



The Letterpress Project

Author and Illustrator E-Interviews

Thank you for agreeing to take part in this series of Letterpress Project e-interviews that we are undertaking over the coming months. The Letterpress Project is a not-for-profit initiative that exists to promote the value and pleasures of the physical book and we are keen to get the thoughts of authors and book illustrators about their own influences, experiences and love of books. We are happy for you to make your answers as long or as brief as you are comfortable with and we will undertake not to edit or paraphrase any of your comments without your explicit permission.

Q1. What are your earliest memories of books and reading? For example, did you have a favourite or inspirational book?

Enid Blyton Famous Five stories

Q2. What inspired you to become an author / illustrator?

Wordsworth's poem 'Michael' taught by a soon to be well known poet Harry Guest back in 1964/5

Q3. For you, what makes a successful book or illustration?

Honesty

Q4. Do you have a specific audience in mind when you write your books / plan your illustrations?

Fellow human beings who might be touched by the 'feelings' evoked in a poem I write

Q5. What future do you think the physical book has? For example, do you think the electronic book will replace the physical book?

No, paperbacks didn't replace hardbacks / TV didn't replace films, electronic books will not replace hard copy books

Q6. Are you a book collector? Is there a special book you'd love to own?

First Edition of The Prophet by Khalil Gibran

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