

The Wonder Girls Resist! - A young people's novel by Jan Carr

I'm having a party for my second 'Wonder Girls' book – I do hope you can come.

I actually published the book in January after 99 wonderful “*Kickstarter Backers*” helped me fund the cost of printing 1000 copies. You can find out about the “*Kickstarter Campaign*” here: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/jmcarr/the-wonder-girls-resist> . I've donated copies to Southampton's junior schools, primary schools and am getting round the libraries. I've also done a couple of author visits, so the book is well 'launched'.

But I really wanted to celebrate this brilliant local history that inspired the story...

“In 1937 Southampton took in 4000 child civil war refugees from The Basque Country of Northern Spain and looked after them at a huge children's camp where an Asda superstore now stands.”

If you'd like to come, here's what you need to know:

Venue: October Books, 189 Portswood Rd, Southampton, HANTS, SO17 2NF
(Nearest train stations - St Denys, Southampton Central, Parking at SO17 2NH
October Books tel: 02380 581 030)

Time: 6:30 - 8pm

Date: Friday 10th June 2022

To help me prepare, please let me know if you're coming on Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebration-the-wonder-girls-resist-by-jm-carr-tickets-329804874257>

It's going to be great! I've got special guests – live music from my friend Pauline's 'Glorious' choir, and Carmen Kilner from The Basque Children of '37 organisation, whose mum was one of the teachers that accompanied the children! There'll also be a craft table, Basque themed refreshments, a bookshop quiz and of course BOOKS!

And I'm donating £1 for every paperback copy of The Wonder Girls Resist sold on the evening to the UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency.

But if you can't make it in person, you can join in on Zoom:

Topic: 'The Wonder Girls Resist' Launch Party!

Time: Jun 10, 2022 07:00 PM BST

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78500752156?pwd=AQz0AhI5MBY0KNteyQCKdluM5qS0.1>

Meeting ID: 785 0075 2156

Passcode: gWyS5b

And you can buy a signed paperback directly from me here: <https://www.jmcarr.com/shop> and I will similarly donate a £1 to the UNHCR for every paperback copy ordered during the launch party. Or support the wonderful **October Books** by ordering books for collection here: info@octoberbooks.org

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1183984952345758>

Blog on October Books website: www.octoberbooks.org/blogs/wondergirlsresist

(In case you didn't know, I have a mailing list provided by Mailerlite, which makes much prettier emails with pictures and everything! You can get that with a short prequel story to *The Wonder Girls* by signing up here: <http://jmcarr.com>)

Jan

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