

# Author Visits to Summerhill Infant School



Simon James grew up in Bristol and Exeter, and was educated at Queen Elizabeth School, Crediton.

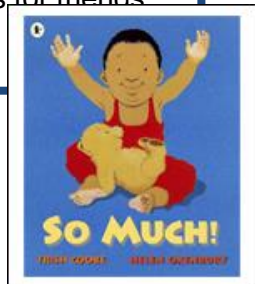
From an early age he spent much of his time drawing and stapling stories into little books.

He spent the rest of his time climbing trees, saving worms from puddles and worrying about the strange shapes in the curtains at night.

## Simon James



'I've always loved making up stories – it's something I've done for as long as I can remember. When I was ten I used to make up stories for my nephews and nieces. I'd use a blackboard and chalk to create stories for them and when I was even younger my sisters and I would go out into the street and act out stories from comics for friends and neighbours!'

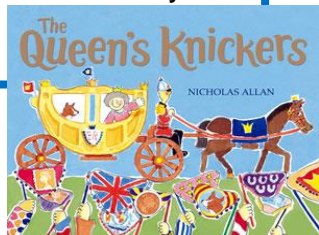


## Trish Cooke



Nicholas Allan is the author/illustrator of over thirty children's books.

When he was 12 he made a model of a galleon out of a walnut shell which was exhibited at the Royal Academy in London.



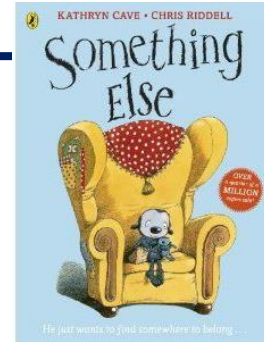
## Nicholas Allan



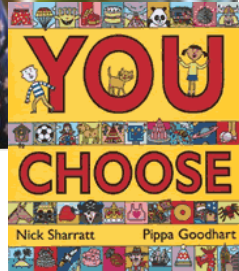
Once upon a time: I was born long, long ago in Aldershot, Hampshire. I lived not far from Fleet as a child. I have two sisters and one brother. I'm the youngest.

I wanted to be: As clever as my sisters and brother, a hairdresser, a hermit, Biggles, a poet.

## Kathryn Cave



I went to a small village school. At first there were only two classes, the Big Class (the juniors) and the Little Class (the infants). There wasn't a hall or an office. There weren't even proper toilets. Our toilets were bucket toilets in a sort of shed in the playground.



## Pippa Goodhart

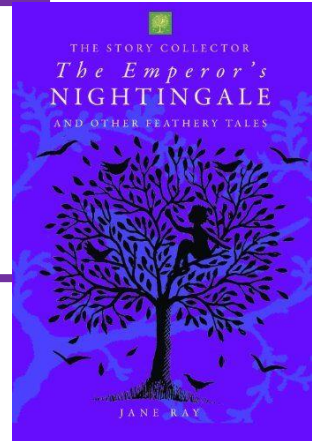


Eileen lived in London for over twenty years before moving to Wiltshire where she now lives. She worked as a school teacher and a youth worker before becoming an author and illustrator. Her first book was published in 1977.

## Eileen Browne



From stranded mermaids and flying camels to golden statues and dancing princesses, Jane Ray's distinctive style has established her as a successful picture book artist, recognised in Britain, Europe and the U.S.



## Jane Ray



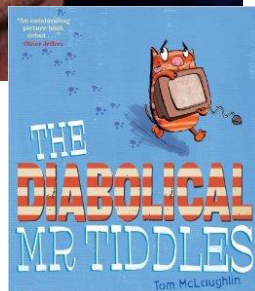
However, we mustn't confuse Bob with his creator. That's **Simon Bartram**. He's an illustrator who started off by illustrating other people's stories but then he found that he could write his own. Simon is a Sunderland Fan.



## Simon Bartram



I live in Devon, spend most of my days drinking tea and dreaming up new stories.



## Tom McLaughlin

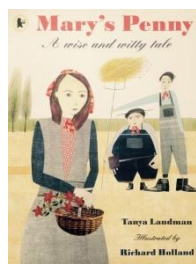


## Nicola Davies

I had my first pair of binoculars for my eighth birthday. They were so big, I couldn't hold them steady for more than a few seconds. I can still remember the very first bird I saw through them: a male blackbird with his golden-yellow eye ring and sooty black feathers.

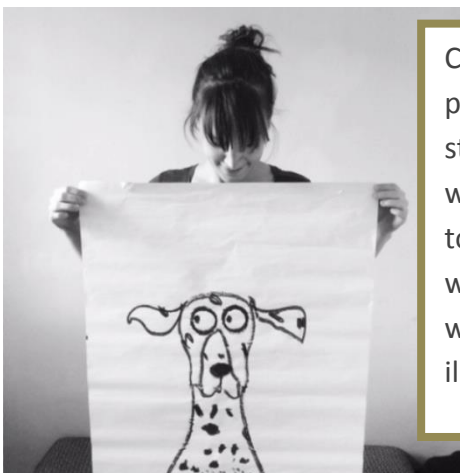


## Tanya Landman



I was born and grew up in Gravesend, Kent, where I spent a lot of time up trees with a skipping rope tied around my waist, longing to turn into a monkey.

## Chloe Inkpen



Chloë Inkpen grew up surrounded by picture books and has a natural gift for storytelling. Chloë then began writing with her father, Mick Inkpen, and together they have created a wonderful new picture book series which they write together and Chloë illustrates.

