



Jamie Thomson

Events Information

Roald Dahl Funny Prize
winner 2012!

ABOUT THE BOOKS:

Thirteen-year-old schoolboy, Dirk Lloyd, has a dark secret - in fact he is a dark secret. Dirk is the earthly incarnation of a Dark Lord, supreme ruler of the Darklands, intent on destruction. Following a colossal battle, the Dark Lord was defeated and hurled into the Pit of Uttermost Despair. At the bottom of the Pit lies...a supermarket car park in the municipal town of Whiteshields. And when he is found, and tries to explain that he is the Dark Lord, people think he means Dirk Lloyd. The fact that he's trapped in the puny body of a schoolboy doesn't help.

And so begins Dirk's battle to recover his dignity, his power, and his lands... he faces the inconvenience of being fostered by a do-gooding family, the Purejoies; the torture of endless hours of drudgery at the Whiteshields Brainwashing Centre (aka school); a vengeful Headmaster; and constant laughter and disrespect when he attempts to marshall his lackeys (friends) to do what he wants them to.

AN EVENT WITH JAMIE

An event with Jamie Thomson is most suitable for Year 5-8. His events last for about a hour (including questions), although he can be flexible with prior notice.

Beware, though - he teaches children how to laugh like a Dark Lord ('mwhahaha!') and to insult like one too ('greetings, tiny minions!'). They'll also learn how to build an excessively ridiculously silly story, and get to ask Jamie questions about being the Dark Lord's scribe.... He'll introduce children to the woeful tale of the Dark Lord's fall from power and plans for taking over the school!

ABOUT JAMIE:

Jamie Thomson is the minion and slave of the Dark Lord, Dirk Lloyd. He's an author and games developer who has written numerous choose-your-own-adventure style gamebooks. While working at Games Workshop, he was one of the developers of the computer game The Tower of Despair. Jamie Thomson lives in the dungeons below his Master's Iron Tower in East Sussex, where he spends every day writing for his overlord.



PRAISE FOR DARK LORD:

"Dark Lord is a wonderfully absurd take on beings from another planet" - Michael Rosen, Children's Laureate

"One of the most original children's books of the year". - Daily Express

"an ingenious idea." - Sunday Times

"It's funny-clever as well as funny-silly" - Mel Giedroyc, Roald Dahl Funny Prize Judge

"A perfect novel for computer games-obsessed boys." - Sunday Telegraph

"Amazing, fantastic... great to read." - Skye Turnbull- 9 year old reviewer

MORE INFORMATION

Jamie Thomson does do a few free slots per year. Otherwise, he charges the Society of Authors minimum rates for events (plus expenses):

£150 per one hour session

£250 per half day (two sessions)

£350 per full day (three sessions)

To discuss an event, please email rebecca.hearne@hachettechildrens.co.uk

Orchard Books are happy to support Jamie's events with reading copies for teachers.

