

Each month we will focus on an inspiring author based in or writing about Wales! You'll have an introduction to their latest book, what inspires them to write, and any advice they have for young writers!

Get to know



Catherine Fisher



Catherine Fisher is a poet and children's author who lives in Newport, South Wales. A leading fantasy writer, her bestselling books include the Snow-Walker trilogy, the Oracle trilogy, the Incarceron series and the Chronoptika series. She was the first Wales Young People's Laureate.

What inspired you to write this book?

I wanted to write the third book about Seren and her search for a home. Also the Crow made of springs and cogs and bits of metal, longs to find the way back to his human form.

Tell us a little about the story you've created.

Seren and the Crow journey to the garden of the Midnight Swan and encounter magic and danger on the way. They are seeking to break the spell that holds the Crow in bird shape, but how can they do it and what will it cost them?

What led you to start writing?

I read a lot and wanted to do what the other writers were doing. It was both ambition and a desire to use language creatively.

What books inspired you as a young reader?

The Alice books, Tolkien's Lord of the Rings, Stevenson's Treasure Island, Alan Garner's The Owl Service.

If you could choose a book character to be for a day, who would it be and why?

Alice, in order to explore Wonderland.

What message do you have to inspire young writers?

Read. EVERYTHING.



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