his work and talks on writing, publishing and science fiction. Topics for talks include:

- why science fiction?
- writing (for teens, or at all)
- plotting and characterisation
- being published for the first time.

These can be direct talks to an audience or combined with a Q&A session.

He also runs a 'design an alien' workshop that can be adapted for most settings, and possibly used as the basis for a competition.

COSTS

Ben charges £50 for half a day and £100 for a full day plus travel expenses. These rates can be negotiated depending on circumstances.

HOW TO BOOK

If you would like to book an event with Ben please e-mail him on ben-jeapes@sff.net

DETAILS OF AVAILABLE PUBLICITY MATERIAL

The following material is available for events:

- Posters
- Author Packs

To request this material please contact:

childrenspublicity@randomhouse.co.uk

BOOKS FOR SALE

If you would like to sell books at your event please contact your local bookshop who will can provide you with copies on a sale or return basis.

LINKS

To find out more about Ben Jeapes and his books you can visit his website:

www.benjeapes.com

or his blog:

benjeapes.blogspot.com

To find out more about Ben's books please visit the kids website:

www.kidsatrandomhouse.co.uk

