

# Julian Stockwin

- Master Story-teller of the Sea -

## Resources for Libraries



<http://www.julianstockwin.com>

# Overview

Julian Stockwin has special feelings about the first library he ever visited :

“This is where I discovered the wondrous world of books. I remember the day my mother took me to my local library for the first time. It was in Sheerness in Kent, and there were all these books just feet away from me! All I had to do was reach out and there was my escape into worlds of excitement and adventure. This picture below was taken many years later – when I began to write books myself...”

When the Ivybridge Library was opened recently by HRH Princess Anne, Julian loaned a fine model of the ship “*Teazer*”, which features in *COMMAND* and other books he has written.

PLR statistics show how popular Julian is among UK book borrowers. He’s in the top tier, consistently in the first one or two percent of borrowed authors.



Further information is available on his website [www.julianstockwin.com](http://www.julianstockwin.com) and via Twitter <http://twitter.com/#!/julianstockwin> and Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Julian-Stockwin/127473540602515>

# What Julian Stockwin offers libraries

(all requests via Julian's publicist Jaime Frost at Hodder & Stoughton [jaimefrost@hodder.co.uk](mailto:jaimefrost@hodder.co.uk))

## Talks

There are three categories of presentations:

1. A 50-minute talk about the Kydd series and its times, followed by a Q & A session. Julian will bring along some of his collection of genuine eighteenth-century sea artefacts to illustrate his talk.

2. A session for would-be writers on how to get published. This usually runs for about an hour but could be a half-day.

3. A children's activity session. This can be tailored to suit various age-groups. For example Julian has taught children some of the nautical skills a seaman of yore had to know; talked about tall ships in general, followed by a quiz; led a discussion about a maritime print then invited the children to paint their own interpretation.



**ROPE WORK:** Author Julian Stockwin shows Sam Grannell some nautical knots while Laura Cunningham and Emily Jones practise on their own

## Nautical facts from an author of fiction

**YOUNGSTERS** had the chance to learn some traditional nautical skills when Ivybridge author Julian Stockwin visited the town's library.

Mr Stockwin, famous for his naval fiction books, dropped in to talk to the children and teach them some tricks from his seafaring days.

More than 20 children aged eight to 12 were taught to tie reef knots, read a compass and how to be a look-out on a ship.

Mr Stockwin, author of the Thomas Kydd series of "cannon and sail" novels, also read from one of his books.

Librarian Beth Davidson said: "I

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think the children enjoyed it thoroughly and they were very attentive.

"We've had Julian Stockwin here several times to talk about his books, but this is the first he's come to talk to children. We would definitely like to do it again."

Mr Stockwin was assisted by four sea cadets from Plymouth who demonstrate their skills and helped instruct the budding sailors.

The children all received certificates at the end of the session.



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# Reading Groups

On Julian's website there is extensive information both for existing Reading Groups and setting up a Reading Group :

<http://www.julianstockwin.com/Reading%20Groups.htm>

Julian is happy to talk to Reading Groups about his work or a specific book they are reading/discussing.



# Library Display Pack

*(available free of charge on request to [admin@julianstockwin.com](mailto:admin@julianstockwin.com))*

As well as information sheets, it contains a small piece rope of genuine tarred rope from an eighteenth century ship and certificate of authenticity, book jackets, postcards, bookmarks, a photograph of Julian.

An associated contest for a book prize may be run in conjunction with the display.

