

Julia Jarman

Julia's parents didn't give her a first name for three weeks because they were convinced that she was going to be a boy!



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Julia was born just after World War II ended, so her parents called her their 'peace baby'.



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Julia likes pigs so much that she bought a house because it was next to a pig farm.



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Julia writes about her pets in her books so that she can always remember them.



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Ka, the cat in The Time Travelling Cat series, is based on three of Julia's cats . . . Mr Grey, Ms Mitten and Mrs Gingerbits.



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Julia likes lots of different things, including pigs, the theatre, cats, computers, food, books, wine and gardening!



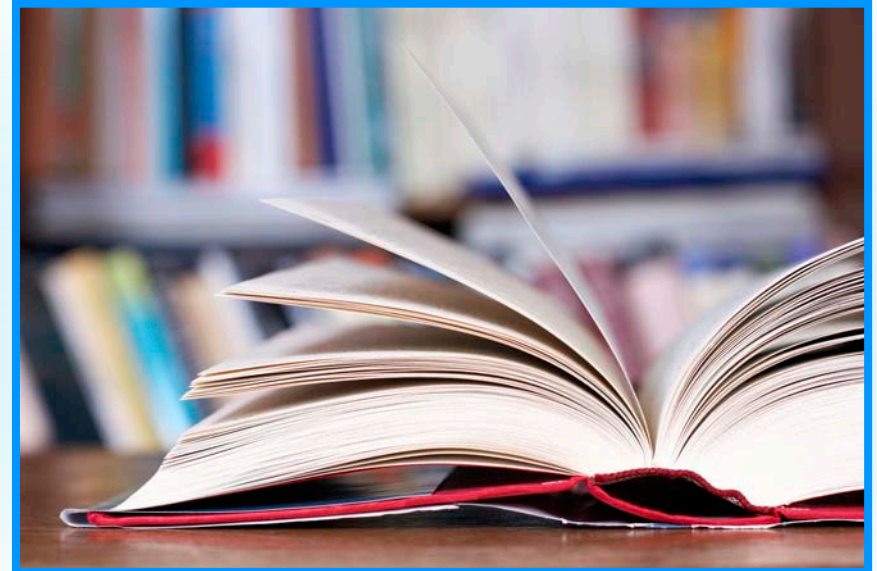
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Julia loved reading when she was a child. She used to find secret places to read, where nobody would disturb her.



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Julia used to visit the library twice a day, reading books in the morning and returning them in the afternoon!



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When she was younger, Julia hated washing up and tidying her bedroom!



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Robin Hood is one of Julia's heroes because he fights for a fairer world.



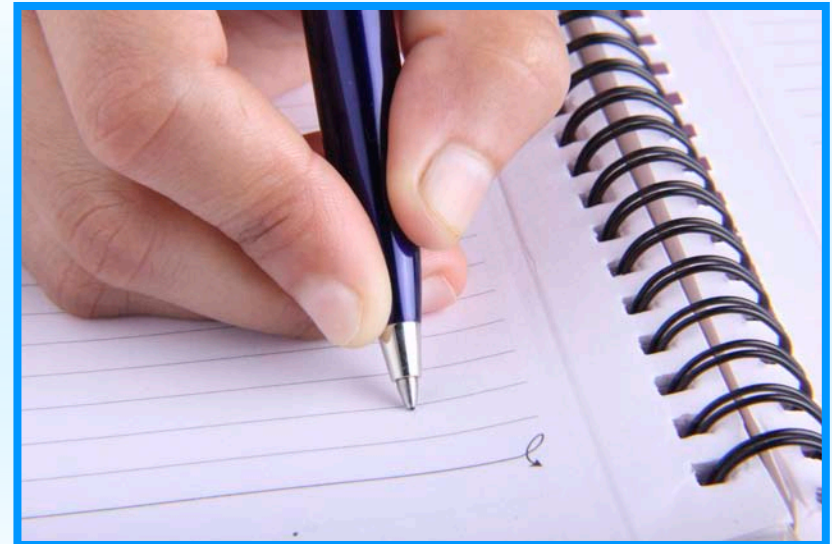
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Julia studied English and Drama at Manchester University and then became a teacher.



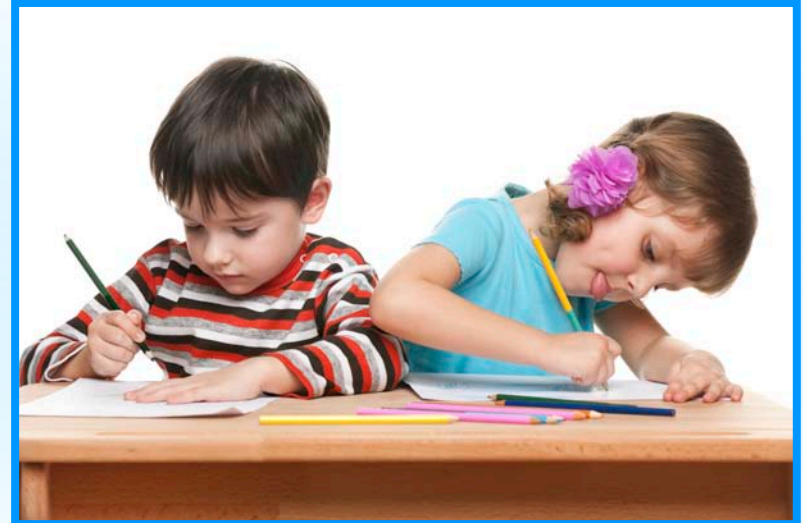
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Julia's daughter first encouraged her to write down one of her memories. This inspired her to become a writer.



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Julia's advice for writers is to 'read, read, read, write, write, write... and don't expect it to turn out right first time'.



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Julia has a writing recipe that she uses in her stories. The main ingredients are 'real life' and 'imagination'.



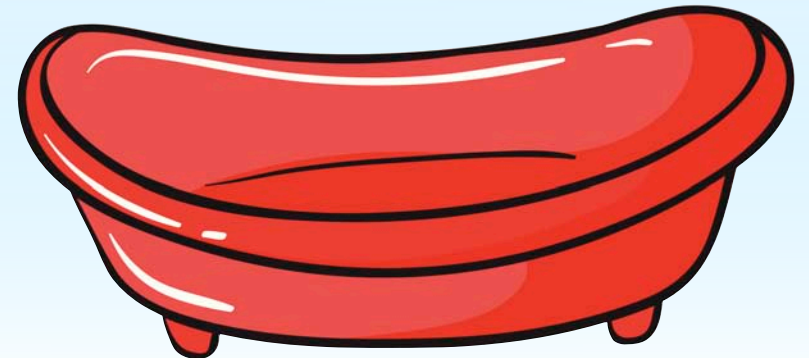
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Julia tells people to ask 'What if . . . ?' questions to activate their imaginations and think of other ingredients for their stories.



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One of Julia's books, The Big Red Bath, has been turned into a stage show. The book is about a bath that lots of different animals jump into!



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Julia has written books for lots of different age groups, including stories for children who can't read yet and stories for teenagers.



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Julia does lots of research when she is planning her books. She visits museums and other locations, reads books and searches the Internet for information.



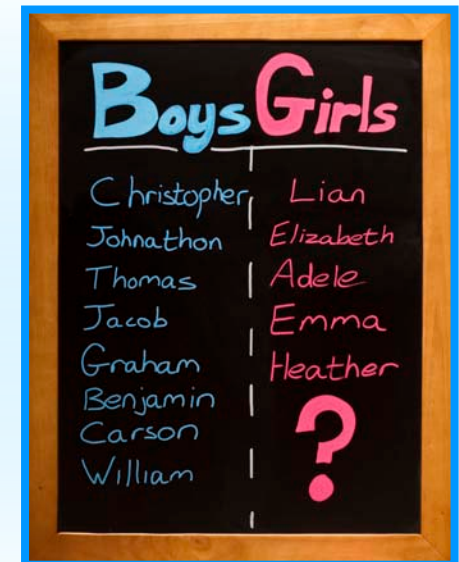
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When starting a story, Julia introduces a character early on and gives them a problem. She also includes details about the setting so that readers can imagine the scene using all of their senses.



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When she is planning her stories, Julia gathers a collection of names that she might use and finds out their meaning, before choosing the right ones for her characters.



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