



HUNTER WRITERS' CENTRE

Writing for Children

Panel Discussion with Local Hunter Authors

The Hunter Writers Centre presents an afternoon of insight and conversation with 3 writers for young people and children: Margaret Watts, Trevor Dickinson and Lizzie Wilcock. This event will be hosted by HWC Coordinator Brian Joyce, who is himself a writer of plays and stories for children and young adults. Each author will discuss:

- Which age bracket they write for and why
- How they approach their work
- Their subject matter and themes
- The joys and challenges of writing for children
- The directions for this area of writing in the future.

This will be followed by a panel discussion between the authors comparing different aspects of their work. Questions from the floor are invited and encouraged.

Margaret Watts is a former journalist and teacher who has written fifteen books for the 5-12 age group.

Trevor Dickinson specialises in designing graphics and textiles for the children's clothing industry, but has also illustrated and co-written the *Kitty Princess* series for young readers.

Lizzie Wilcock is a primary school teacher and has just had her first book, *Losing It*, published for young adults.

Date: Saturday 27 May

Time: 2:30-4PM

Place: Hunter Writers Centre, 90 Hunter Street, Newcastle

Cost: \$5

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