

Tom Palmer

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Hello Aberdeenshire Council

I hope my new books and resources will encourage reading for pleasure with the children you work with. With many thanks for your continued support!

Tom

"Tom Palmer is a true reading hero and has been responsible for motivating many thousands of young people to get into books" **Booktrust**

NEW Virtual home-learning

I am now available for virtual author visits offering:

- Presentations
- Q&A
- Workshops
- Writing competitions
- Writing a story together

To discuss how I can support your work online, please reply to this email or contact me on Twitter @tompalmerauthor

Please also try my:

- Advert-free videos of me reading, new ones added daily [here](#)
- FREE reads - first chapters of my books [here](#)
- FREE colouring [here](#)
- FREE literacy resources [here](#)

"great modelling and questioning (even by distance!)" **English Lead, Dixons Allerton Academy**

May : Roy of the Rovers Writing Kit

I am thrilled to say that I have been working on **eight short activities for football-loving children** drawn from my *Roy of the Rovers* books. It's called Roy and Rocky's Football Writing Kit.

Go to [here](https://tompalmer.co.uk/roy-of-the-rovers/) for more information

8 – 14 June 2020 : Carers Week NEW PHSE resource linked to *Roy of the Rovers*

Roy has to fit his school life and training around acting as young carer for his dad whilst his mum works to support the family. This Powerpoint explores the role of young carers. Suitable for literacy / PHSE.

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- 20% off all my books

SAMPLER

Please email me back for a free first chapter of **AFTER THE WAR**.

POSTER PACKS

Please email me back for a free signed **AFTER THE WAR** poster pack.

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Please share my newsletter with others by forwarding it.

"I love how Tom covers football alongside real life issues that some of our children face today." [@emmasuffield School Librarian of the Year 2018](#)

Download [here](#)

July 2020 : The Spitfire Fund FREE story

I have written a five-part free story for the RAF Museum (where I am Children's Writer in Residence) using their artefacts to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Feel free to read this aloud.

Download [here](#)

<https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/cosford/schools-and-colleges/school-resources.aspx>

August : After the War

I was expecting to publish two books in May, but both have been delayed in the interests of keeping publishers and printers safe during the Coronavirus.

After the War – Summer 1945. The Second World War is finally over and Yossi, Leo and Mordecai are among three hundred children who arrive in the English Lake District. Due to come out on 6th August 2020.

It's already had some great reviews:

"It is a story from the past, told in the present, with lessons for us all for the future." **TREVOR AVERY**

- **First chapter** [here](#)
- Book **trailer** [here](#)
- **Cover** prediction worksheet [here](#)
- **VE Day** reading comprehension [here](#)
- **Paper dolls** bunting craft activity [here](#)
- **Films** of the settings about research and writing *After the War* to come

More information and resources here
www.tompalmer.co.uk/after-the-war/

SEPTEMBER onwards - author visits

I am offering workshops linking literacy to these historic periods:

The Iron Age – Read [Defenders : Pitch Invasion](#)

Romans – Read [Defenders : Dark Arena](#)

TESTIMONIALS

"Over the Line is a stunning look at the life of a real footballer who fought in the First World War as a member of the Footballers' Battalion and was the first of the modern professional footballers. It's not exclusively for those with dyslexia but it's as good as a book gets if you do suffer." **Bookbag**

"I have been downloading Tom's fantastic episodic story from the Literacy Trust website. I just wanted to drop him a line to tell him how brilliantly his story is going down at our school. Every morning I have children, particularly the boys, running up to me to check that I have downloaded and printed out the latest chapter of the story. The feedback from all the teachers is really positive, they tell me that it has really captured the boys imaginations and is encouraging them to read too!" **Lucy Bakewell, SLA School Librarian of the Year**

"I feel the moral aspects will help us deal with the various issues than can occur with young boys as they settle into

Anglo Saxons / Vikings – Read [Defenders : Killing Ground](#)

Medieval England – Read [Secret FC](#)

First World War – Read [Over the Line](#), [Flyboy](#) and [Armistice Runner](#)

Second World War – Read [Spitfire](#) and [D-Day Dog](#) and [After the War](#)

“When Tom Palmer approached me to ask if he could write a book about the Jewish children and their stay in the Lake District, I was immediately taken by his desire to totally immerse himself in the story. We worked with him on this extraordinary book project and he was always full of the same compassion as those who helped the children in their early days of recovery. He was also utterly dedicated to doing the story justice, and I am sure you will see that he has.” **TREVOR AVERY**

More here: <http://tompalmer.co.uk/historical-fiction-author-visits/>

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That’s it for now. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions as to how I can support your school this summer. As always there are loads of free resources on my website. Films, activities, first chapters and much more. Please feel free to use them.

Sending my family’s best wishes to you and yours at this difficult time.

Best wishes and thanks again for keeping in touch.

Thank you for reading.

Tom Palmer

Data protection notice ... We do try to keep a tidy database but please accept our apologies if this has accidentally been cross-posted. We will not share your details with anyone else. We’d like to update you roughly 3 times a year about forthcoming

secondary

education.” **Pennaeth Cynorthwyol / Assistant Head, Ysgol Rhiwabon**

“As a parent, I just wanted to say thanks for the [Football Academy series](#). My 10 year old son had never read a whole book from start to finish until he discovered [Boys United](#). He rattled through that so I bought [Striking Out](#) two days ago and he’s nearly finished it already. Roll on the rest of the series!” **Sarah**

“Credited with turning book-phobic boys into page-turning maniacs” **Sunday Telegraph**

“The work of this author is making a valuable contribution to improving pupils’ writing.”

Ofsted

“The stuff available from the Tom Palmer website is fantastic”

Friends’ School Saffron Walden

“Guerilla reading motivation at its finest” **Jim Sells, National Literacy Trust**

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*"I received the pack that you sent me today. Thank you very much. The books look really interesting. In fact, we have already had some interest from the boys! The posters will really brighten up our displays" **Sir Graham Balfour School.***

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