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My Life is a Story

Appeal for stories, drawings & photography

The **Unesco Programme for the Education of Children in Need** support some of the most deprived children in the world: street children, boy soldiers, young refugees and child victims of conflict and natural disasters. Most of these children never get a chance to tell the world what it feels like to be them.

The **My Life is a Story** Appeal was launched with UNESCO's Programme for the Education of Children in Need in 2008 by the children's author and illustrator Lauren Child. Its purpose is to give children all over the world the opportunity to tell the story of their life through writing, drawing and photography.

And we want you to get involved too...

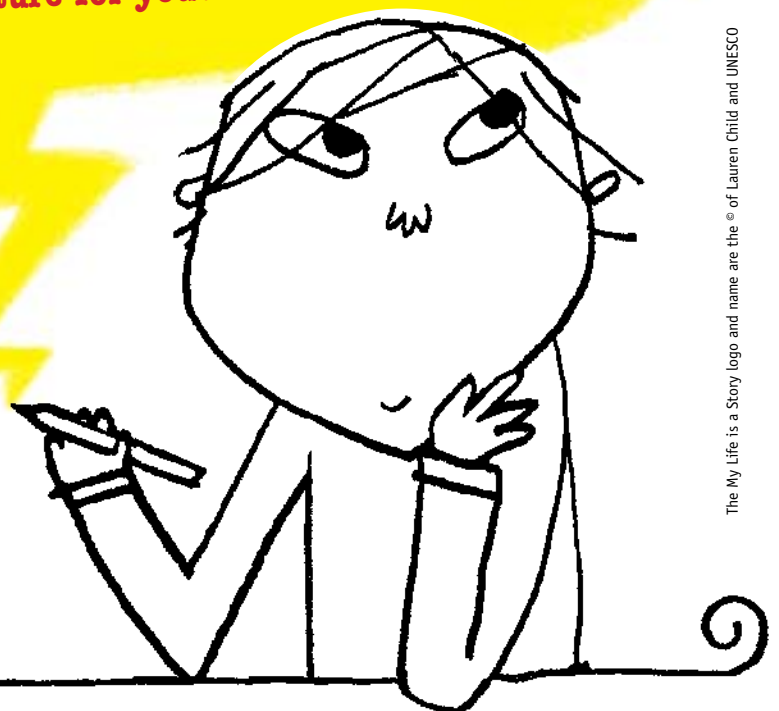
Please tell us about you and your life by answering one or all of these questions. You can write, draw or photograph your response.

1. What do you think of when you think of home?
2. What object is most precious to you and why?
3. How do you see the future for you?

Please send in your pieces of writing of up to 500 words, drawings or photographs by **30th March 2010** to:

My Life is a Story 2010
c/o Hachette Children's Books
338 Euston Road
London NW1 3BH

Please could your entry be accompanied by written permission by a parent/carer or your school to publish/publicise these stories/drawings/photos.
Please include your name and address and the name of your school on your entry.



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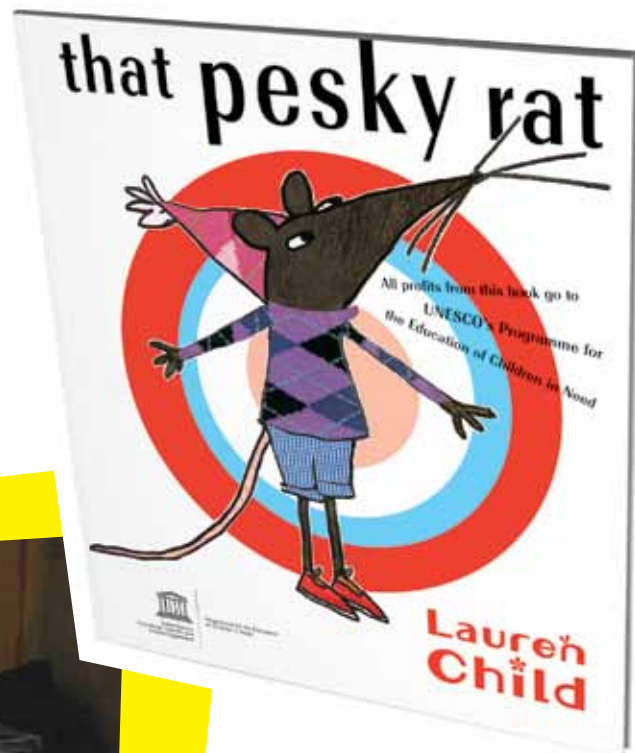


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All profits from the sale of this book go to UNESCO's Programme for the Education of Children in Need.

Some of the stories from around the world are already gathered on the website: www.mylifeisastory.org along with more details of the **My Life is a Story** campaign. A selection of the best entries will be exhibited in Spring 2010 at the Art House Gallery at Cathedral Primary School in London.



Lauren Child with children from **Renacimiento**, a centre for street children in Mexico City. She visited the centre, which is home to about 70 children, in 2007. She says, "I was struck by the children I met there; they were welcoming and warm – very keen to talk about their dreams and ambitions and also their struggles."

Lauren Child is the award-winning author and illustrator of over 30 books. She is the creator of *Clarice Bean*, *Charlie and Lola*, and *That Pesky Rat*. In 2008 she launched the My Life is a Story campaign with UNESCO's Programme for the Education of Children in Need to help excluded and deprived children all over the world. Both Lauren and Hachette Children's Books, the publisher of *That Pesky Rat* have given all their profits from the sale of the book to UNESCO. In December 2008 Lauren was named an Artist for Peace for UNESCO.



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