



### Speakers at the 2008 conference will include

David Almond, Laurence Anholt, Anthony Browne, Amanda Craig, Julia Eccleshare, Graham Marks, William Nicholson and the Children's Laureate Michael Rosen.

We will hold debates on the perils of reviewing; a frank look at the current state of the book market; the interaction between children's publishing and other art forms (e.g. Hollywood).

**Workshops will include:** how to cope with school visits, taboos, finance, from picture book to cartoon film, how to establish yourself as a poet, the view from a young illustrator, a literary agent, pop-ups, innovative non-fiction, and much more. Then there are the outings: punting, real tennis, croquet, and visits to college gardens, Kettle's Yard, the Fitzwilliam Museum and Lucy Boston's house. An on-site Heffers bookshop will stock delegates' and speakers books. Exhibitions will feature various publishers as well as MA students in Children's Book Illustration at Anglia Ruskin University.

*(The right is reserved to vary the programme if necessary)*



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*"I was invited by an author friend to join her at the Sussex Conference in 2000. It was the beginning of all kinds of good things for me. Apart from enjoying the stimulating and inspiring talks and workshops, I met interesting people and discovered a whole world of support and information I didn't even know existed. I joined the Society of Authors and went to the conferences in Leeds and Oxford. Each conference gave me something special that has enriched my personal and working life – a friendship, an inspiration, an opportunity – so I'm looking forward to Cambridge 2008".*

Sally Hewitt, non-fiction author



Robinson College is a modern college set near the Backs so walking into the centre of Cambridge is a joy - a ten minute stroll along a footpath takes one directly to King's College. Robinson opened in 1981, built to a high architectural standard with specially commissioned John Piper windows magnificently displayed in the chapel. A bridge over Bin Brook links the new college buildings to the old Thorneycreek gardens of the 1890s. The wide lawns, small lake, informal woodland, mature trees and borders combine to blend old and new in a peaceful setting. The standard of catering is excellent and if the weather is glorious you can take your breakfast or lunch outside. Rarely, for a Cambridge college, you can walk on the grass. All accommodation is en-suite and comfortable with the lecture theatre, dining hall, exhibition area and bedrooms all within the same central space.

