

# The Great Escape

**T**he water around me feels so much warmer than it did a few weeks ago when the cold wind blew across the wet lands where I have been for quite a few months deep in amongst the reeds. My mother is no longer here or my father and so here I am and quite recently growing by the day. My body doesn't fit in my skin any more in fact it's not at all comfortable these days I would really like to get rid of it and when the sun warmed the waters around me I began to feel really strange and I knew that today something peculiar was happening to me. I thought that there must be more to life than this wearing a horrible fat body like this I wish I was someone else and somewhere else if only. I have the strangest feeling. It really is starting to happen to me. My skin is beginning to split away from me and I'm beginning to climb up the tall reeds towards the light and the warmth of the sunshine that I can feel on my body. I'm still climbing up and up into another world full of colour and light. I'm nearly there, my old skin has gone and my old body has gone and I'm clinging to the very top of the stalk, my new wet body drying in the warmth of the sun and somehow I seem to have grown some wings at the moment. They're rather wet but I'll just stay here for a while until I dry out. It's all such a big adventure. I can't wait any longer. I'm ready now. Oh I can feel my wings moving. I'm going to go now. Oh this is wonderful. I'm free at last and I can move. I can fly - I can do just what I like. My wings are so beautiful - gossamer light flashing colours in the sunlight, I'm no longer a fat grub I'm a beautiful Dragonfly. All that waiting has been worth it. I don't know how long this life will be, but I intend to make every moment count. There are so many places to see and so many wildflowers to visit. So I'm going to start right now.