

Cressida Cowell, has been named as the new Children's Laureate, and is ready to do battle to encourage children to love books.

"The telly is glorious but that's the competition," said *'The How to Train Your Dragon'* author following her appointment on Tuesday.

Cowell is the 11th person to take on the role aimed at inspiring children to read and write more. She succeeds Lauren Child (who is one of LGfL's Reading Zone Live authors – RZL.lgfl.net) and will hold the laureate title for two years.

"Books and reading are magic and this magic must be available to absolutely everyone," said Cowell.



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