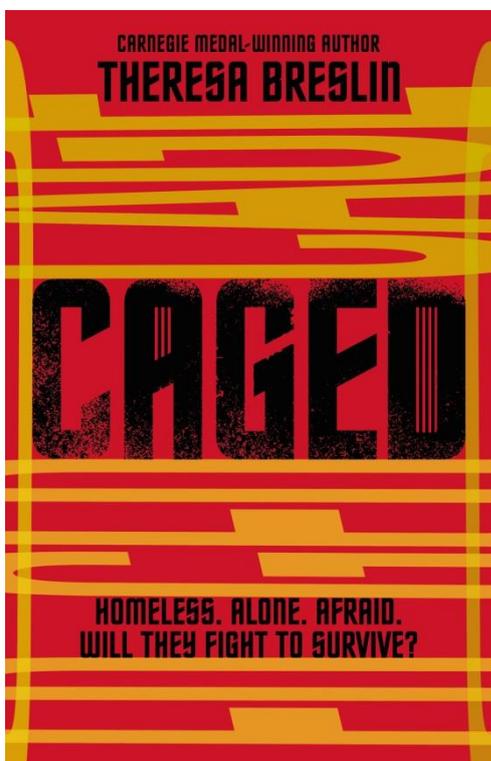


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# Caged

Theresa Breslin

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**Homeless. Alone. Afraid.**  
**Will they fight to survive?**

**Carnegie Medal winner Theresa Breslin explores the dangerous world of cage-fighting in this dark and powerful new novel.**

Escaping from a troubled home and struggling to survive on the streets, Kai finds the abandoned tunnels of the London Underground are a perfect sanctuary. Along with other teenagers running from their pasts, he discovers a place to belong in this strange community of outcasts.

But Kai is now facing a very different kind of fight. Every night, led by the enigmatic Spartacus, the runaways must become cage fighters, each fight broadcast to the outside world via YouTube. With pay-per-view profits from these videos racking up, Kai and his friends hope to be able to start a new life.

Yet treachery and danger are never far behind, and a new arrival threatens the order that Spartacus has worked so carefully to maintain. And then there is the looming finale, the last battle between Kai and his nemesis Leo: the Kill Fight . . .

**Taking place over a period of just one week, with the climactic 'Kill Fight' looming ever closer, Breslin's most gripping novel yet will have readers hooked from the word go.**

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### Praise for other titles by Breslin:

- ‘Compelling... this humane and edgy story prickles and nudges the reader towards tolerance and understanding of other communities’ – *TES* on *Divided City*
- ‘A gripping historical thriller from the brilliant Breslin’ – *The Bookseller* on *Spy for the Queen of Scots*
- ‘Unputdownable’ - *The Times* on *Prisoner of the Inquisition*
- ‘Terrific novel . . . Enormously enjoyable’ - *Guardian* on *The Nostradamus Prophecy*
- ‘Immensely readable, passionately written’ - *Guardian* on *Remembrance*
- ‘A skilfully plotted page-turner... always fast and dramatic, sometimes heart-warmingly funny’  
– *INIS* on *Divided City*

### Notes to editors:

**THERESA BRESLIN** is the Carnegie Medal winning author of over forty books for young people whose work has appeared on stage, radio and TV. Her books are hugely popular with young people, librarians and teachers. *Remembrance*, her top selling YA novel of youth in WW1, has now been reissued to include Book Notes. *The Dream Master* was shortlisted for the Children's Book Award. *Divided City* was shortlisted for ten book awards, winning two outright.

Theresa has also had titles selected for the New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age, the Northern Ireland ONE BOOK project and the American Library Association Best Books for Young Adults. Other awards include the Young Quills, the Fidler, Scottish Book Trust Best of the Decade, RED Book Award, Catalyst Book Award, Moray, Sheffield and Hull Book Awards.

**On writing *Caged***, Theresa says: “I find it heart-breaking to see the increasing number of young folk living rough on our city streets. Watching a TV documentary about the old London Underground and reading about teen cage fighters, it all melded into a book I desperately wanted to write.”

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