

Catherine Vase



Q: What were you like at school?

A: I was the class clown, always playing jokes on the teachers and entertaining my classmates by putting on silly voices and acting up...nothing has changed really! I also worked hard and loved drawing.

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

A: I wanted to get married to Prince Charles, then I wanted to be a nun so I would go to heaven, then I wanted to stay at home so that I could still live with my mum even when I was grown up- I don't think she was too happy about that.....

Q: Which three words describe you best?

A: funny, creative and sensitive

Q: What is your favourite word?

A: not sure today

Q: What makes you cringe?

A: polystyrene..yuk it makes me shiver...

Q: What are you afraid of?

A: noisy neighbours

Q: What do you do as a hobby?

A: I love to perform comedy improvisation, which basically means standing up on stage with others and playing silly games, most of which we make up as we go along!

Q: What strange habits do you have?

A: Eating crisps and chocolate at the same time!

Q: What's your favourite food?

A: At the moment I am craving baked potato, baked beans and sausages...it changes everyday though.

Q: What do you day dream about?

A: Being a famous comedy actress

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

A: not telling....

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

A: Acting

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

A: Yes, most of the time I think I feel about 6 years old!

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

A: A loving nature and funniness.

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

A: India..its like a different planet to England.

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

A: You don't have to do everything today, put your feet up and watch a dvd.

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

A: I would like to sleep better and not worry so much.

Q: What has life taught you?

A: That life doesn't turn out like you thought it would and you never know what's behind the corner.

Q: How long have you been a writer?

A: 6 years

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

A: Yes after I created some characters for a picture book and I didn't want anyone else to write a story for them.

Q: Where do you do your writing?

A: Mostly in cafes, where I can people watch.

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

A: The worst thing about writing is that sometimes its like trying to push a big blobby shape through a nice small neat hole.....you have to mould it for ages till it fits. Or its like doing a jigsaw puzzle or difficult equation.

The best thing is when it all comes together and someone reads it and it makes them laugh...that's always a good sign!

Q: Where do you get your greatest ideas from?

A: Ohhh difficult question.....sometimes from conversations that I've had, or sometimes cuddly toys or sometimes they just develop when I start drawing.

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

A: Today I think I might identify with Marvin, he's a very jealous monkey...he's in the book I am working on at the moment. Sometimes I look at other peoples lives and envy them.

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

A: I talk about how frustrated I am to everyone and then go and do something completely different!

Q: What was your favourite book as a child?

A: Winnie the pooh

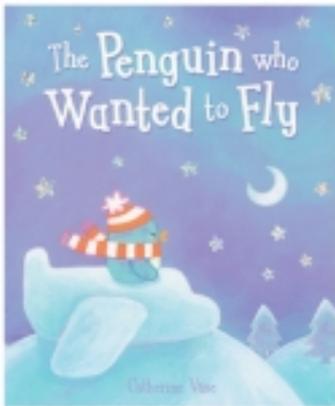
Q: What book do you wish you had written?

A: Winnie the pooh

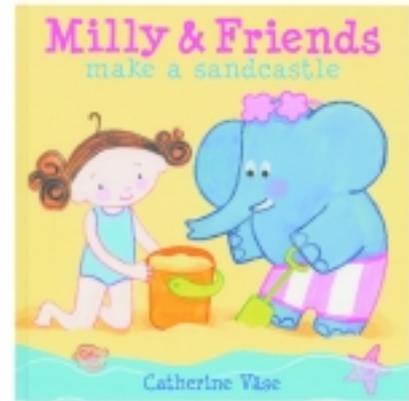
Q: What advice would you give to aspiring authors?

A: read lots and lots of books and do some fun creative writing exercises...that'll get the creative juices flowing!

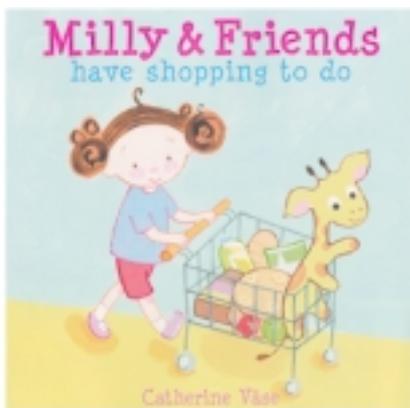
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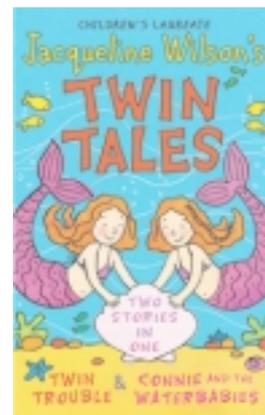
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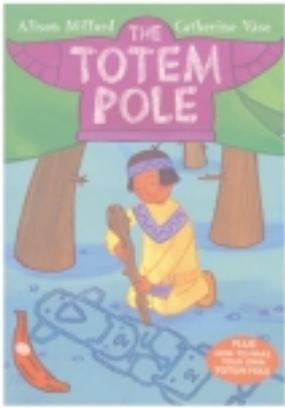
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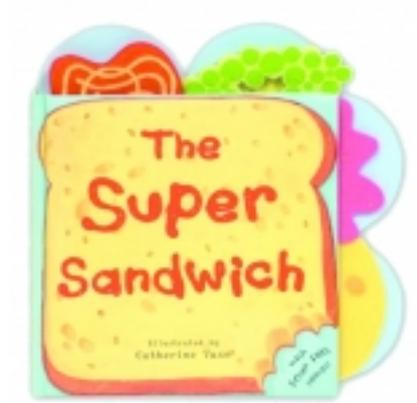
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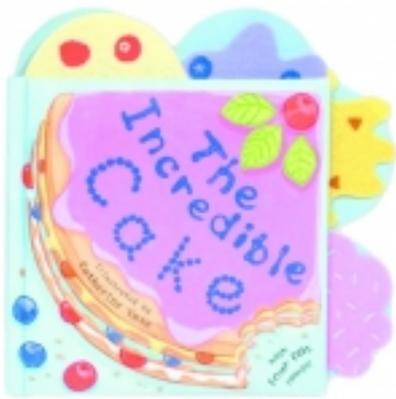
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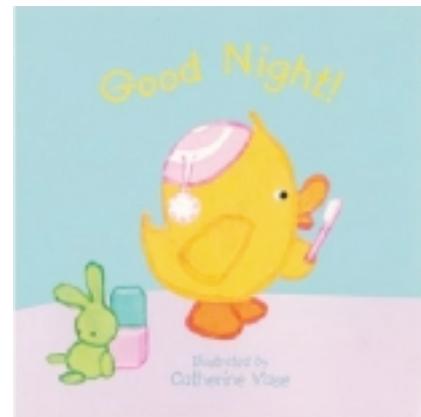
The Totem Pole



The Super Sandwich



The Incredible cake



Good Night



Good Morning



We're Hungry in the Jungle



We're Hungry on the Farm

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