

Sharon Marie Jones



Name: Sharon Marie Jones

Where did you grow up?
Dolgellau, North Wales.

Where did you go to school?
Ysgol y Gader, Dolgellau

What did you want to be when you grew up?
I've actually always wanted to be a published author! I did also go through a phase of wanting to be either an astronaut or drive an ice-cream van!

What are your hobbies?
I love reading, walking my dog on the beach, running and playing netball. I also love crafting and have my own small online craft business, where I make cards, pictures and decorations with pebbles, driftwood and seaglass.

What was your favourite book when you were young? I read and re-read Enid Blyton's books. My favourites were 'The Faraway Tree Adventures'.

When did you consider being an author? It was my dream as a child and young teen to be a published author, but I didn't actually sit down and start to write seriously until I was in my thirties!

Are there any themes that appeal to you in particular?
I have always loved magical stories, especially witch stories. I also love old folktales and am currently writing a book that is very much influenced by Welsh folktales.

What advice can you give to budding authors?
Simply to write! To sit down and get going and not to try to plan when the right time will be. Just get going and see where it takes you.

Do you have any rituals when you write? I have to have the house quiet when I write. I'm not a writer who can concentrate when there is background noise, or with the TV playing. I also by a new notebook and pen every time I start a new story. I love stationery!!

What's the best / worst part about being an author?
The best part is that I get to do something I love as my job, and I feel lucky for that. The worst part for me is promoting myself – I'm really not very good at it! There is a lot of pressure to self-promote as there are so many amazing books and authors published these days and it's very difficult to make yourself seen.



Quick fire questions

What's your favourite childhood book?
Enid Blyton's 'The Magic Faraway Tree'

Who's your favourite character from a children's book? Matilda, from Roald Dahl's 'Matilda', as she can do magic!

Where is your favourite place to write?
In my treehouse.

What's your favourite food? Cheese and beetroot sandwiches!

What's your favourite film or show?
Line of Duty – I love crime dramas.

What's is your favourite word? I have lots! But I love the word 'bumble' and I very recently learnt the word 'stumblebum' which describes a clumsy person – me!

What would be your superpower of choice? To be invisible so that I could listen in on everyone's conversations!

Favourite social media network?
Facebook

What makes you smile? My cavapoo, Benji's daft antics.

If not an author, what would you be?
An astronaut or an ice-cream van driver.

What's your advice for budding writers? Just to write and enjoy writing. Write stories, poems, songs ... anything and everything. And play around with words – make up new words, jumble up well-known phrases. Just have fun with writing!