

# Jonathan Litton

Author and editor of children's books

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## Personal Profile

My children's non-fiction books have been translated into more than 20 languages and shortlisted for multiple major awards. Areas of particular expertise include:

- Science (main degree subject)
- Maths (qualified maths teacher)
- Geography (cartographic geek)
- History (included within degree)
- Philosophy (studying within MA)
- Nature (degree included ecology)
- People (amateur anthropologist)
- Languages (student and teacher)
- Buildings (lived on boat and in yurt)
- Food (seasonal worker on cherry farm)

## Awards & Achievements

- *Journeys* (2019), *The Earth Book* (2018) and *Hello World* (2017) shortlisted for Children's Travel Book of the Year
- *Hello World* shortlisted for SLA Award (2017) and received Commendation at British Book Design Awards (2016)
- *Marvellous Maths* shortlisted for ALCS Educational Writers' Award (2015) and Blue Peter Book Award (2014)
- Integral to the launch of the *360 Degrees* non-fiction imprint; played a part in the first eight titles
- Developed *My Little World*, an early-learning range with 50+ books available in 30+ territories
- Performed at schools, libraries, bookshops and festivals, including Edinburgh, Bath and London

## Current Work

I am working on a number of non-fiction projects as a freelancer based in Hokkaido, Japan. Clients include Scholastic, Big Picture Press, QED and 360 Degrees. I also teach English and help on a cherry farm.

## Selected Employment History

### Senior Editor, Caterpillar Books (2013–2016)

- Delivered over 100 books as author and editor
- Launched *360 Degrees*, a non-fiction imprint

### Editor, Templar Publishing (2011–2012)

- Worked on bestselling brands including *Ologies*
- Wrote and edited titles nominated for awards

### Junior Editor, Caterpillar Books (2010–2011) & Editorial Assistant, Caterpillar Books (2008–2010)

- Honed my skills as a children's author and editor
- Delivered over 100 books across seven book fairs

### Maths Editor, Nelson Thornes (2007–2008)

- Edited maths textbooks and electronic resources
- Managed both experienced and first-time authors

## Highlights from Portfolio

Hello World • Marvellous Maths • The Earth Book  
STEAM Stories • Holes • Architecture for Babies  
Lost in the Fourth Dimension • Dinosaurology  
My Pop-up City Atlas • What's the Time, Clockodile?

## Education & Qualifications

2017–	<b>MA Philosophy &amp; Religion</b> University of Wales Trinity St David
2016	<b>CELTA (TEFL qualification)</b> West London College
2008–2010	<b>PGDip Children's Literature</b> Roehampton University
2006–2007	<b>PGCE Key Stages 2&amp;3</b> Cambridge University
2004–2005	<b>Certificate in Chinese Language</b> Inner Mongolia University
1999–2002	<b>BA Natural Sciences</b> Cambridge University