

Dunkle Deed



Q: What were you like at school?

A: Very shy and quiet, with a good imagination. I was also kind and liked to help other children.

Q: Which three words describe you best?

A: Creative, funny and empathetic.

Q: What is your most treasured possession?

A: My children. Though I still have a teddy, I was given when I was 4-years-old. That makes the teddy 32!

It's a gorilla called "Gorilla". Original, I know.

It only has one eye because the other one fell off during a wrestling match I had with him when I was 5.

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

A: I wanted to be a doctor. Until I read my first Roald Dahl book. Then, I wanted to be Roald Dahl!

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

A: Acting and singing in a musical, but I'm not very good at dancing!

Q: How long have you been a writer?

A: My first children's book was published in 2011. Though I had been writing poems for a few years before, this was the time I began to take my writing seriously.

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

A: While skimming stones, a bee flew into my face. After flailing out, a funny story about it formed in my mind.

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

A: The best thing is that you get to take ideas out of your head and put them into other peoples heads.

Q: Where do you get your greatest ideas from?

A: I listen to music without words. Music makes me feel different emotions, and my brain tries to understand why by putting pictures in my mind.

Q: What was your favourite book as a child?

A: Matilda, by Roald Dahl. I also loved James and the Giant Peach, The Hairy Toe and many more.

Q: What book do you wish you had written?

A: The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. I also wish I had illustrated it!

Q: What advice would you give to aspiring authors?

A: Keep trying. There will be times you feel you're not good enough, but the people who finish books are the ones who don't give up.

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

A: Kindness is the most beautiful quality human beings can have. If you make it your life's goal to be kind, to everyone, everyday, you can be certain that you will be loved wherever you go and remembered forever.

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

A: "Never get old" was the advice given to me by a 90-year-old woman when I was 18. Unfortunately, I have aged almost 18 years since she told me this. Sometimes, the best advice is the hardest to follow!

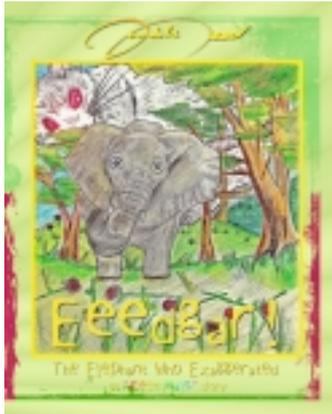
Q: What would you most like to change about yourself?

A: I'm happy with who I am, so I concentrate on changing the world instead.

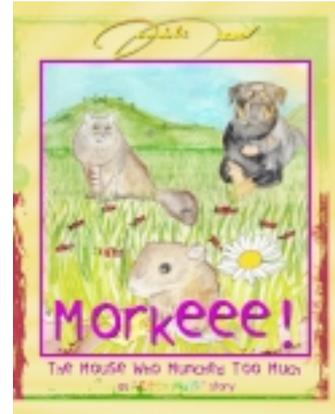
Q: What has life taught you?

A: There is a reason for everything.

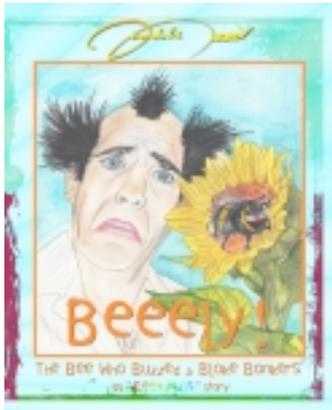
My Books



Eeedgar! The Elephant Who Exaggerated Munched Too Much



Morkeee! The Mouse Who



Beely! The Bee Who Buzzed a Bloke Bonkers



A Vision of Empathy

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