



# Kaye Umansky

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

**A: Lazy. I day dreamed when I should have been listening. And a bit bossy. I made my friends act in plays I'd written. Sometimes they didn't want to.**

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

**A: A trapeze artist in a circus - although I'm petrified of heights.**

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

**A: Loud, bossy, show-offy.**

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

**A: Lunch?**

**Q: What makes you cringe?**

**A: People complaining in restaurants.**

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

**A: Heights and missing dinner.**

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

**A: When my daughter and I ganged up on my poor husband. We tease him a lot, it's such a shame, ha, ha.**

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

**A: My cats, Heathcliff and Jeremy.**

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

**A: Flicking TV channels while I think about taking up some sort of sport.**

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

**A: I read on the loo, much to my family's annoyance.**

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

**A: Cheese.**

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

**A: The plots of my books.**

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

**A: Singer or actor.**

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

**A: Richmal Crompton, who wrote the Just William books.**

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

**A: A sense of humour.**

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

**A: Hong Kong.**

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

**A: Never turn down lunch.**

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

**A: My age, my shape, the annoying way I sneeze.**

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

**A: Twenty five years.**

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

**A: In my little blue office which has stars on the ceiling.**

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

**A: The best is spending time away with the fairies (and Goblins. And Witches, etc.) The worst is deadlines.**

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

**A: Things I read, things I watch on TV, things people say and do.**

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

**A: I sit and stare at a blank screen, gnash my teeth, weep a bit, then stare some more. Eventually something happens.**

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

**A: Just William, by Richmal Crompton.**

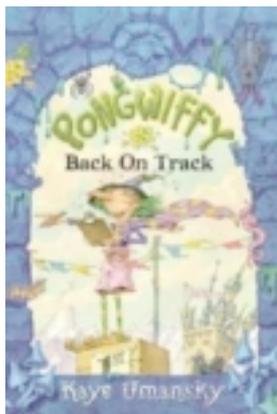
**Q: What book do you wish you had written?**

**A: Just William, by Richmal Crompton.**

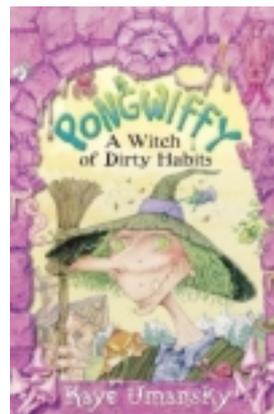
**Q: What advice would you give to aspiring authors?**

**A: Always have a pencil and paper on your person. Keep practising and don't give up.**

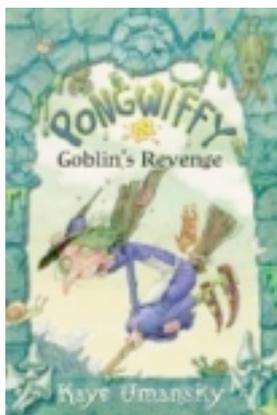
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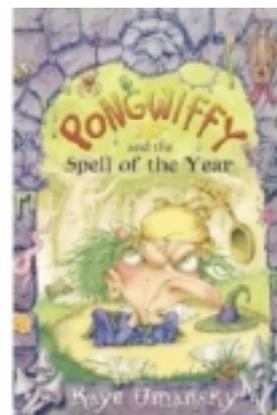
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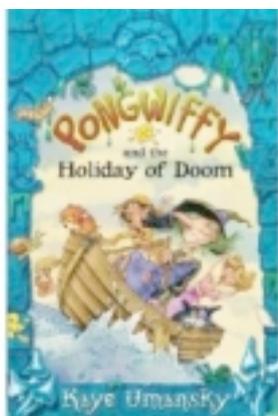
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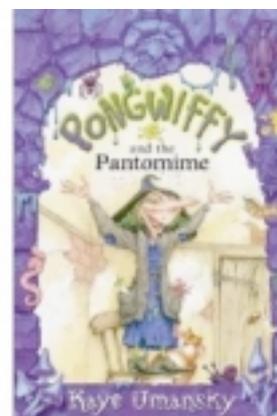
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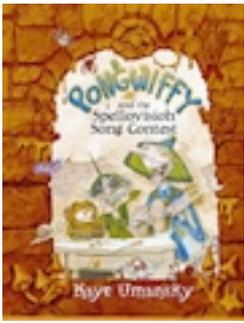
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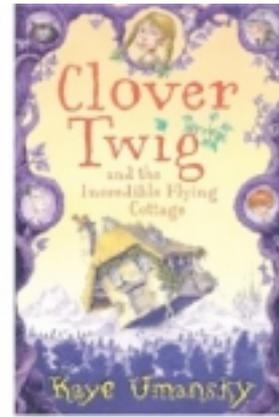
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**Pongwiffy and the Pantomime**

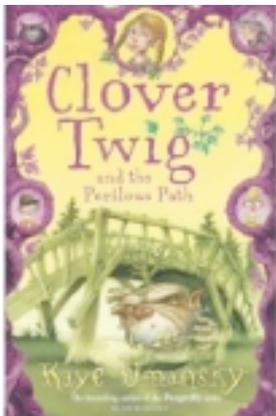


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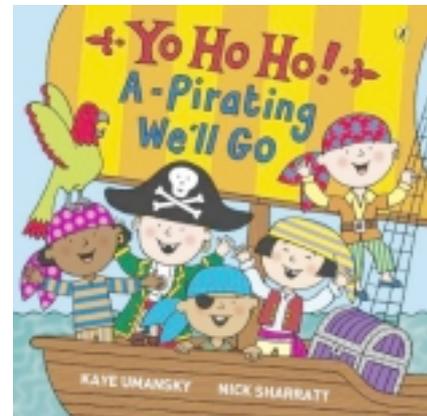


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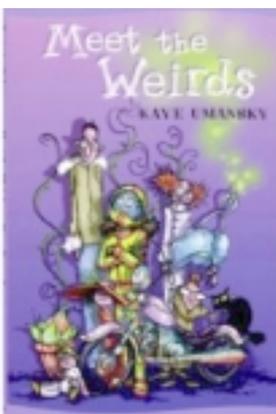
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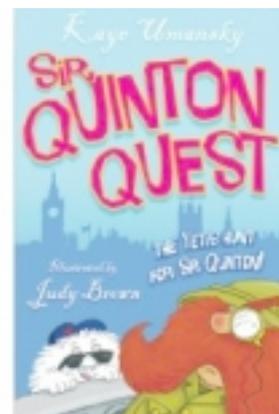
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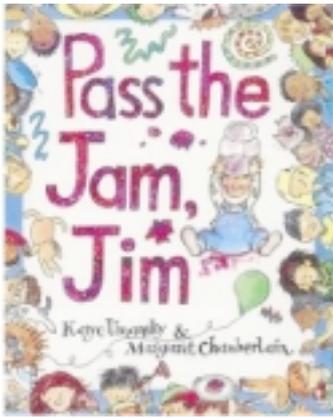
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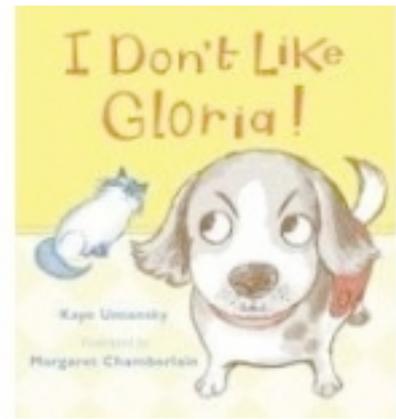


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