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Write a children's book about a butterfly and a moth in the National Forest with Honey Craft

Honey Craft publishes books that connect children to nature and we keep our own bees. These books are aimed at children aged 8-10. We are looking for a writer that can demonstrate links to the National Forest, this could be living nearby or spending your childhood there.

Books in the MiniBEAST series include "To Bee or Not to Bee" Bee, "The Fast and The Curious" Gnat, "Leave a Light on For Me" Firefly.

As part of the project and writing process, you will be working with a creative team including: illustrator Keith Turner, Entomologist Gray Smith and Honey Craft Creative Director Liga Orlovska.

The book will be between 1500-2500 words. The main characters of the book must be a butterfly and a moth. The story must take place in the National Forest, drawing upon the habitats and species here.

N.B. You will need to be available to attend meetings with the creative team and the National Forest and deliver a workshop in the National Forest as part of this project.

Together with a creative team you will also be creating a workshop for families with children aged 8- 10, that you will deliver in the National Forest. Here you can gather their thoughts and ideas about the National Forest and MiniBEASTS living in the Forest to help fuel your creating process.

Dates:

Contract awarded - Feb

First draft deadline - Apr

Final copy - May

Book published – Jul.

Schedule:

27 Feb	Writer Interview
28 Feb	Writer Contract
28 Feb- 3 Mar	Workshop planning day takes place with writer, illustrator, entomologist
Apr Haf Term	1 days of workshop delivered
30 Apr	Writer and develops first draft of the book
3 May	Steering groups meeting
3 May – 10 May	Editing the draft. Writer works with editor, creative producer and illustrator
15 May	MILESTONE: Final story draft.
16 May	Steering group groups meeting
3 May – 15 June	Illustrator works on the illustrations of the book
Apr/May	Identifying place for the book launch
16 June	Steering groups meeting. Final draft approved
17 Jun – 22 Jun	MILESTONE: Books on print
Jul	Book launch event



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Fees:

Workshop planning: ½ day £150.00 (March)

Workshop delivery: 1 day @ £230 per day (March)

Writer: 5 days @ £250 per day (Apr – Jul)

To apply for this opportunity please submit the following by 23 Feb 2023 to honeycraftbuzz@gmail.com :

- CV
- A sample of a maximum of 500 words of your writing aimed for children aged 8-10, or writing for children of any age.
- Answer this question: Why would you like to work with Honey Craft on this project? (3-5 sentences)
- Answer this question: Please explain your links to the National Forest (3-5 sentences)

Shortlisted writers will be invited to an informal conversation end of Feb (exact date TBC)

Please, contact Liga on honeycraftbuzz@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like more information.

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