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Where did you grow up?

I was born in Cardiff and brought up in Penygroes, Dyffryn Nantlle.

Where did you go to school?

Ysgol Bro Lleu (primary) and Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle (secondary).

What was the best / worst thing about your school?

I used to thoroughly enjoy the school eisteddfod at Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle, and the feeling of community in a small school. I hated physical exercise classes and the dinner queue. In primary school, I enjoyed learning something new every day, school trips, and playing on the yard when the weather was good, but I hated sports day – I preferred sitting in the classroom and reading!

What did you want to be when you grew up?

An author!

What was your favourite book when you were a child?

There are too many to name just one. In primary school I loved the Warrior Cats series, Harry Potter, and books by Michael Morpurgo.

What are your hobbies?

Reading, baking, watching films, spending time with animals, mountain walking, music (listening and playing – flute, saxophone, piano, guitar).

What makes you happy?

Food, more food, writing, laughing with friends and family, and filling my days with the arts.

What makes you angry?

The news, and all types of injustice.

When did you consider being an author?

When I began reading for pleasure independently – so when I was about 4 years old.

From where do you get your ideas?

People. Most of my ideas come from the characters and develop as I think about them.



Are there any themes which particularly appeal to you?

Mental health, LGBTQ+ and disabled communities (I belong to both communities), friendship, and the arts.

What advice can you give to budding authors?

If you enjoy writing, just write. I promise you that if you enjoy writing, someone else will enjoy reading your work.

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

The best part is the process of getting to know your characters and the thrill of being unable to stop writing about them until the early hours of the morning. The worst part is the loneliness, because authors mostly work on their own.

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Harry Potter series.

Favourite character from a children's book?

Lyra from *His Dark Materials* and *The Book of Dust*.

Favourite place?

The mountains of Snowdonia, bookshops, and the cinema at Chapter, Cardiff.

Favourite food?

Impossible to choose! I like Italian, Thai, and Vietnamese food ... and anything made from chocolate.

Favourite film or show?

Again, totally impossible to choose! My favourite films from last year were *Barbie*, *Past Lives* a *Bones and All*.

Favourite word?

Bendigedig.

Superpower of choice?

The ability to become invisible.

Favourite social media network?

To be honest, I've never liked social media!

What makes you smile?

A voice note from a friend, good food, discovering a new song, a sunny morning.

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

A doctor or a musician.

Top tip for budding authors?

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