

1. Louisa Young Joins Your Book Group – Kindly donated by Louisa Young

Louisa Young, award-winning best-selling novelist, will visit your book group to discuss her WWI novel of love, death and facial injury, *My Dear I Wanted to Tell You* (London Cityread Choice 2014; Richard & Judy Book Club Choice; Galaxy Audiobook of the Year), and introduce the sequel, *The Heroes' Welcome*, set in 1919 and coming out in May this year. Restrictions: the event must take place in London.



2. Michael Morpurgo Names A Character After You – Kindly donated by Michael Morpurgo

Michael Morpurgo, the best-selling author of *War Horse*, *Private Peaceful* and *The Butterfly Lion*, is offering to name a character in his next book after the highest bidder. This prize would make the perfect gift for any Michael Morpurgo fan, be it your child, godchild, niece or nephew. Don't miss this chance to be immortalised in print!



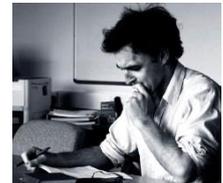
3. A Literary Evening – Kindly donated by the Folio Society, the Literature Prize Foundation & Radisson Blu Edwardian Hotels

This is a unique opportunity to get your hands on two tickets to attend the Folio Prize Award Ceremony in March 2015 in the company of the authors on the shortlist and from the Folio Prize Academy. Accompanying the tickets is a full set of eight shortlisted books from the 2014 Folio Prize (seven of the copies are signed) and an overnight stay for two with breakfast in an executive class room at the four star deluxe Bloomsbury Street hotel.



4. Tree Walk with William Fiennes – Kindly donated by William Fiennes

Join William Fiennes, co-founder of First Story and author of *The Snow Geese* and *The Music Room*, on a walk in a London park and learn about the identification and natural history of Britain's native trees. William's Tree Walk at the Port Eliot Festival has attracted up to a 100 followers at a time. We can accept multiple bids for this unique prize.



5. Residential Cookery Course for Eight – Kindly donated by Caroline Waldegrave

Dudwell School is set in the heart of the Mendips, Somerset. It is run by Caroline Waldegrave, the founding Principal and former Managing Director and co-owner of Leiths School of Food and Wine. You are warmly invited to join her in her brand new purpose-built professional kitchen for a week learning how to cook for pleasure. You will stay at the house which has four double guest bedrooms. There is also a tennis court, a swimming pool, a snooker table, a ping pong table, a croquet lawn, a large library and a TV room for fun in the afternoons.



6. Fifty Penguin Classics - Kindly donated by Penguin

The core of a great library, right here. This lot features fifty of the richest books ever written, from Charlotte Brontë to Baudelaire, via Hannah Arendt, Arthur Conan Doyle and Chaucer, and will inspire – and nourish – a lifelong love of reading.



AUCTION PRIZES

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7. Private Shopping at Amanda Wakeley – Kindly donated by Amanda Wakeley

Enjoy a private shopping experience at Amanda Wakeley's new flagship Mayfair store. This lot includes a £1,000 voucher, canapés, champagne and the full attention of Bridget Bowen, Head of Private Shopping. Treat yourself – or have a fun outing with special friends.

8. Wimbledon Finals Tickets – Kindly donated by Charles Swallow

Don't miss this opportunity to win a pair of tickets to the Wimbledon Ladies' Final, Saturday 5th July 2014! These seats give you a perfect view of play to see the skill and artistry of two of the best female players in the world. There will be excellent doubles matches after the final – and you'll have access to the refreshments in the Members' Enclosure, where you can mix with some past Wimbledon legends.

9. Theatre Break in Covent Garden – Kindly donated by The Laura Kinsella Foundation, Jeremy King & Jill Manson



Enjoy a holiday in the heart of London, with two nights in a luxurious flat directly opposite Covent Garden station, plus dinner for two at the Wolseley, a café-restaurant in the grand European tradition. But wait, there's more! This prize also includes two tickets to the sold-out production *The Scottsboro Boys*, which transfers to the West End this autumn – the show won the Critics' Circle 2013 Best Musical award, and was nominated for six Laurence Olivier Awards in 2014.

10. Leiths Chef Knives – Kindly donated by Caroline Waldegrave



Leiths have overseen, tested and approved the production of a knife set that they feel meet the rigours and demands of a professional kitchen, whilst also looking sleek and stylish in a home kitchen. The knives are of forged construction which gives them the strength they need to withstand long and hard use. They come as a set of five, including filleting knife, boning knife and large chef's knife. Includes a diamond steel for sharpening, and a knife roll for storage.

11. Full Price Membership to New Private Members' Club LIBRARY – Kindly donated by Ronald Ndoro, Founder of LIBRARY



LIBRARY

A highly coveted one-year membership to the newest and most original Private Members' Club opening in London this year. With sustainable innovative design from 19 Greek Street and an eclectic events programme curated by London's top art and music specialists, LIBRARY is set to open with a thriving membership base of key power players in the theatre, literature and design industries.

12. Children's Writing Masterclass with Zizou Corder – Kindly donated by Louisa Young



Zizou Corder, award-winning best-selling author of the *Lionboy* series of children's novels, will come and give your child/children (up to two) a one-on-one masterclass on story writing, at the end of which they will have written their own story. Suitable for age six and above. Restrictions: the event must take place in London.

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19. Lunch with Some Sparkle – Kindly donated by Humphrey Butler Ltd

The international jewellery dealer – and renowned auctioneer – Humphrey Butler will lend his extensive knowledge and expertise to one lucky bidder tonight. Humphrey is offering a seafood and champagne lunch for four at his elegant Pall Mall premises, surrounded by his wonderful stock of period jewellery, allowing the successful buyer and their friends to take advantage of his advice re buying, selling or simply wearing pieces made over the past two hundred years.



20. David Mitchell Names a Character – Kindly donated by David Mitchell

This really is a money-can't-buy present. David Mitchell, celebrated author of *Ghostwritten* and *Cloud Atlas*, is offering the opportunity to choose the name of a character in his forthcoming book. Twice shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize, David Mitchell was one of *Granta's* Best of Young British Novelists in 2003. Restrictions: David Mitchell will choose who the character is and how often he/she appears in the book.



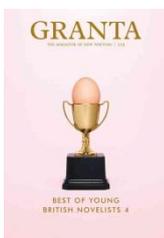
21. Anya Hindmarch Albion Hobo Bag – Kindly donated by an anonymous donor

A sleek new addition to the Anya Hindmarch family, the Albion is crafted in one of the world's best Italian workshops using a process called 'thermo saldatura' to fuse the leather together. The result is a bag that's crisp, clean and doesn't need any extra stitching. Details: white, grained-leather with dove-grey leather side panels, black edges and a silver-coloured snap closing clasp. Roomy interior features zippered compartment plus a pen pocket and cell phone/PDA pocket.



22. Writing Workshop with First Story Author at Faber Academy – Kindly donated by Faber Academy & First Story

Ever wanted to try your hand at writing? Don't miss out on this chance to join one of First Story's most fascinating writers-in-residence for a three-hour writing workshop on Thursday 2nd October 2014. This experience will tickle your creativity and allow you to explore new corners of your imagination. This is an exceptional opportunity to work under the guidance of a critically acclaimed author and benefit from his expertise in the stimulating environment of Faber Academy, dedicated to helping aspiring writers and poets find their voice.



23. Signed Edition of Granta's Best of Young British Novelists 4 – Kindly donated by Ted Hodgkinson & Granta Publications

For three consecutive decades, *Granta* has spotted the rising stars of British fiction, showcasing such writers Martin Amis, Julian Barnes, Kazuo Ishiguro, Rose Tremain and Jeanette Winterson. Here, in this rare, collectible, fully signed edition of *Granta's* fourth *Best of Young British Novelists*, is the future of literature in Britain.



24. Work Shadowing at First Story – Kindly donated by First Story

Spend three days shadowing different members of the team at First Story as we work with acclaimed British writers to develop confidence and build aspirations in young people through creative writing workshops. This is an exceptional opportunity to witness the work of an ambitious and dynamic charity and get some valuable work experience. Suitable for age 16 and over.

25. Private Kripalu Yoga Lesson for Up to Five People – Kindly donated by Julie Bolitho-Lee

Learn to relax and clear your mind with this 90-minute yoga lesson with Oxford yoga instructor and First Story writer, Julie Bolitho-Lee, who will travel to your home – either in London or Oxford – and provide you with a one-to-one session or a private session for up to five people. Kripalu yoga focuses on a mindful practice of developing awareness and compassion for the self and others. Postures aid in producing both physical and mental benefits - at times allowing the mind to take a much-needed break, giving the body an opportunity to move freely.



Sanctuary Graez Yoga

26. Beauty Overhaul in a Daniel Hersheson Salon – Kindly donated by Daniel Hersheson

The Hersheson salons offer the ultimate in beauty maintenance focusing on essential services (facials, massage, nails, etc.) carried out by highly skilled therapists and make-up artists who regularly appear in the fashion and beauty press for their wealth of experience and expertise. This voucher includes a cut/colour with a member of the Hersheson team, as well as a facial and a mani/pedicure.

DANIEL HERSHESON

27. Cornerstones Literary Consultancy In-Depth Editorial Report – Kindly donated by Kathryn Price

Cornerstones is a leading literary consultancy and agent scout. They are passionate about writing and launching new authors, and believe that learning to self-edit is a crucial part of the writing process. They are offering a professional critique from a specialist editor on a manuscript of up to 50,000 words, including commentary and advice on pacing, plotting, character and style.



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28. Work Shadowing at The Economist – Kindly donated by Zanny Minton Beddoes

Spend a day work shadowing the Business Affairs Editor of *The Economist*. Join their weekly editorial meeting and see how they decide the key stories of the week. A great opportunity for a young person to experience life at one of the world's leading publications. Minimum age: 17.

To place a bid on any of these prizes, please contact Anaïs Belaud on anaïs.belaud@firststory.org.uk or 020 7481 7778 before Wednesday 14th May - 5pm.