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Alfie Bowen - photographer

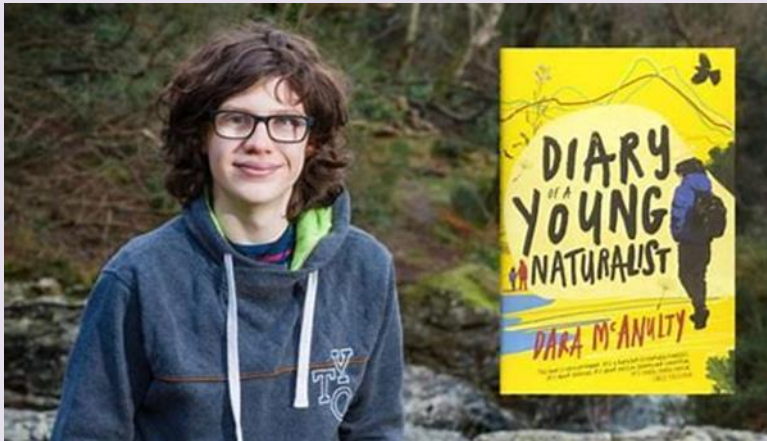


- Says that photography saved his life
- His photography is noted for “the tenderness of his soul and the sharpness of his mind”

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Dara MacAnulty



- Naturalist and award winning author
- Won the 2020 Wainwright prize for nature writing at the age of 16

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-northern-ireland-54088927>



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Greta Thunberg



- Climate change activist
- Has challenged world leaders
- First heard about climate change at 8 years old and this had a profound effect on her



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Michael Andolsek



- Fashion designer
- Says his autism diagnosis gives him a passion for details

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPWccjZKU_w



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Jessica-Jane Applegate MBE



- Paralympic swimmer
- Won bronze and gold medals in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics
- Made her Paralympics debut at the age of 16

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Tom Stoltmann



- Won the 2021 World's Strongest Man competition
- Diagnosed at 5
- Spreads autism awareness via social media

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Naoki Higashida



- Wrote “The Reason I jump” and “Fall Down 7 Times, Get Up 8”
- Uses a communication board to communicate
- “The Reason I Jump” book has been used as a starting point for a documentary film released in cinemas in 2021

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=the+reason+i+jump&&view=detail&mid=AB66FF4DB2204333FA7EAB66FF4DB2204333FA7E&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dthe%2Breason%2Bi%2Bjump%26FORM%3DHDRSC4>



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Sir Anthony Hopkins CBE



- Diagnosed in his 70s
- Played Odin, Thor and Loki's father in the Marvel films
- Felt insecure and isolated when he was young
- Has had a hugely successful acting career



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Stephen Wiltshire MBE



- Architectural artist
- Began drawing at age 5
- Preverbal until the age of 7
- Is an autistic savant

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