

Chris Higgins



Q: What were you like at school?

A: I always had my hand up, even if I didn't know the answer. How annoying is that?

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

A: A cowboy, a lumberjack, an actor or a writer, in that order. One of them came true.

Q: Which three words describe you best?

A: Determined, adventurous, impatient.

Q: What is your favourite word?

A: Bunion, ever since I was little. It rolls off the tongue. Buni...oni...onion

Q: What makes you cringe?

A: Seeing myself in photos, watching myself on video, hearing my voice on tape. I'm not like that!

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

A: Yesterday when I found my baby grandson Zac eating a rose from a vase.

Q: What is your most treasured possession?

A: My family.

Q: What do you do as a hobby?

A: I walk on clifftops, swim, cycle, run...I can't stay in and keep still unless I'm writing or reading.

Q: What do you day dream about?

A: Being a famous author.

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

A: Younger, definitely...till I look in the mirror and see my mum staring back at me.

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

A: Kindness.

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

A: The Ningaloo Reef in Western Australia. It's an underwater paradise.

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

A: You can't change the past and you can't control the future so make the most of the present.

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

A: I worry too much about the people I love.

Q: What has life taught you?

A: No matter how much you think you're in control, life has a way of surprising you.

Q: How long have you been a writer?

A: My first book "32C, that's me" came out in 2006.

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

A: When I learned to write.

Q: Where do you do your writing?

A: When one of my daughters moved out I pinched her bedroom and made it into a writing room. She doesn't mind by the way.

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

A: Best thing: spending hours at a time in a world of your own.

Worst: being stuck inside when the sun's shining and the beach is beckoning. I've tried writing outside in the fresh air but it doesn't work for me.

Q: Where do you get your greatest ideas from?

A: People I meet, places I go. Everywhere. Anywhere. Anything can spark off an idea if you're open to it.

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

A: Probably Spider in "Pride and Penalties". I would love to have played rugby when I was a kid.

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

A: I just keep working through it. Writing is an exercise like running. Sometimes you don't feel like it, but if you do it anyway you soon forget and start enjoying yourself.

Q: What was your favourite book as a child?

A: I was brought up on Enid Blyton. She fostered a lifetime reading habit for me.

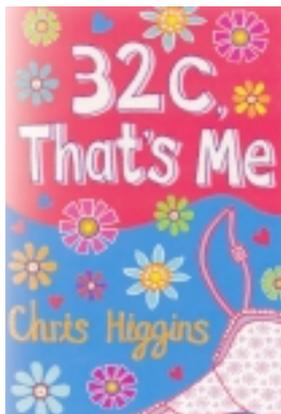
Q: What book do you wish you had written?

A: "Pobby and Dingan" by Ben Rice. I love that book.

Q: What advice would you give to aspiring authors?

A: Write. Read. Write. Read....Enjoy what you're doing. Take risks in your writing. Finish every story and then start another one. Write. Read. Write. Read...

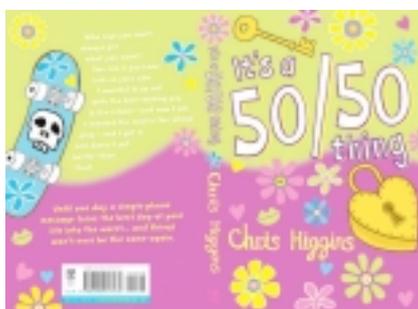
My Books



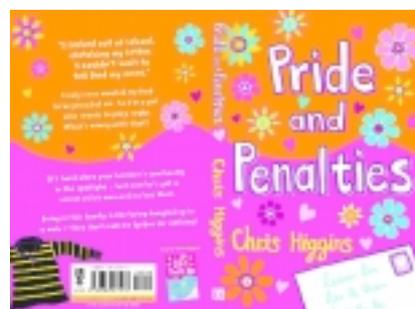
32C, that's me



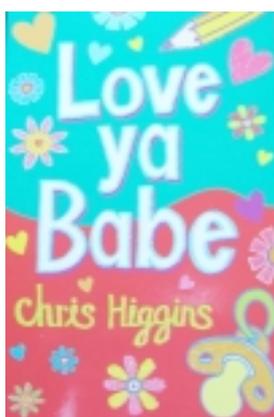
A Perfect Ten



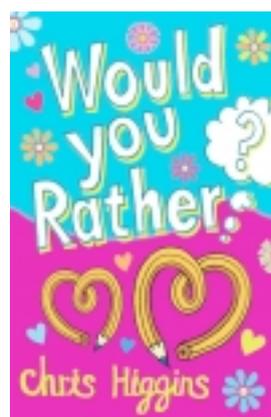
It's a 50/50 thing



Pride and Penalties



Love ya Babe



Would you rather?