



Year 4 English Graduate Award Scheme

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 Jacqueline Wilson?

Jacqueline was born in Bath, Somerset on 17th December 1945. As a child, she loved reading and by the age of 9 she had written her first book called *Meet the Maggots*. Whilst at school she loved to stare out of the windows and make up stories which earned her the nickname 'Jacky Daydream' by her teachers. She later used this name for the title of her autobiography which tells of her time as a primary-aged child. By the age of seventeen, Jacqueline was working and writing for a teen magazine called *Jackie*. She then went on to write many books with mixed success but it wasn't until 1991 that she had her big breakthrough with *Tracy Beaker* which then went on to be turned into a television series.

Jacqueline has continued to write many more stories with 'real' themes such as adoption, divorce and mental illness. This has made her books very popular and earned her the title of Dame from the Queen in 2008.

Find out more information on Jacqueline Wilson at: [The world of Jacqueline Wilson \(penguin.co.uk\)](http://penguin.co.uk)



What has he written?

Some of Jacqueline Wilson's famous children's books are:

Tracy Beaker

Double Act

The Illustrated Mum

Dustbin Baby

Hetty Feather

Cliffhanger

Sleepovers

The Suitcase Kid



Element 1

Choose one of Jacqueline Wilson's famous books to read. Share it with an adult at home or school and talk about what you like about it.

Create a quiz all about Jacqueline Wilson. You could use Forms to do this through your teams account.

Example questions

1. When and where was Jacqueline Wilson born?
2. What was her school nickname and why was she given it?
3. When was she awarded her DBE and what is this?

Element 2

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

Use these headings: Names. Growing up. Books written. Special Facts. Major achievements.

Favourite book (include a description and why we should read it)