

# Victoria Barry



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

**A: I was always daydreaming about adventures I could go on. I was very sporty and edited our school magazine**

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

**A: I always wanted to write fantasy and adventure stories. If I couldn't do that I would have loved to have been an astronaut!**

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

**A: Happy, Witty and Mum**

**Q: What makes you cringe?**

**A: When my children chew their school jumpers, just after they have been washed....yuck!**

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

**A: BIG SPIDERS!**

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

**A: An old chair that my grandma gave me. When I was a child, I used to sit on it when my grandpa read me stories.**

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

**A: Sausages, mash and beans with lots of tomato sauce...yum!**

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

**A: Magical worlds, exciting adventures and fantasy lands far away.**

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

**A: Young, today anyway ;)**

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

**A: I would love to meet C.S Lewis- my favourite children's author.**

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

**A: Honesty, a good sense of humour and confidence.**

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

**A: Lochranza castle on the Isle of Arran.**

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

**A: Don't look back because that's not the way you're going.**

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

**A: My phobia of spiders!**

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

**A: Follow your dreams and ambitions, life is too short.**

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

**A: I started when I was 7 years old and continued to write short stories all the way through school. 4 years ago I decided to finally write my first children's book.**

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

**A: I loved reading fantasy stories as a child and thought it would be a brilliant job to do, writing stories every day.**

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

**A: At home in my very tiny office.**

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

**A: The best thing is escaping from the real world every day to write about different worlds of fantasy. The worst thing is you never know whether other people will enjoy your writing.**

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

**A: When I'm out and about. I can be on holiday, watching people or walking to the shops and suddenly an idea will pop into my head. Not once have I ever been sat at my computer and an idea has come to me, I mean that would be too easy!!**

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

**A: Catherine Rose, who is a 10 year old girl. She has a very curious and innocent character and as a child I was just like her.**

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

**A: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. I also loved Charlie and the Chocolate factory and I'm currently reading it to my 6 year old daughter.**

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

**A: It would have to be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.**

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

**A: Enjoy your writing, believe in yourself and let your imagination run wild.**

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

**A: I like to laugh a lot! Apparently it's very good for you. Having four children, our house is either full of laughter or tantrums.**

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

**A: I like to run, read and watch films.**

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

**A: Before I sit down to do any writing, I have to always have a slice of toast and a cup of tea. I don't know if that's a strange habit, as to me it seems perfectly normal...**

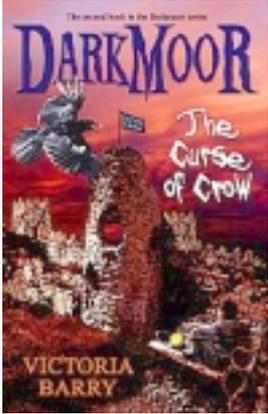
**Q: What profession other than yours would you like to attempt?**

**A: If I was to do something other than writing, I would like to train to be a Midwife.**

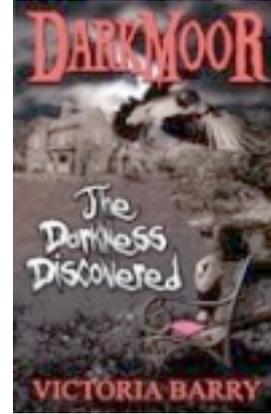
**Q: What do you do to combat “writers’ block”?**

**A: I shut down my computer and put on my running trainers. There is no point in wasting time staring at a blank screen.**

# My Books



**Darkmoor The Curse of Crow  
Discovered**



**Darkmoor: The Darkness**

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