

Author Spotlight: Jane Jolly



Jane Jolly: Award winning Australian author

When did you know you wanted to be a writer?

I have always enjoyed writing from when I could first hold a pencil.

Where do you write? Do you like to be by yourself in the quiet, or do you like to write in a noisy space?

I have an office in my house and I work from there, but on sunny days I take my computer outside.

What do you use to write – pencil and paper or computer?

I write directly onto the computer but have often made lots of hand written notes before starting.

When do you write?

On my days off and in the evenings.

When do you get your ideas?

All around me as most writers will tell you.

Do you think of the story in your head before you write it?

Yes, I usually have an idea of where it is going before I start writing...but not always.

What gave you the idea for this story?

I have always loved trains and knew about the Tea and Sugar Train so that was my inspiration.

Do you like the illustrations?

The illustrations are beautiful, as expected being done by Robert Ingpen

Do you have any advice for children as writers?

Just write, write, write.

Who is your favourite author? What do you like about his or her work?

I love the work of Bob Graham but there are so many I like it is really too hard to choose.