



Interviewing Chris Higgins

1. Why did you become a writer?

I always wanted to be a write as a child. I became a teacher and didn't write as much but then decided to start writing full time.

2. What's your favorite book?

My favorite book is Pobby and Dingan by Ben Rice. It is a children's book set in Australia. I find it very sad, but still love it.

3. Who is your favorite author?

I read all the time and like lots of authors. At the moment I like David Mitchell but I change my mind all the time.

4. Which of the books you have written is your favourite?

The first book is very special but I am always excited about writing a new book. I love all my books and I find it very flattering when I win awards.

5. How do you find inspiration for your books?

Inspiration comes from everyone I meet and everywhere I go; in what I see and hear. A character will come into my head and won't go away so I must write about it. I absorb lots of ideas and try to fit them round the characters I have invented.

6. Do you find it difficult to start writing a new book?

I always have lots of ideas for beginnings and endings but sometimes I get stuck on the middle section. Writing the middle of a book is always the hardest. Editing is very important as you have to get it perfect.

7. When is your birthday?

My birthday is on 13 December.

8. What was your dream job as a child?

I wanted to be a writer, an actress and artist or a cowboy (until the age of 6 when I realized that I couldn't be a cowboy and cowgirl didn't seem as exciting!).

9. What was your school like?

I loved school. I went to a grammar school which then became a comprehensive. I didn't enjoy Maths and Science as much but I loved English, History and Art.

10. Would you say that being an author is your dream job or do you have any other aspirations now you are a successful writer?

It is my dream job and I wish I did it earlier. I taught for 29 years and this has helped though.

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