

Biography: Sue Walker, Author

I was born in Liverpool, in Sydney, Australia but I grew up in lots of different places. When I was little, I lived in Malaysia and went to a preschool on the edge of a jungle. At lunchtime I watched the monkeys swinging in the trees, and once a big chimpanzee held me captive in the toilet!

I started school in Melbourne and my first teacher's name was Miss Muffett – just like the nursery rhyme. Then we moved to Goulburn in New South Wales, where I spent lots of time exploring the bush with my brother and sister and our dog Mitzie. When I was about ten, we moved back to Sydney and that's where I've lived ever since.

I never thought I'd be an author. At school my favourite subjects were maths and cooking. I loved making things and I liked drawing and writing, but I didn't write stories. I kept a diary and wrote letters to my friends instead. My favourite books were always about children who went on exciting adventures. I loved "The Lion, The Witch and Wardrobe" (Narnia), "Journey to the Centre of the Earth," and Enid Blyton's books about The Enchanted Wood.

I've had lots of jobs in my life and my first was horrid. I worked at a cemetery, making labels to put on boxes of ashes. Since then I've always worked at the computer, and I've been on some great adventures of my own – like climbing the world's highest mountains and diving with sharks in the ocean, but the most exciting thing I've ever done...is writing stories for children.



Formal Bio:

Sue Walker writes fiction for young people. Her titles include: *Arnie Avery* - CBC Notable Book & SCBWI Finalist, *Tilly's Treasure* from the award winning Aussie Nibbles Series, and *Best Friends* - also a CBC Notable Book. Sue's books have featured in the Premier's Reading Challenge and many of her poems, articles and short stories have appeared in children's magazines. Sue lives in Sydney with her husband, three children, and a scruffy white dog.