

Course Outcomes

- Build your children's book portfolio week-by-week, creating relevant artwork to spark interest from the commercial market.
- Receive support and advice on developing your storyboard.
- Sharpen your story writing and editing skills.
- Find your unique style by experimenting with painting techniques in a range of mediums.
- Obtain guidance on marketing your work.
- Create an action plan for submitting to publishers and agents.
- Listen to a top London publisher talk about how they work and what they are looking for and answer your questions.
- Receive brief written feedback on your work from a respected UK agent.

How the Course Works

Live online classes will take place on Zoom and include real-time exercises, tutorials, demonstrations, group discussion and feedback.

Students will be expected to spend a minimum of 2-3 hours a week on homework.

We use Padlet for our courses, where all course materials will be held, including recordings from each class and a student gallery for uploading your artwork between sessions. Recordings remain available to participants until two weeks after the last session.

Participants will receive handouts a week before the course start date and login details the day before – these will be sent to the email address linked to your Paypal account so please email education@houseofillustration.org.uk as soon as possible from your contact email address if this is different to the one linked to your Paypal account.

Materials You Will Need

- Writing pen
- Mark-making pens
- Ink pen
- 2B-6B pencils
- Coloured pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- A3 sketchpad
- A4 rough and smooth watercolour paper
- Sugar or blotting paper
- 4 envelopes with tickets from the introduction course
- Set of watercolour paints e.g. Winsor and Newton Cotman Watercolour pocket box of 12 half pans
- Minimum 4 tubes gouache paints (yellow, red, blue and white)
- Minimum 4 tubes acrylic paints (yellow, red, blue and white)
- 3 different sized watercolour brushes
- 3 different sized oil painting brushes (coarse haired)
- Large Tupperware box lid
- Household sponge
- Kitchen roll or rag
- Table and rock salt
- Jam jar for water
- Roll of masking tape
- Wooden board, e.g. chopping board