

Claire Freedman

Claire spent a year at secretarial college when she left school because she didn't know what else to do at that time.



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Claire has also worked as a dental nurse, a production assistant and a trainee buyer at Harrods.



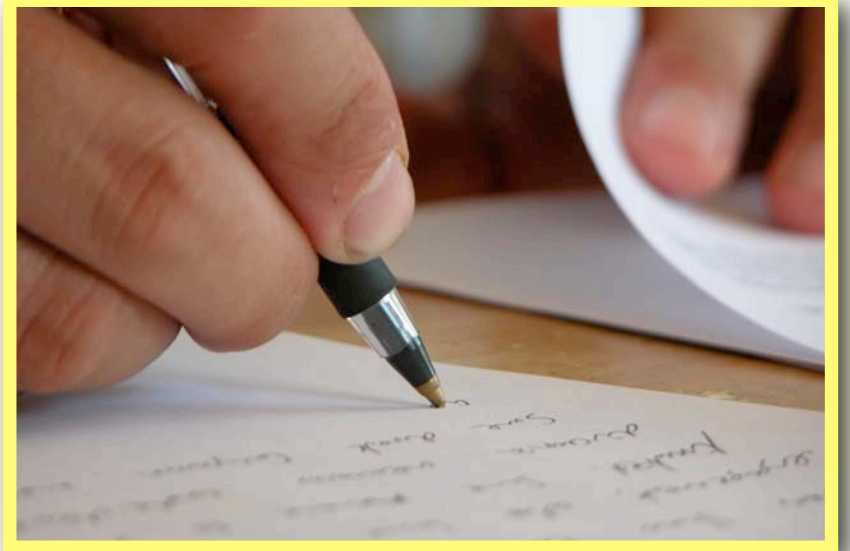
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Claire joined a creative writing class and wrote some articles and short stories. Her first children's story was published in a magazine called Twinkle.



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Claire still goes to the same writing class (17 years later!), even though she has written over 70 books.



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Claire thinks that writing is the best job ever. She loves 'to create worlds for young children to enjoy and escape into'.



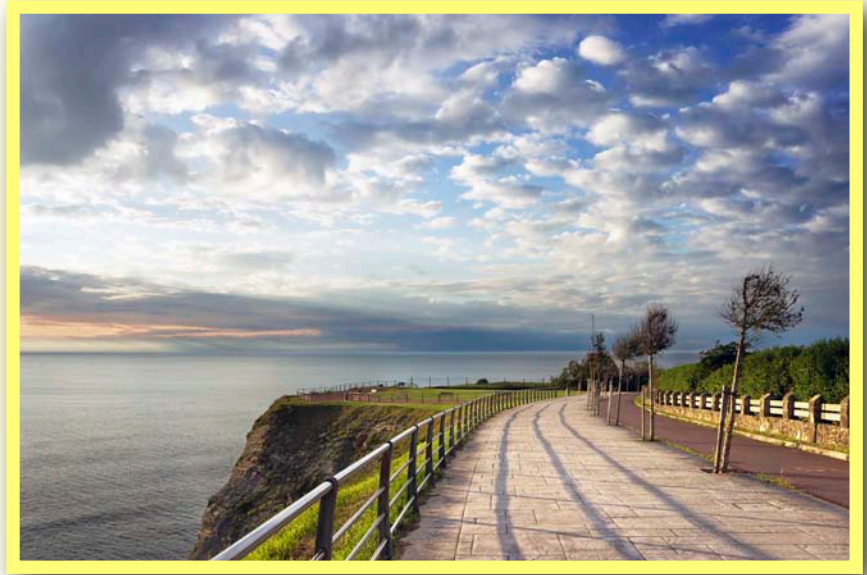
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A number of different illustrators draw the pictures for Claire's books, including Ben Cort, Sue Hendra and Sarah McIntyre.



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Claire likes walking along the seafront to clear her head and think of different story ideas.



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Claire also enjoys shopping for clothes, catching up with her friends and eating out at her favourite beach-side cafe.



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Claire's ideal day would involve spending time with her husband on a sandy beach in Cornwall eating ice cream!



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Claire's motto is 'Treat other people as you would like to be treated yourself'.



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Claire says that her greatest flaw is to try to do everything at the same time.



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Claire believes that perfect happiness is 'being fully content and at peace with yourself, your loved ones, your life, and with God.'



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Claire enjoys medical programmes on TV and admires surgeons who save people's lives.



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Claire would love to be able to illustrate her own books.



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If she had the chance to meet anyone from the past, Claire would love to have a chat with Moses.



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Shakespeare is one of Claire's favourite authors. She says that no one is able to describe human emotions more poetically.



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Claire recommends that new writers read lots of books in the same genre that they are hoping to write for.



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Claire's favourite children's book is 'A Little Princess' by Frances Hodgson Burnett. She also loved Winnie the Pooh when she was younger.



Claire's book 'Cuddle Bear' was inspired by a teddy bear (called Mr Cuddles) that was given to her by her husband.



Claire always carries a notepad and pen with her so that she can write down her ideas wherever she is.



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