



Year 1 English Graduate Award

What is a biography?

A biography is a piece of non-fiction writing all about a person and their life. It is written about them by somebody else. If the person writes it themselves, it is called an autobiography.

A biography includes lots of information about the person's life and their achievements.

Who is Julia Donaldson?

Julia Donaldson is a children's author who has written over 100 books. She was born in 1948 in London. Julia loved making up stories, songs and dances with her sister when she was younger. She went to university in Bristol and afterwards became a children's songwriter on TV. Her most famous children's TV song, called 'A Squash and a Squeeze', was turned into a picture book in 1993 and she has written many more books since.

Find more information about Julia here: [Julia Donaldson Fact Cards \(teachingideas.co.uk\)](https://www.teachingideas.co.uk/fact-cards/julia-donaldson)



What has she written? (include images)

The Gruffalo

The Gruffalo's Child

Stick Man

The Highway Rat

Room on the Broom

And many, many more

Challenge 1

Find out 3 more facts about Julia Donaldson (use the web link above).

Find a book they have written and share it with an adult at home.



Draw a picture of your favourite character from one of Julia's books.

Challenge 2

Using what you now know about the author, write a biography about her.

Use these headings: Name. Growing up. Books written. Did you know?