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Q: What were you like at school?

A: Tall, geeky and very bad at games!

Q: What makes you cringe?

A: The scraping sound you get when a metal spade is dragged along a pavement! Also, looking down from tall buildings...

Q: What are you afraid of?

A: Heights and deep, still water.

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

A: Yesterday (and the day before that, and the one before that, and so on, and on and on...)

Q: What's your favourite food?

A: Muffins, toast, and little Polish pancakes called plotzkis. (May have spelt that wrong - it's very hard to spell in Polish!)

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

A: Couldn't possibly say - wouldn't wish to set a bad example!

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

A: I'd like to work in a museum or art gallery.

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

A: Nelson Mandela.

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

A: Kindness.

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

A: If something's worrying you, ask yourself if it'll still matter in 12 months' time. If it won't, it's probably not worth worrying about. (This was my Dad's advice.)

Q: What has life taught you?

A: That you can do a lot more than you think you can.

Q: How long have you been a writer?

A: I've always written, but my first book was published six years ago

Q: Where do you do your writing?

A: I have a hut in the garden. But sometimes I find it's best to go somewhere else, like a cafe for instance. It depends what stage of a book I'm at.

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

A: The best thing is when you write something you're really pleased with. The worst is when it just won't come right.

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

A: Cerys, in Warrior King. She's Welsh, she can do magic, she has silver eyes, and she's both wise and beautiful. Clearly a dead ringer for me.

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

A: Take the dog for a walk, come back, keep writing; or, switch to something else for a while.

Q: What was your favourite book as a child?

A: The Lord Of The Rings. I read it every year for a very long time.

Q: What book do you wish you had written?

A: Where should I start? Philip Reeve's Starcross, Mal Peet's Keeper, Kevin Crossley Holland's Seeing Stone, Susan Cooper's The Dark Is Rising... could go on and on!

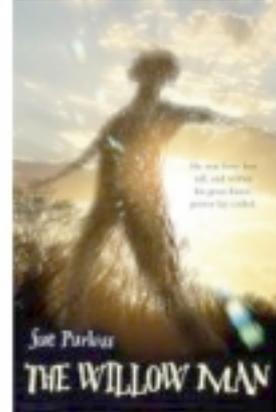
Q: What advice would you give to aspiring authors?

A: Read lots, watch people and write lots.

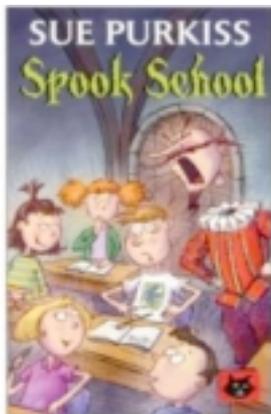
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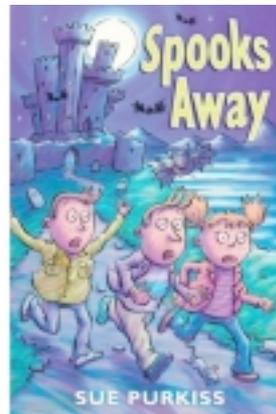
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