

## Interview with Jacqueline Wilson

### PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH:

Bath, Somerset 17.12.45

### FAVOURITE BOOK:

*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

### MOST TREASURED POSSESSION:

Radish, my little rabbit lucky mascot.

### FAVOURITE SONG:

'These are the days of my life' -Freddie Mercury and Queen

### FAVOURITE FILM:

Thelma and Louise

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### When did you start writing?

I've been writing stories since I was six years old (very little ones in those days!). I had my first short story published when I was 17, and managed to get a novel published when I was 24.

### Where do you get your ideas?

I don't know - ideas just seem to pop into my head!

### Can you give your top three tips to becoming a successful author?

1. Read lots.
2. Keep a diary to get into a diary writing habit.
3. Write as if you're confiding in your best friend.

### Favourite memory?

A magical day at the seaside with my daughter Emma - we paddled, we walked for miles along the cliffs, we ate fish and chips and ice cream and watched a wonderful fiery sunset at the end of a perfect day.

### Favourite place in the world and why?

Boston in America - it's an exciting city with lots of bookshops, a fantastic art gallery and super places to eat.

### What are your hobbies?

Reading (I have 10,000 books crammed into my tiny house), going to art galleries and films, swimming, and line dancing.

### If you hadn't been a writer, what do you think you would have been?

I'd have probably worked in a bookshop. Maybe I'll open my own second-hand bookshop one day!