

## Casia Wilam

**Where did you grow up?**

Llangefni until I was six years old, and then Nefyn, on the Llŷn Peninsular.

**Where did you go to school?**

Ysgol Gynradd Nefyn and then Ysgol Uwchradd Botwnnog.

**What was the best / worst thing about your school?**

I liked the chocolate sponge pudding and chocolate custard in the canteen, and I enjoyed writing stories, reading a novel together in class and playing rounders.

**What did you want to be when you grew up?**

Author and zookeeper!

**What was your favourite book when you were a child?**

*Y Gwningen yn Cipro'r Tân* and *Gwe Gwenhwyfar*. Also, all the books by Elgan Philip Davies and the Judy Blume books.

**What are your hobbies?**

Going for walks, eating, and playing with my sons, Caio and Deri.

**What makes you happy?**

A warm, sunny morning with the birds singing.

**What makes you angry?**

People letting their dogs off the lead when they shouldn't.

**When did you consider being an author?**

I've always been writing, either picture books or a diary or short verses. It was never a conscious decision – it's just what I do!

**From where do you get your ideas?**

Lots of my ideas these days come from my children.

**Are there any themes which particularly appeal to you?**

I like writing about people rather than about specific themes or subjects.

**What advice can you give to budding authors?**

Try to write like your favourite author and then carry on writing until you find your own voice.

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

Best: someone saying that they've enjoyed one of my books.

Worst: spending hours on my own with only the laptop for company.

**Quick fire questions:****Favourite childhood book?**

*Y Gwningen yn Cipro'r Tân*.

**Hoff gymeriad o lyfr?**

Jini Mê.

**Favourite place?**

Dinas Dinlle beach.

**Favourite food?**

Salad. Joke! Chocolate cake.

**Favourite film or show?**

*Moana*.

**Favourite word?**

*Pendwmpian* (the Welsh word for 'amazing').

**Superpower of choice?**

The ability to freeze time.

**Favourite social media network?**

Instagram.

**What makes you smile?**

Hearing my sons in stitches with laughter.

**If not an author, what would you be? Ideal job?**

Running a cafe.

**Top tip for budding authors?**

Write notes – ideas don't stay in your head forever.