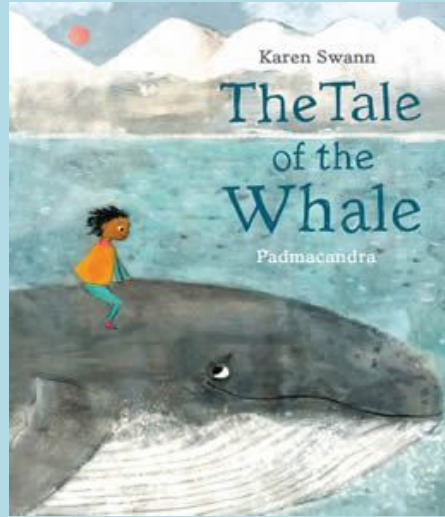


KAREN SWANN



Karen Swann is an author based in Nottingham. She trained as a physiotherapist in a small town by the sea, and has always been a writer and storyteller. Her debut picture book, The Tale of the Whale, invites children to consider their responsibilities the environment, with a direct plea to end plastic pollution.

EVENTS

Karen offers events both on her own, and with Padmacandra, the illustrator of The Tale of the Whale.

Solo events - virtual only:

Karen offers a short solo virtual event (30-45 mins) suitable for KS1 and lower KS2.

Based around *The Tale of the Whale*, the session includes:

A brief introduction to the role of an author and inspiration for the book.

Reading The Tale of the Whale (interactive).

Exploring the book through the text and images with a focus on plastic.

Task or activity to complete after the session.

Please contact Karen directly for more information on this, including costs:

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For free craft activities and activity sheets, please visit:

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KAREN SWANN & PADMACANDRA



Virtual Author/Illustrator Event with both Karen Swann and Padmacandra - 'The Message of the Whale'

Fee: £150

Duration: 45 mins -1 hour (can be reduced for younger groups)

Participants: Max 30 Children, Key Stage One and Lower Key Stage Two (ages 5 to 8)

Covers: Visual and Word Literacy; Mindfulness; Environment, Global Goals, Sustainability, Art, Mark making, Writing (STEAM).

Equipment needed: craft supplies for each child including:

- A4 paper/card
- Colouring pencils / crayons

Karen and Padmacandra have designed an exciting, interactive session using *The Tale of the Whale*, which includes:

- a) A brief introduction to the role of the writer, leading to...
- b) A reading of the story
- c) A brief introduction to the role of the illustrator leading to...
- d) Detective Seagull Activity: an interactive deeper look at the visual narrative in “detective mode” – and with the help of the seagull - to find clues to the message the whale might be trying to communicate.
- e) Discussions around the types of plastics and their use using the text examples.
- f) Drawing Activity – Drawing the whale, and a sea for the whale.
- g) Writing Activity - exploring the idea of passing on the whale’s message.

Both the Drawing Activity and the Writing Activity will create a card that the group can use in their own way to pass on the message.

Time permitting, the session may include a brief Meditation / Visualisation using the senses to imagine being within the ocean, cultivating kindness to ourselves and the ocean creatures.

Questions and Answers at the end

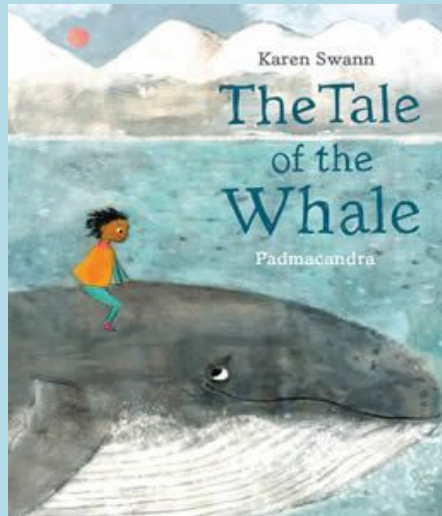
Events for adults also available - talking about the process of creating a picture book or Mindful Drawing Days

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Praise for *The Tale of the Whale*

'A rolling, rhyming text that scans and richly textured images celebrate the sea through a child's lyrical journey on the back of a whale. With a concluding call to arms about clearing the 'plastic soup'.'

The Sunday Times Culture Magazine

'Not since *The Snowman* has a journey conjured so much sheer joy, connection and imagination... empowering and positive, a book that explores our connection with the natural world, text and images working beautifully together.'

Books for Keeps

'The combination of the melodic text, imagery and emotion make a strong connection so that when the call to action is given at the end of the tale, and the reader is invited to help the girl make a difference, it is fully likely that the audience will be 100% on board.'

Just Imagine

Watch Karen Swann and Padmacandra in a virtual event together with Chicken & Frog bookshop:

[The Tale of the Whale - YouTube](#)

Shortlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize 2022

Winner of the Derby Book Festival Children's Picture Book Award 2022

Shortlisted for the Spark! School Book Awards 2022

Shortlisted for the North Somerset Teachers Book Award 2021

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