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Penny Batchelor

Penny Batchelor is a writer of psychological thrillers. In 2022 she co-founded the ADCI Literary Prize for disabled and chronically ill novelists, run in conjunction with the SoA. Penny is passionate about championing positive disability representation in novels, regularly speaking at literary festivals and events and writing articles on the subject.

She is the West Midlands Ambassador for National Crime Reading Month for the Crime Writers' Association and has worked with The Reading Agency and local libraries to promote reading for pleasure. Penny is honoured to be a trustee of The Brontë Society.

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Hannah Berry

Hannah Berry is an occasionally award-winning comics creator, scriptwriter and campaigner. Author of three solo graphic novels for Jonathan Cape – LIVESTOCK, ADAMTINE, and BRITTEN & BRÜLIGHTLY – she has also contributed comics to anthologies and publications from 2000AD to The New England Journal of Medicine.

A founding co-director of the Comics Cultural Impact Collective and co-founding steering committee member of the Society of Authors' Comics Creators Network, Berry is a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and was UK Comics Laureate 2019-21.

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Peter Bush

Peter Bush translates from Catalan, French, Portuguese and Spanish. He has translated over a hundred works by classical and contemporary authors.

He is a former Director of the British Centre for Literary Translation and Vice-President of the International Federation of Translators and founded the BCLT's Summer School. He is currently translating a novel by Jorge Carrión and a book of poetry by Valencian poet, Maria Josep Escrivà. He lives in Bristol.