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Where did you grow up?

I was born in Aberystwyth and brought up in Aberaeron.

Where did you go to school?

Aberaeron.

What was the best / worst thing about your school?

I loved art and seeing my friends, but I hated Maths (sorry!).

What did you want to be when you grew up?

Initially I wanted to be a vet, then a solicitor, then an art student ... and to be honest, I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up.

What was your favourite book when you were a child?

I loved books by T. Llew Jones and Roald Dahl.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy reading, gardening, beekeeping, drawing, and creating silver jewellery.

What makes you happy?

Pottering at home and being in my greenhouse.

What makes you angry?

Traffic!

When did you consider being an author?

I think writing is a part of someone, rather than a conscious decision to become a writer.

From where do you get your ideas?

From old memories, from something someone says, from pictures and dreams, and from something I see from the corner of my eye.

Are there any themes which particularly appeal to you?

Nature, the concept of home, roots, the fragility of life.

What advice can you give to budding authors?

Feel what you are writing, rather than think about it.

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

Best: being able to work from home and do what you love every day.

Worst: people thinking that writing comes easily, whereas every book takes hours galore of work.

Quick five questions:

Favourite childhood book?

Danny the Champion of the World.

Favourite character from a children's book?

Sali Mali.

Favourite place?

Home.

Favourite food?

Lamb.

Favourite film or show?

Pride and Prejudice.

Favourite word?

Twmffat (the Welsh word for 'fool').