

Chris Bradford lives an action packed life and is a self-confessed adrenaline junkie. He's thrown himself over Victoria Falls on a bungee cord, out of an airplane in New Zealand and off a French mountain on a paraglider, but he's always managed to land safely – something he learnt from his martial arts training.

Chris joined a judo club aged seven and since then he has trained in karate, kickboxing, samurai swordsmanship and has earned his black belt in Tai-jutsu, the fighting art of the ninja. Chris is a student of Sensei Akemi Solloway, who is the eldest daughter of an old samurai family, descended from the Karo of Iwatsuki Castle, near Tokyo.

Before writing the Young Samurai series, Chris was a professional musician and songwriter. He's even performed for HRH Queen Elizabeth II (but suspects she found his band a bit noisy). Chris lives on the South Downs with his wife, baby boy and two cats called Tigger and Rhubarb.