

E. J. Clarke, author of *Rowan Oakwing* Available for school events & festivals

About *Rowan Oakwing*

Being a fairy is a lot more dangerous than you think . . .

There's a strange magic to London's parks. When the sun sets and the gates are closed, tiny winged creatures come to life. The only way to meet them is to become one. And if you become one, there's no way back.

Rowan cries herself to sleep in Hyde Park and wakes up ten centimetres tall, with tiny oak-leaf wings. She's about to go on an adventure in the hidden world of fairies and foxes. But Rowan's quest will be perilous, with fearsome enemies at her heels. If she wants to get home, she'll need to find the courage she never knew she had, and discover powers she'd never even imagined...

"A wonderfully inventive fairyland reminding kids of the magic at the heart of everyday life"

(Abi Elphinstone, author of *The Shadow Keeper*)

An event with E.J. Clarke

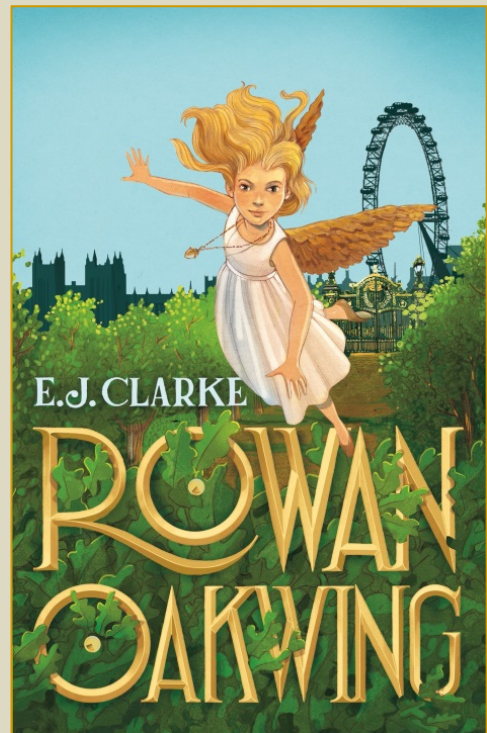
An event with E.J. Clarke is most suitable for Years 3-6 (ages 7-11). His event lasts between 45 minutes and one hour (including questions). Ed is flexible with audience sizes but is comfortable speaking to groups of up to 300 children. For his event, he'll need a projector and laptop for Powerpoint, a flip chart and pens, and lots of imagination...

During the event, he'll talk about how he got into writing, despite having little confidence in this at school. He'll then take the children on a journey across London (metaphorically speaking!) sharing photos of the real locations visited in the book, and talking about the different fairy tribes that live in the Royal Parks. He'll read an extract from *Rowan Oakwing*, before brainstorming a brand new story with the children to inspire confidence in them to tell their own...

About E. J. Clarke

Rowan Oakwing came from an idea that popped into Ed's head and wouldn't leave until he wrote it down. He lives in North London and is married with two young daughters who would like to be fairies.

When he isn't writing books, Ed works as Head of Film and Television at Shoebox Films, where his partners include the film director Joe Wright (*Pan*, *Atonement*, *Pride and Prejudice*) and the venerable film producer, Paul Webster (*Pan*, *Atonement*, *Eastern Promises*).



To book an event or for more information, please contact ed@oakheartfilms.co.uk or Senior Press Officer at Hachette Childrens, Stephanie Allen Stephanie.allen@hachettechildrens.co.uk

"My daughter LOVED this book so much she got up early and begged me to read with her..." (Cerrie Burnell, CBeebies / author of the *Harper* series)

A beautifully crafted story with a strong heroine." (Parents In Touch)

"Completely charming" (Piers Torday, Author of *The Last Wild* Trilogy)



"Thank you once again from all of us at Churchill Gardens Primary for helping to provide our children with a very special experience." (Catherine Whitehead, Year 3-5 English Teacher)

"Our children loved your talk as did the teachers. You really did the job of inspiring them... it was fantastic for them to hear about what spurred you on to write." (Rhoda Pennington, Highgate Primary School)

"Thank you for such a wonderful, engaging visit! You really inspired our girls to see London in a magical way and boosted their confidence to write their own stories." (Caroline Jupp, Librarian, Channing Junior School)