

Rebecca F. John



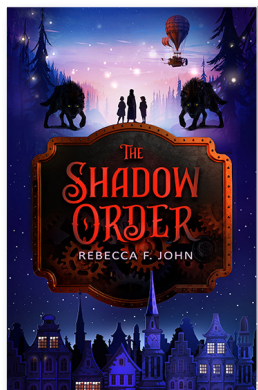
Name: Rebecca F. John

Where did you grow up? Llanelli

Where did you go to school? Burry Port

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

What are your hobbies? Reading, walking with my dogs, playing music, drawing



What was your favourite book when you were young? *Northern Lights*, Philip Pullman

When did you consider being an author?
At the age of 10

Are there any themes that appeal to you in particular? I love books which explore why people do what they do, their psychology. I love books set in snowy landscapes and light fantasy. I love books where the protagonists are unusual women.

What advice can you give to budding authors?

Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do it. Write however and whenever you want – it's different for everyone and there is no one correct way. It doesn't matter whether you study it at university or join a small writing group while you do some other fabulous job but find other writers to share your ideas and successes with.

Do you have any rituals when you write? None.

I will write pretty much anywhere. The ideal is on a computer (I'm faster on a keyboard than by hand) and in silence, though I wish I could write more long-hand.

What's the best / worst part about being an author?

The best part is just getting to write, because that's the part I love most. I also have been able to do lots of fun things, like travel to other countries and meet amazing writers who I admire, but mostly, my favourite thing to do is sit and write. The worst part is along the same lines, though. The worst part is never having enough time to write. It's tough to make a living as a writer and most writers do lots of other jobs to pay their way, so it's often difficult to find enough time to write. That's what I find most frustrating.

Quick fire questions:

What's your favourite childhood book?

Northern Lights, Philip Pullman

Who's your favourite character from a children's book? Iorek Byrnison

Where is your favourite place to write?
Anywhere!

What's your favourite food?

Fresh warm bread / ice cream

What's your favourite film or show?

Labyrinth (1980s film)

What's is your favourite word? Pale

What would be your superpower of choice? Super speed reading,

so that I could read a book every day. And talking to animals.

Favourite social media network?

Twitter

What makes you smile? My dogs

If not an author what would you be?

A tennis player (I wouldn't really, because I'm not good at tennis, but I'd like to be)

What's your advice for budding writers?

Write what you want to write.