

The Anarchist's Mobile Library - A Digital Make-Your-Own Adventure

By Tessa Bide Productions

an interactive English audio, Welsh audio and BSL experience for children aged 6-11

ABOUT THE PROJECT

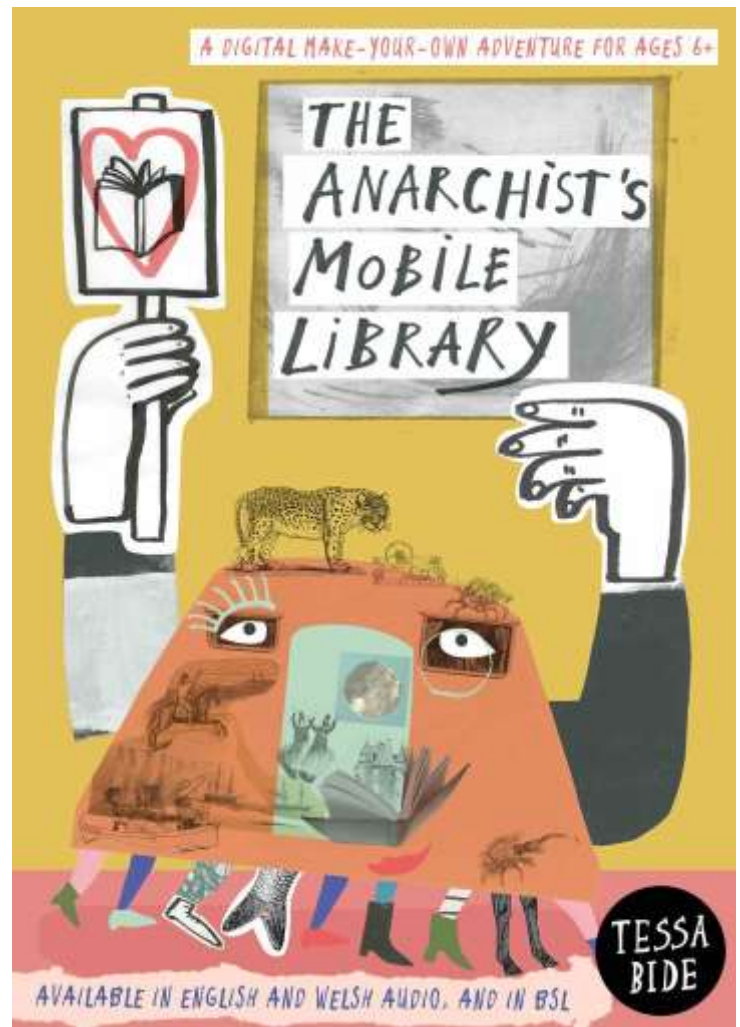
Tessa Bide Productions has created an exciting interactive, digital adventure for ages 6-11. Available in English Audio, British Sign Language and Welsh Audio. *The Anarchist's Mobile Library* offers players bold, exciting adventures to choose from and shape, and a refreshing new form of theatrical entertainment during this lockdown period. This project is an original idea based on our successful, interactive theatre show of the same name. *The Anarchist's Mobile Library* empowers young people to make decisions and be in control of their destinies, at a difficult, disempowering time.

Children aged 6-11 can play the game anywhere they want, on whatever internet device they have, choosing options that help them make their own story using what's around them. They will go on adventures and leave feeling prepped and primed to change the world! The project has three accompanying high quality, beautifully-designed education packs (appropriate for each of the three versions of the piece) and an interactive 'hang-out' space to share stories on our website, so the whole family can join in.

Following her extraordinary success and multiple sell-out shows including 'The Selfish Giant', a co-production with Soap Soup Theatre, and 'A Strange New Space', the 'truly amazing one woman power-house', Tessa Bide now partners with interactive technologists to bring theatre to your home. *The Anarchist's Mobile Library - A Digital Make-Your-Own Adventure* encourages children to engage in literature, activism and to feel empowered to follow their own destiny.

ACCESSIBILITY

Not just a fun activity, *The Anarchist's Mobile Library* will help develop children's listening skills, imaginations and encourage them to take control of the 'stories' around them. For those with physical access needs, this project requires no movement. It will be accessible for free to anyone who has access to the internet. d/Deaf users can choose to play the BSL signed version with performer David Ellington. This is also accessible to hearing children with fun creative captioning embedded throughout.



MARKETING

The Anarchist's Mobile Library is an exciting opportunity to explore new ideas in theatre while venues are closed or have limited capacity. This is a brilliant opportunity for venues to host an innovative, interactive and highly accessible online project for children. As many venues are creating online programmes, our interactive digital option offers something unique that will make your programme stand out and connect with your audiences.



EDUCATION

We have created a full education pack with the support of Yvonne Dobson, our teacher consultant, and Elmfield School for Deaf children. The pack includes activities which teachers and parents can use whether in school or at home. We help children explore the project from before they play, throughout the stories and after they have played as well. The educational elements offer a full rounded creative learning experience for children ages 6-11 and is available to work alongside the English, Welsh and BSL versions.

REVIEWS

"It's a fantastic, highly engaging experience which will have youngsters using their imaginations and getting involved in the action instead of staring passively at a screen." **The Family Stage**

"Delightfully descriptive, inspiring young imaginations to build their own mental pictures... perfect for that young audience to delve into." ★★★★★ **Everything Theatre**

BOOKING THE ANARCHIST'S MOBILE LIBRARY

When you book *The Anarchist's Mobile Library* to be part of your programme, you will receive access to **all three versions** including three education packs and the secret website. The content we provide helps explain to the audience exactly how to play and what to expect. We will create a unique link which is specific to your venue and audiences.

The show currently goes out at £600 a week and £100 a day.

Please contact Tessa/Alice on admin@tessabide.com to book.

ABOUT TESSA BIDE PRODUCTIONS

Tessa Bide Productions are an award-winning theatre company based in Bristol, UK. We create theatre for children which unites families, offering an engaging and stimulating theatrical experience for both adults and children. You might meet us in a traditional theatre setting or in the middle of a field. We aim to inspire communities who may not have access to theatre with topical stories, a bold physical language and a few puppets along the way. TBP put children at the heart of our work, from devising through to presentation. We encourage creativity, inclusive play and a sense of adventure. We tour our productions all over the world as well as leading outreach work to all ages, from early years to degree students and professional practitioners.

PREVIOUS WORK

Our recent work includes a co-production, *The Selfish Giant*, created with Soap Soup Theatre in 2018. After opening with a four-week Christmas run in London's Omnibus Theatre (selling over 3000 tickets), *The Selfish Giant* embarked on a 25-venue

tour from Spring-Summer 2019. Later that Summer, we went on to create our seventh Arts Council England-supported production: an innovative installation-performance, *The Anarchist's Mobile Library*. Taking place in a vintage pop-up caravan, *The Anarchist's Mobile Library* was designed to bring art out of theatres and directly into communities via schools, libraries, festivals and community venues. The show was created in partnership with Seven Stories, The National Centre for Children's Books.

Over 2020 we created a digital programme for our online audiences with streamed shows, interviews with professional theatre makers and live storytelling sessions.

CREDITS

English Audio

Original concept: Tessa Bide

Dramaturgs: Gwendolyn Scott and Lorna Rees

Written by: Tessa Bide

Composer/Sound Design: Chris Menes

Creative Technologist: Martin O'Leary

Animations: David Rock

Produced by Tessa Bide Productions

Supported by Arts Council England, Pervasive Media Studio, National Rural Touring Forum and Pound Arts

BSL Version

Performer: David Ellington

Accessibility consultant: Jonny Cotsen

BSL monitoring and interpretation: Pascale Maroney
Dynamic Captions: Sarah MacGregor

Costume: Luned Gwawr Evans

Filmmaker/studio: Frame Dogs

Produced by Tessa Bide Productions

Supported and funded by The Library Presents

Welsh Version

Co-Director: Tessa Bide

Co-Director: Chris Harris

Performer: Gareth Bale

Translator: Lois Gwenllian Jones

Produced by Tessa Bide Productions

Supported by Blackwood Miner's Institute, Pontardawe Arts Centre and Carmarthenshire Theatres.



Performer David Ellington in the BSL version



The Anarchist Librarian animated character in the English and Welsh audio versions



A family play out the adventure together at home!