



# Jan Needle

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

**A: Not very clever, but I had lots of friends.**

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

**A: The captain of an ocean-going tug.**

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

**A: Friendly. Jolly. Enthusiastic.**

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

**A: Thanks**

**Q: What makes you cringe?**

**A: Too many things**

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

**A: Spiders**

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

**A: I almost never stop**

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

**A: My mandola**

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

**A: I sail boats**

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

**A: I sail boats**

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

**A: Anything that makes me fat**

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

**A: Being asleep**

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

**A: I really can't imagine**

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

**A: Bed tester and treacle bender**

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

**A: Younger**

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

**A: Christopher Marlowe, to ask him if he was really Shakespeare**

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

**A: Forgiveness**

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

**A: Ireland**

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

**A: Keep going**

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

**A: How long have you got?**

**Q: What has life taught you?**

**A: There's nothing to beat it**

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

**A: Since I was eight.**

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

**A: I think I grew up knowing it**

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

**A: Anywhere at all**

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

**A: The best thing is suiting yourself. The worst thing is making yourself do it!**

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

**A: No idea at all. They just arrive.**

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

**A: Wagstaffe the Wind-up Boy**

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

**A: Never had it**

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

**A: Treasure Island**

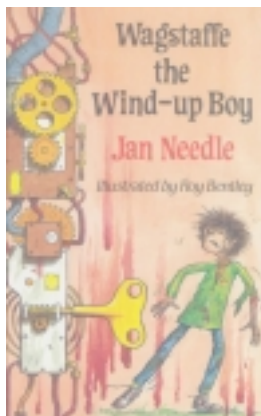
**Q: What book do you wish you had written?**

**A: A High Wind in Jamaica**

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

**A: If you want to write, write. Try not to stop. Don't get discouraged.**

# My Books



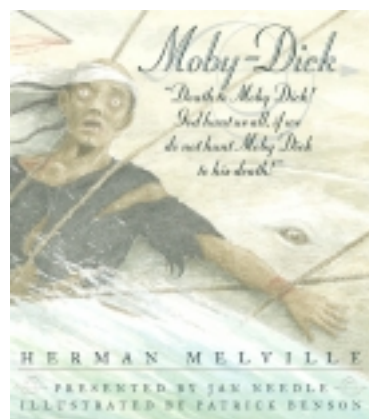
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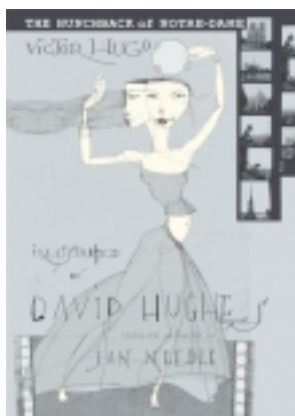
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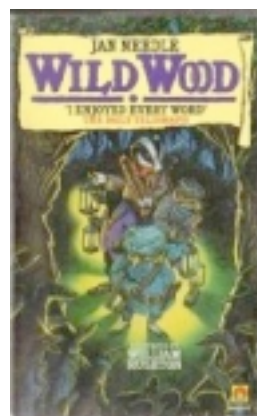
**Bram Stoker's Dracula**



**Moby-Dick**



**Hunchback of Notre Dame**



**Wild Wood**