

DAVID MELLING

AUTHOR-ILLUSTRATOR

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David does visit schools and libraries when his schedule allows. However, this does mean there will be periods throughout the year when he is unable to take any bookings so please bear with us. Due to these time restrictions he is unlikely to be able to create an individual event that differs from those outlined here.

Please note all enquiries must be made through David's publicist ;

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More information about hiring the HUGLESS DOUGLAS COSTUME Douglas can be found at: <http://www.rainbowproductions.co.uk/contact-us/>

Please visit www.davidmelling.co.uk for free activity sheets for use in the classroom.

David does appear at festivals and bookshops – do keep checking the news and events tab for when these happen. David is most active on Twitter and Facebook!



WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A DAVID MELLING EVENT?

A typical visit will fall in to one of the two following events;

HUGLESS DOUGLAS POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

For younger children (3+) 20-30 mins, will include;

INTRODUCTION:

The World of Hugless Douglas (David will give a short power-point talk introducing Douglas and explaining how the character developed from the sketchbook to the printed page).

DRAWING: Live flipchart demonstration.

READING: HUGLESS DOUGLAS story

ACTIVITY: Interactive Step By Step drawing with the children

If the Hugless Douglas Costume has been booked for the event the children will meet Douglas for a sing-a-long and have the chance for a hug at the end!



AUTHOR / ILLUSTRATOR POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

For slightly older children (5 / 6+), 45-60 mins (max) will include:

INTRODUCTION:

A short introductory talk where David explains how he became a book illustrator.

WORKING METHODS; A comprehensive power-point presentation where David discusses in detail his working methods by answering the question; Where Do You Get Your Ideas?

DRAWING: Live flipchart demonstration using characters from David's books

ACTIVITY: Interactive Step By Step drawing (The children will draw and be encouraged to create their own characters and work towards producing a story of their own)

STORY: David will read one of his books.

Q&A



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GENERAL GUIDELINES

Please take a moment to read through the following which, we hope, will give you a practical idea of what to expect by a visit from David. And can we respectfully ask you to supply as much information as you can, at the time of your enquiry, using this guide to help you, so that we can process and consider your request speedily. Thank you!

Age and length of a session: David does a maximum 3 sessions a day. The age of an audience will have a bearing on the length of a session in order for the children to gain the most benefit but no single session will exceed one hour
3+ Yrs : 20-30 mins (max)
5/6yrs : 45-60 mins (max)

Audience size: for practical reasons, during school/library visits, the children will gain the most benefit from a session if numbers are restricted to a maximum 80 children, if the size of venue is appropriate. School assembly presentations are not something that David does. Literary festivals are the exception to this guide. Details can be discussed at the time of booking.

Requirements on the day: David will need a flipchart, drawing materials for the children (pens, colouring pencils, paper), and a technician on hand to help with the power-point.

Support material: there are activity sheets (colouring sheets, puzzles, games), available to download from David website; www.davidmelling.co.uk additional material may be available for the children to take away on the day, depending on the type of event.

Signing: if you would like to make arrangements through your local bookshop David will be happy to sign books at the end of the event.

Workshops: David may consider extended sessions to incorporate workshops if his schedule allows but these opportunities are limited and must be booked well in advance. Please ask for availability and supply his publicist with as many details as you can.

Venue location & contact details: could you supply the full name and address of the school/library or event location together with full contact details of the person that will be liaising with David before and during the event.

Travel: David will be travelling by train from Oxford. How long is the journey to your venue and are you prepared to organise transport to and from the station? There will also be a travel charge for any venue over 30 miles.

Hugless Douglas costume: the Douglas costume is available for hire. Please contact David's publicist (details on page 1), for more details.



FESTIVALS AND BOOK SIGNINGS

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