

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY VISITS

JOHN DICKINSON



John Dickinson was born in London in 1962. He studied history at Oxford University and spent seventeen years in the Ministry of Defence, the Cabinet Office and at NATO. On leaving NATO he told an international audience of diplomats and senior military officers that he had always wished to be a housewife. This was of course disinformation. He was leaving to become an author. (But he has found that this means looking after the house as well.)

John has written three fantasy novels for teenagers and up and one historical novel for adults. Of his novels *The Cup of the World* (2004) and *The Widow and the King* (2005) the critic Amanda Craig wrote in *The Times* "These are the strangest stories I have read since William Morris's Fairy Tales". *The Guardian* described *The Cup of the World* as "detailed, glowing rich, and unforgettable." The third in this passionate, elegant series, *The Fatal Child*, will be published in November 2008.

His historical novel, *The Lightstep*, is a tale of intrigue, espionage and romance set in Germany during the French Revolution. It has been nominated for the Acosta award.

EVENTS

Although his books are aimed at readers from thirteen up, John is happy to speak with audiences of any age or size. He will visit libraries or schools in the UK or Ireland and book groups if they are within an evening's travel of Gloucester.

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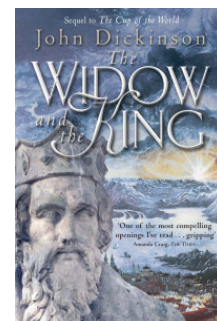
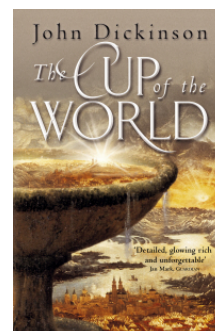
John will adapt his talk to circumstances but usually focuses on one of three themes: creative writing, stories and why we need them, and his own writing and sources of inspiration. His talks usually last an hour to an hour and a half, including time for questions. He will usually include a reading from one of his novels. He will even sign a book or two!

COSTS

For schools and libraries John charges £200 for half a day and £300 for a full day plus travel expenses. These are the standard rates but can be negotiated depending on the circumstances. His rate for book groups is lower, and very negotiable.

LINKS

To find out more about John Dickinson and his books you can visit his website:
www.john-dickinson.net



HOW TO BOOK

By e-mail on
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