



Alan Durant

Q: What were you like at school?

A: Smaller and younger but pretty much as I am now.

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

A: A footballer in general, George Best in particular.

Q: Which three words describe you best?

A: Ask Someone Else!

Q: What is your favourite word?

A: Darling.

Q: What makes you cringe?

A: EastEnders and stewed apple.

Q: What are you afraid of?

A: Death by flatulence.

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

A: Just then.

Q: What is your most treasured possession?

A: My Manchester United football book signed to me by George Best.

Q: What do you do as a hobby?

A: Write stories and poems - this is a great job! I also play football and badminton.

Q: What strange habits do you have?

A: I only eat aubergines on Tuesdays.

Q: What's your favourite food?

A: Vegetable Dansak.

Q: What do you day dream about?

A: What don't I day dream about?

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

A: Answer this questionnaire. I've lived a sheltered life.

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

A: I'd love to be able to draw, but I can't. I can't think of any better profession than the one I have.

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

A: Ask me when I've finished this bottle.

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

A: Leonard Cohen.

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

A: Generosity of spirit.

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

A: It's a toss up between Bali and Venice. definitely not Basildon.

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

A: Write something every day - even if it's only one word or changing the sentence you wrote the day before.

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

A: My socks for a start. But really there's too much to even begin listing here.

Q: What has life taught you?

A: That death may come at any moment so make the most of it - especially where friendships are concerned. Also that a stewed apple sucks.

Q: How long have you been a writer?

A: I got into writing when I was thirteen. I've been a published writer since 1991.

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

A: I don't think it works like that. You don't decide to become a writer; you just are one.

Q: Where do you do your writing?

A: I've written most of my books in a garden shed, but I've recently moved and now write where the builders aren't.

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

A: The best thing is getting enthusiastic responses from readers; the worst is rejection. It stinks.

Q: Where do you get your greatest ideas from?

A: An alien called ZX7 who visits me now and then - usually disguised as a turnip.

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

A: Jake in one of my early books, Jake's Magic.

Q: What do you do to combat "writers' block"?

A: I work on several projects at once.

Q: What was your favourite book as a child?

A: The King of the Castle by Meriol Trevor - and it still is.

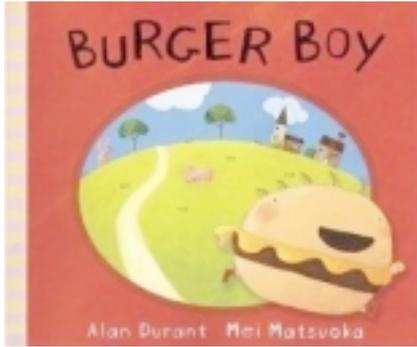
Q: What book do you wish you had written?

A: None. I admire many books but I don't wish I'd written them. I just want to write the best books I possibly can.

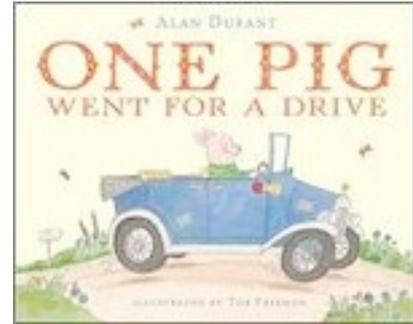
Q: What advice would you give to aspiring authors?

A: Read and read widely to develop your imagination. Don't put off till tomorrow what you could do today. Be single-minded and trust your vision. Don't be too disheartened by rejection but persevere.

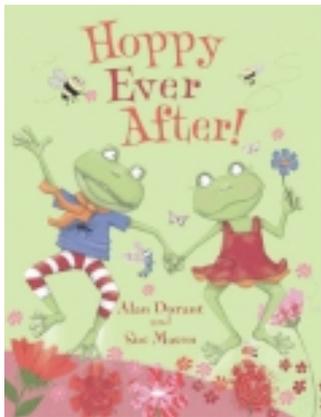
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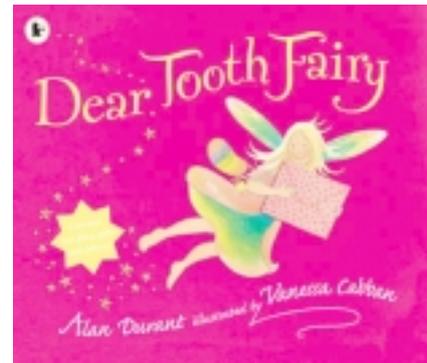
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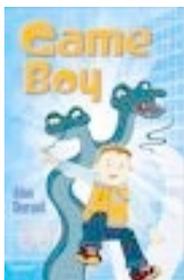
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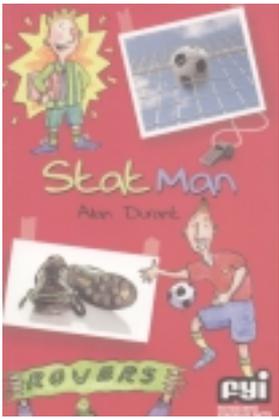
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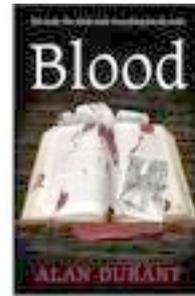
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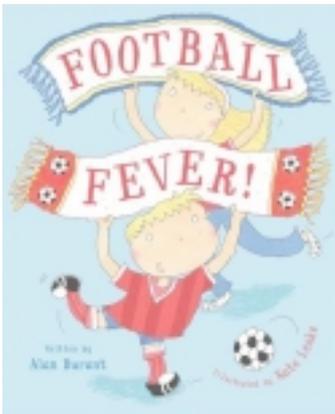
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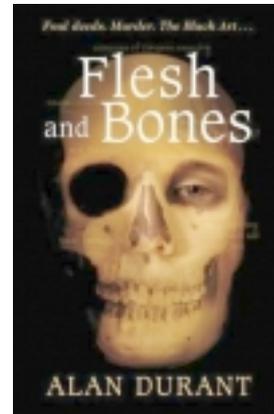
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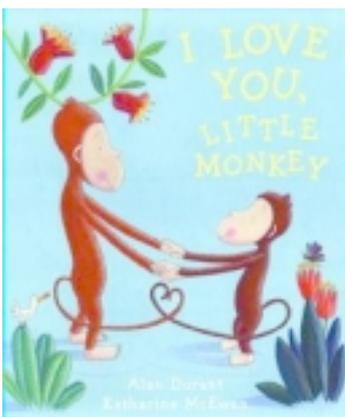
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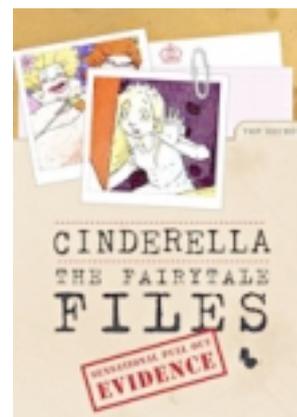
Football Fever



Flesh and Bones



I Love You, Little Monkey



The Fairy Tale Files Cinderella