


A NEWSLETTER FROM AUTHOR JB CAINE

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CELEBRATING Young Writers

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YOUNG WRITERS' VOICES CAN'T BE IGNORED!

I've been writing almost all my life...the first thing I can recall is a poem called "Today" that I wrote when I was six. And I'm not alone. Most writers I know have been writing stories or poetry since childhood, even if they never completed a novel manuscript until well into adulthood.

Writing a full novel is hard work, which is what makes it so special when someone young (let's say, under 21) manages to complete such a task. The temptation for some is to smile politely and pat them on the head and say "how cute", but the truth is that young voices often have very important things to say that older ears need to hear.

Young writers see the world's problems in different ways, they have a perspective and often idealism that has been lost in those with more years under our belts. And as a 30-year teaching veteran, I can tell confirm that they have their own language as well. Don't believe me? Try reading a teen's texts.

Young creatives should be celebrated and encouraged to find and flex their voices. Creative writing classes are on the decline throughout the country, and Young Writers' Conferences are few and far between.

This is a call to arms to established writers! Volunteer in schools and communities to make sure our youth voices are not lost in the noise of adult business. They matter!

MY FIVE

THIS MONTH: YOUNG AUTHORS

1. Mary Shelley, 18 (*Frankenstein*)
2. Christopher Paolini, 19 (*Eragon*)
3. S.E. Hinton, 19 (*The Outsiders*)
4. Anne Frank, 16 (*The Diary of Anne Frank*)
5. Scarlett Hoffman, 13 (*The Adventures of Sage Hawkins*)

WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH:

IRONSHIELD'S SHADOW
BOOK 3 NOW AVAILABLE
FOR KINDLE PRE-ORDER!



I'LL BE AT SYFY BARTOW
ON FEB 17 11 AM - 6 PM



FEATURED AUTHOR: SCARLETT HOFFMAN

JBC: GIVE US A SUMMARY OF YOUR FANTASY SERIES.

SH: The Lost Fairy Chronicles series is about four fairies destined to save the world from an evil woman named Gwendolyn whose sorcery is impacting the human and fairy world alike. They must embark on an epic adventure in order to piece together the four pieces of a prophecy.

JBC: WHAT'S THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE YOU FACE AS A YOUNG WRITER?

SH: The biggest challenge I have as a young author is probably feeling like I won't fit in amongst all the adult authors.

JBC: What exciting projects do you have coming up in 2024:

SH: The third book in the Fairy Chronicles series is coming out in 2024. The title is THE ADVENTURES OF ZEPHYRINA LUZAI, and I'm so excited to share it with everyone!

Note from JB Caine: Scarlett was 13 when her first novel, THE ADVENTURES OF SAGE HAWKINS was published. You can find her at www.anatolianpressllc.com

