

Julia Donaldson

Julia Donaldson is an author. She has written many books and stories that we love. Here are just a few of them.

The Gruffalo
The Snail and the Whale
Stick Man
A Squash and a Squeeze
Room on the Broom
Monkey Puzzle



How many of these have you read?

Keep reading to find out more about her and her wonderful books.

Growing Up

Julia Donaldson was born on 16th September 1948. She grew up in a tall house in London with her family.

Julia and her sister loved making up their own stories and songs and they used to put on shows and dances.

She went to Bristol University. She met her husband Malcolm there and they had three children.

Julia used to make up songs for children and she became a singer and songwriter for TV.

What a Lot of Books She Has Written!

Her most famous book is *The Gruffalo*. It has sold over 10 million copies all around the world. Julia has written 184 books. Lots can be found in bookshops or in schools. Do you have any of her books in your school?

Did You Know?

You can see some of Julia's best characters hiding in different books if you look carefully. Stick Man is a tiny toy in the *Gruffalo's Child* and at the end of *The Highway Rat* gruffalo biscuits are for sale in the bakery where the unhappy rat is sweeping the floor.

Take a look in your books at home. Can you find any more?

Thank You Julia

Julia wants all children to love reading. She visits schools to read and act out her books with the children. She often sings her songs with her husband playing the guitar. She was given a very special award called the Children's Laureate in 2011 to say thank you for all the hard work she has done helping children to become brilliant readers.

