

MEET AN AUTHOR

Name: Ruth Morgan

Date of Birth: 26 April 1966

Where were you born and brought up?
I was born in Carmarthen and brought up in Llandoverly.

Where did you go to school?
At the time it was called Llandoverly Primary School.

What did you particularly like and dislike about school?
I loved art lessons and having stories read to us. I hated the outside toilets – they were freezing cold in winter and pitch black when you shut the door!

What did you want to be, as a child?
A journalist.

What was your favourite book, as a child?
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C S Lewis.

Do you have any hobbies?
Salsa dancing, drawing and painting.

What makes you happy?
The view when you reach the top of the mountain.

What makes you angry?
Making a mess because I didn't read the instructions properly!

When did you start to write?
About seven years ago.

Which one was your first book?
A book of traditional Welsh Tales I wrote for the reception class I was teaching at the time.

Do you find it easy to write?
Yes, once my ideas are all worked out.

Where do you write?
In the big bay window of my upstairs flat – overlooking beautiful trees.

From where do you get your ideas?
It's a combination of conversations with friends and half-buried memories.

Ruth Morgan

What advice would you give to someone who is starting to write?

Keep a daily diary of your unique thoughts and ideas.

Are some of your characters based on yourself?

Possibly. Mmm, that's made me think!

Which of your books is your favourite?
Bump in the Night.

Which is your favourite character?
Captain Caradog from the 'Sglod' stories – his tall tales are hard to believe and he'll find any excuse for a nap. Remember the question before last?

Is there something you would like to change about yourself?
I'd love to be able to leap out of bed with enthusiasm every morning.

Which are your favourite television programmes?
Brilliant comedy shows like 'Father Ted' or 'One Foot in the Grave'. They are both really well written.

What is your favourite food?
Banana fritters.

What makes you laugh?
Photos of hairstyles I've had over the years.





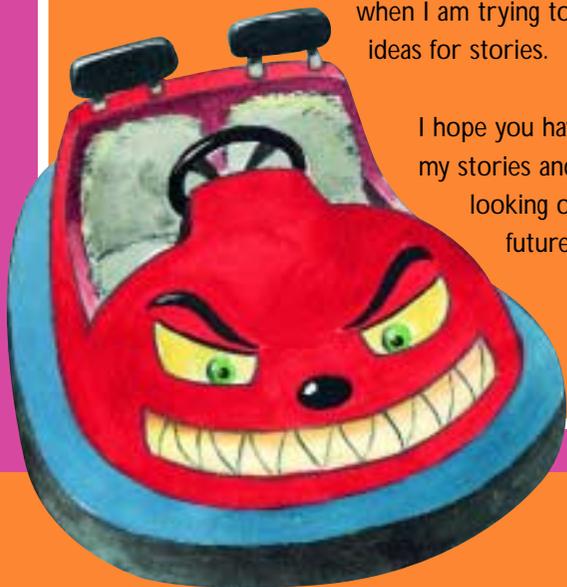
Is there a book you really love? For me as a child it was 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe'. Is there an author you would really love to meet? For me it was (you might have guessed) C.S. Lewis who wrote the Narnia stories. In those days my heroes weren't pop stars or sports stars, they were authors and I wanted to be just like them.

I still have some of the stories and poems I wrote when I was six or seven years old at school in Llandovery, where I grew up. In the juniors I also started writing class newspapers. I tried to make them as funny as I could because I loved making my friends laugh. For me, the best stories have a funny side as well as something serious to say. I had a lot of fun writing 'Sglod and Chips' which was my first book published by PONT. I kept imagining someone else reading it and wanted to make them laugh out loud. I read over the story again and again, changing bits here and there until I was as happy with it as possible. This is how I always write. I want to keep polishing my stories until they really shine!

My Sglod stories are set in an imaginary town called Abertwt. In real life I live in Penarth where there is also a lovely pier. I often take a walk up and down the pier when I am trying to come up with new ideas for stories.

I hope you have enjoyed reading my stories and that you keep looking out for more in the future.

Ruth



Ruth Morgan has written several books about Sglod the chip-loving dog as well as one about two old fairground bumper cars called *Bump in the Night*. These books are all available in English and Welsh and *Sglod and Chips (Sglod a Blod)* is available as a Big Book in both languages. A simple Welsh version of *Sglod a Blod* is also available for Welsh learners. *Sglod and Chips*

and *Sglod a Blod* are available as drama packs with multiple copies of a script based on the book, photocopyable activity sheets and four hand mask patterns of the characters.

All the books are published by Gomer Press – the English versions are by Pont Books.

Bump in the Night
1859029442 £3.50

Sglod and Chips
1859028071 £4.95

Sglod and Chips (Big Book)
1859028330 £12.95

Act it out!: Sglod and Chips
1859029477 £25

Sglod and the Sand-dragon
1859028314 £4.95

Sglod at Sea
185902937X £4.95

Another Sglod book is about to appear – a poetry book this time:

Jumping the Waves: Sglod's Poems 1843231069 £4.95

Welsh Language Titles:

Bympiti-Bymp
Rhian Pierce Jones
1859029701 £3.50

Bympiti-Bymp 2
will be available shortly
1843231387 £3.95

Sglod a Blod
185902808X £4.95

Sglod a Blod (Cam Cyntaf/First Step)
1843230496 £4.95

Sglod a Blod (Llyfr Mawr/Big Book)
1859028349 £12.95

Drama Ddosbarth Sglod a Blod
1859029493 £25

Sglod a'r Ddraig
1859028624 £4.95

Sglod ar y Môr
185902968X £4.95

