



# Andrea Shavick

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

**A: I was more interested in boys than work. I spent most days outside the classroom for talking too much. Once I was told off in front of the entire school for refusing to wear school uniform. So no angel!**

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

**A: A zoo keeper. And since I had six kids I guess I fulfilled my ambition.**

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

**A: emotional friendly reliable**

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

**A: chocolate**

**Q: What makes you cringe?**

**A: spiders**

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

**A: Next door's dog. Which is strange because MY dog has much bigger teeth!**

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

**A: Play the piano. Play badminton. Go to parties.**

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

**A: Do you mean apart from chocolate? Melon.**

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

**A: I'd like to be a lion tamer. On second thoughts maybe not.**

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

**A: the ability to make people laugh**

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

**A: "Andrea you are far too impatient to ever become a picture book writer...but don't take any notice of me."**

**I didn't!**

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

**A: 15 years**

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

**A: In the bath - seriously - I've written my best poems covered in bubbles.**

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

**A: Best - I love going into schools and reading my poems**

**Worst - I do so much typing my fingers hurt**

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

**A: Anything by Enid Blyton**

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

**A: Harry Potter. I'm sure everyone will say that.**

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

**A: 1) Keep writing. Don't stop after the first book.**

**2) Send your work out. It's no use hidden in the filing cabinet**

**3) Write for love - there's no money in it**