



# Jon Blake

**Q: How long have you been a writer?**

**A: My first story was published in 1984.**

**Q: Was there a specific moment in your life when you decide to become a writer?**

**A: I planned to be a writer when I was at infants school. When I was at college I decided to have a career first, but always with the intention of eventually writing.**

**Q: Where do you do your writing?**

**A: After 25 years as a writer I finally have my own office at home - before that I wrote in my bedroom.**

**Q: What are the best and worst things about being an author?**

**A: Best - spending my time making up stories, then reading them in schools. Worst - too much time home alone, not being part of a team.**

**Q: Where do you get your greatest ideas from?**

**A: Some electronic signals in my brain.**

**Q: Which of your own characters do you most identify with?**

**A: Icky and Bryan in the House of Fun series - Icky for his enthusiasm and impatience, Bryan for his unfortunate habit of reminding people how much he knows.**

**Q: What do you do to combat “writers’ block”?**

**A: I do something else.**

**Q: What was your favourite book as a child?**

**A: The House At Pooh Corner.**

**Q: What book do you wish you had written?**

**A: Year One of the Russian Revolution by Victor Serge.**

**Q: What advice would you give to aspiring authors?**

**A: Get a job and be prepared to write a million words in your spare time before you get published. Oh, and mind you have something interesting to write about.**

**Q: What were you like at school?**

**A: Confident but rebellious.**

**Q: What did you want to be when you were a child?**

**A: A author, then a journalist, then prime minister, occasionally a lighthouse keeper.**

**Q: Which three words describe you best?**

**A: Enthusiastic, opinionated, shy.**

**Q: What is your favourite word?**

**A: I have so many. Coruscating, provenance, sonorous, plangent - English is a great language. So is Welsh, with words like popty (bakery) ysbyty (hospital) and cwch (hidey-hole or cuddle).**

**Q: What makes you cringe?**

**A: Simon Cowell.**

**Q: What are you afraid of?**

**A: Heights, and so much more! I generally give a wide berth to anything likely to cause death.**

**Q: When did you last have a really good laugh?**

**A: Last time I was with Jordi ( my little boy).**

**Q: What is your most treasured possession?**

**A: My mum's old kitchen scales.**

**Q: What do you do as a hobby?**

**A: Make music on my portastudio, protest against many injustices.**

**Q: What strange habits do you have?**

**A: Waking at least two times a night. Going to supermarkets.**

**Q: What's your favourite food?**

**A: Guacamole (mashed avocado and garlic) on toast.**

**Q: What do you day dream about?**

**A: A few more people noticing what great books I've written!**

**Q: What's the most outrageous thing you've done?**

**A: Driven around Nottingham late at night having never had a driving lesson (not recommended).**

**Q: What profession other than yours would you like to attempt?**

**A: Psychotherapist.**

**Q: Do you feel younger or older than your current age?**

**A: Younger, till I look in the mirror.**

**Q: If you could meet one person, dead or alive, who would it be?**

**A: Lenin.**

**Q: What quality do you most admire in a person?**

**A: Bravery in putting others before themselves.**

**Q: What is the most interesting place you have ever visited?**

**A: Iceland.**

**Q: What is the best advice anyone has ever given you?**

**A: Shut up.**

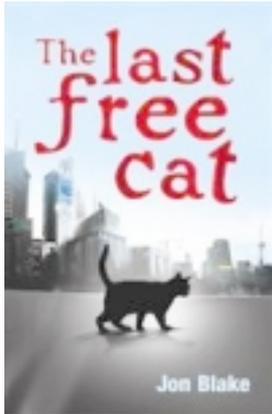
**Q: What would you most like to change about yourself?**

**A: To be better at resting.**

**Q: What has life taught you?**

**A: Organise yourself to avoid getting into bad moods.**

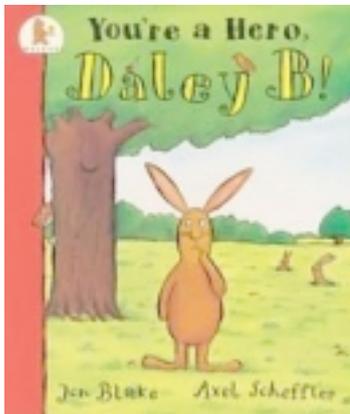
# My Books



**The Last Free Cat**



**Stinky Finger's House of Fun**



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