# MEET THE AUTHOR

# Huw Davies

### Name: Huw Davies

Where did you grow up? Nantyffyllon, near Maesteg

Where did you go to school? Nantyffyllon Primary, then Maesteg Comp

What was the best / worst thing about your school? Best – friends who I'm friends with now; worst – a history teacher called Mousie

What did you want to be when you grew up? A writer

What are your hobbies? Running, playing and listening to music, reading, watching sport, cooking

What was your favourite book when you were young? Joke books to start with then The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

When did you consider being an author? I always liked the idea of it, it just took me a while to realise that to become a writer you needed to do some actual writing.

## Are there any themes that appeal to you in particular?

I don't think about themes when I write, I just try to create a story that's going to sustain a reader's interest. However, something that crops up a lot in Scrambled is spherical foodstuffs (technically this is a motif and not a theme, which kind of proves my point – I think).

What advice can you give to budding authors? To refer to my earlier answer, to do some writing. This isn't me being daft, because even if it doesn't get published, the process in itself is beneficial.

**Do you have any rituals when you write?** Music is essential!

What's the best / worst part about being an author? I'm still quite new to it, so I'm not seeing any downsides compared to, say, being a teacher. Best part – doing workshops

in schools, getting feedback



# **Quick fire questions:**

What's your favourite childhood book? Holes

Who's your favourite character from a children's book? Mr Sir

Where is your favourite place to write? Kitchen

What's your favourite food? Curry

What's your favourite film or show? Holes

What's is your favourite word? Emulsion

What would be your superpower of choice? To paint stuff just by looking at it

Favourite social media network? Facebook

What makes you smile? Our 3 children being happy

If not an author what would you be? Teacher or bass player in a band

What's your advice for budding writers? Write!



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