

# Meleri Wyn James



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## What was it like to write *Megs*?

I'm fond of Megs, and it was a pleasure to go on an adventure with her. But life for Megs isn't a bed of roses, and I felt for her when she was sad and afraid.

## Where did you grow up?

I was born in Llandeilo and brought up in Beulah, a village near Newcastle Emlyn and Aberporth.

## What was the best or the worst thing about school?

I enjoyed all creative activities, and being with friends. I hated sports. I enjoy keeping fit now as an adult. It's important for us to keep fit for ourselves; it's not just about competing against others.

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

I've always wanted to be an author. I also wanted to be a jockey and a vet at one time.

## What are your hobbies?

Running, socialising, travelling, fashion, sewing, and reading.

## When did you start thinking about writing?

I can't remember a time when I wasn't writing. I began writing little stories when I was about 6 or 7 years old.

## From where do you get your ideas?

I feel that there is something magical about writing. For me, ideas come from everyday life and from the news, and then the imagination takes over. That's when the fun begins.

## Are there any themes or subjects which appeal to you?

A good story is what interests me. Recently, I've been writing about family and friendship. I have a daughter who is neurodivergent, and it's important to me that diverse people are represented in books from Wales.

## What's the best thing about being an author?

Being able to disappear into the imaginary world. I love weaving stories and sharing them. I enjoy doing school visits and going to eisteddfodau to speak with children and young people about reading and writing and hearing their ideas. They're wonderful!

## What's the worst thing about being an author?

I would like to see more focus on Welsh-language books and more people reading them.



## Quick fire Questions

### What's your favourite childhood book?

It's difficult to choose just one. One of my favourite books was *Hogan y Plas* by Gweneth Lilly. I loved all types of mystery novels, and I was a fan of T. Llew Jones' novels. I remember him coming to school to speak to us about his books.

### Who's your favourite character from a children's book?

Pippi Hosan-Hir. She could lift her horse with one arm. I also liked Jim Hawkins in *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson, because he always went on adventures.

### What is your favourite place?

Home.

### What's your favourite food?

I like healthy foods, so fresh seafood and salad.

### What's your favourite film or show?

The original Star Wars trilogy. I also enjoy seeing people being creative on *The Great British Sewing Bee*.

### What's is your favourite word?

Cwtsh.

### What would be your superpower of choice?

The ability to use your imagination is a superpower.

### What makes you smile?

Mischief!

### What makes you happy?

Being in the company of family and friends, and losing myself in a good story.

### If not an author, what would you be?

In another world, I would open a shop.

### What's your advice for budding writers?

Write more and worry less!