

1 W parach odpowiedzcie na pytania.

- 1 Do you read a lot? Why?/Why not?
- 2 Have you ever been to a meeting with a writer? Who was it?
- 3 Have you ever tried to write a story, a poem or a song yourself? What was it about?

Zadanie maturalne

2 Przeczytaj trzy teksty związane z literaturą. Z podanych odpowiedzi A–C wybierz właściwą, zgodną z treścią tekstu.

Tekst 1

- 1 This review is
- A positive.
 - B mixed.
 - C negative.

Tekst 2

- 2 The author of the text
- A tells the life story of a famous writer.
 - B reviews a book by a well-known author.
 - C invites readers to a literary event.

Tekst 3

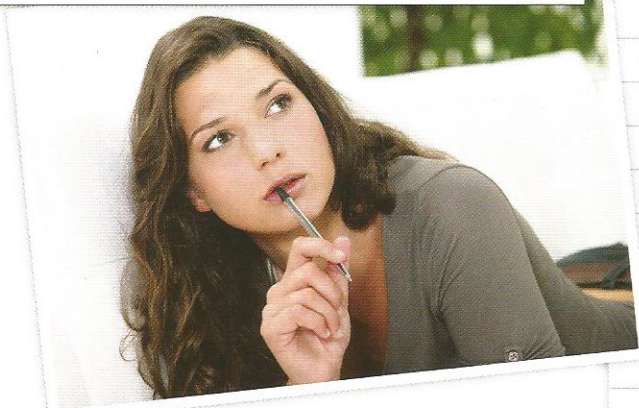
- 3 What helped the author write the story?
- A An animal in the garden.
 - B Something she once read.
 - C The thought of becoming famous.

1 THE HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD MAN WHO CLIMBED OUT OF A WINDOW AND DISAPPEARED

by Jonas Jonasson

On his hundredth birthday Allan Karlsson walks away from a party he never wanted. He climbs out of his bedroom window, steals a suitcase full of money and is chased by a criminal gang. As we follow him on his journey, we discover he is a man with an amazing past.

From the opening chapter this novel will make you laugh out loud. It has a crazy but somehow believable plot, an unforgettable hero and lots of colourful characters. Written in an entertaining style, it will surely become a bestseller. I can't recommend it highly enough.



3 **SŁOWNICTWO** W pierwszym tekście znajdź przymiotniki opisujące książkę i jej różne elementy. Uzupełnij nimi zdania poniżej.

- 1 The plot is _____ but somehow _____.
- 2 It's got an _____ hero.
- 3 There are lots of _____ characters.
- 4 It's written in an _____ style.

4 Opowiedz koledze/koleżance o książce, którą lubisz, wykorzystując niektóre z wyrazów i zwrotów z ćwiczenia 3.

A book I really like is _____ by _____. It's about ...

Language and Culture

The poem mentioned in the third text really exists. It is called *The Thought Fox* and was written by the English poet Ted Hughes (1930–1998), who often wrote about nature and in particular about animals.

2 Conroy's Independent Booksellers

Janice Baird

We are delighted to announce that local author Janice Baird will be visiting Conroy's this Saturday at 11 a.m. to present her latest collection of short stories 'Angels'. Ms Baird, who was born in York, is best known for her bestselling trilogy of historical romances 'Love in War', which was adapted for television last year.

Ms Baird will read passages from her stories before leading a discussion on historical fiction. Afterwards drinks will be served and Ms Baird will sign copies of her new book.

Places are limited so please reserve as soon as possible.
Tickets cost £5.

3 WHO SAYS I HAVE NO IMAGINATION?

I had to write a short story for school but I didn't know where to start. A fantasy adventure? A detective story set in New York? A love story ending in tears? I remembered a poem that compares the blank page facing a writer to a snow-covered forest. Inspiration comes like a fox crossing the snow. The image gave me an idea. An hour later I'd finished the story. It was good. It could become a novel, I thought. I imagined the audience applauding as I walked on stage to accept the Nobel Prize for literature.