

# FICTION AUTHORS YOU SHOULD KNOW

**Jerry Spinelli**



“ I would say if you want to write, write what you care about. I think that’s the most important thing. I think if you write what you care about, you stand a better chance of having the reader care about your story. ”

Source: <https://www.newsday.com/lifestyle/family/kidsday/what-inspires-author-jerry-spinelli-1.5259996>

## FUN FACT

Jerry’s ambition growing up was to be a cowboy. In second grade, he once dressed up as a cowboy, in an outfit complete with golden cap pistols and boot spurs.

## NOTABLE WORKS

1. *Maniac Magee* (1990)
  - Boston Globe-Horn Book Award for Fiction
  - Newbery Medal
2. *Wringer* (1997)
  - Newbery Honor
3. *Stargirl* (2000)
4. *Jake and Lily* (2012)

**Jacqueline Wilson**



“ I try to have reasonably happy endings because I would hate any child to be cast down in gloom and despair; I want to show them you can find a way out of it. ”

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2008/jun/10/jacquelinewilson>

## FUN FACT

Dame Jacqueline was given the honorary title of “Dame” after she was appointed the Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2008 by Queen Elizabeth II.

## NOTABLE WORKS

1. *The Story of Tracy Beaker* (1991)
  - Adapted into a BBC television series that ran for 5 seasons from 2002 to 2005
  - Blue Peter Book Award
2. *Double Act* (1995)
  - Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal
  - The Red House Children’s Book Award
3. *The Illustrated Mum* (1999)
  - Guardian Children’s Fiction Award
  - Children’s Book of the Year at the British Book Awards
4. *Wave Me Goodbye* (2017)

**Terry Pratchett**



“ You have to have really wide reading habits and pay attention to the news and just everything that’s going on in the world: you need to. If you get this right, then the writing is a piece of cake. ”

Source: [https://www.buzzfeed.com/kayetoal/23-of-the-most-beautiful-terry-pratchett-quotes-to-remember?utm\\_term=.fbEYz8EMK](https://www.buzzfeed.com/kayetoal/23-of-the-most-beautiful-terry-pratchett-quotes-to-remember?utm_term=.fbEYz8EMK)

## FUN FACT

At 13, Sir Terry published his first story, earning him £14. He used the money to buy his first typewriter.

## NOTABLE WORKS

1. *The Carpet People* (1961)
2. *The Colour of Magic* (Discworld Series, Book 1) (1983)
3. *The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents* (2002)
  - Carnegie Medal
4. *The Witch’s Vacuum Cleaner and Other Stories* (2016)

**Adeline Foo**



“ The best stories that I had written were those that were honest and true ... what you write and read on the page have to come from somewhere real in your memory bank. ”

Source: <http://behindthebooks.gatheringbooks.org/?p=26>

## FUN FACT

Adeline is a screenwriter too! She has written for popular print-to-screen adaptations such as ‘The Diary of Amos Lee’ and ‘Whoopie’s World’, which have been shown on Singapore’s MediaCorp channels.

## NOTABLE WORKS

1. *The Diary of Amos Lee: I Sit, I Write, I Flush!* (2009)
  - Red Dot Award for Best Junior Fiction
  - Adapted into a 10-part TV series on Singapore’s MediaCorp children’s channel, okto
2. *Georgette’s Mooncakes* (2009)
3. *Monkeying in Malaysia! The Travel Diary of Amos Lee* (2014)
  - Shortlisted for Hedwig Anuar Children’s Book Award
4. *Tiny Feet, Tiny Shoes* (2016)
  - Asian Children’s Book Award



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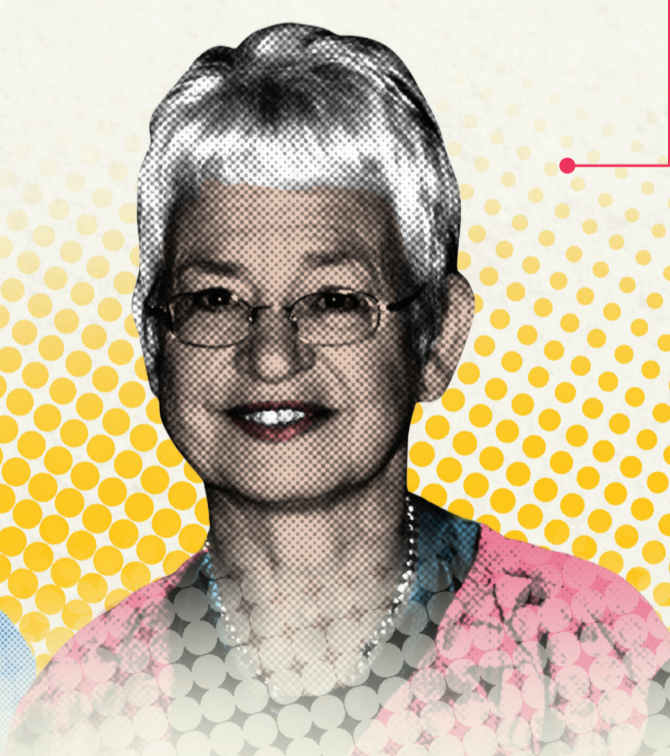


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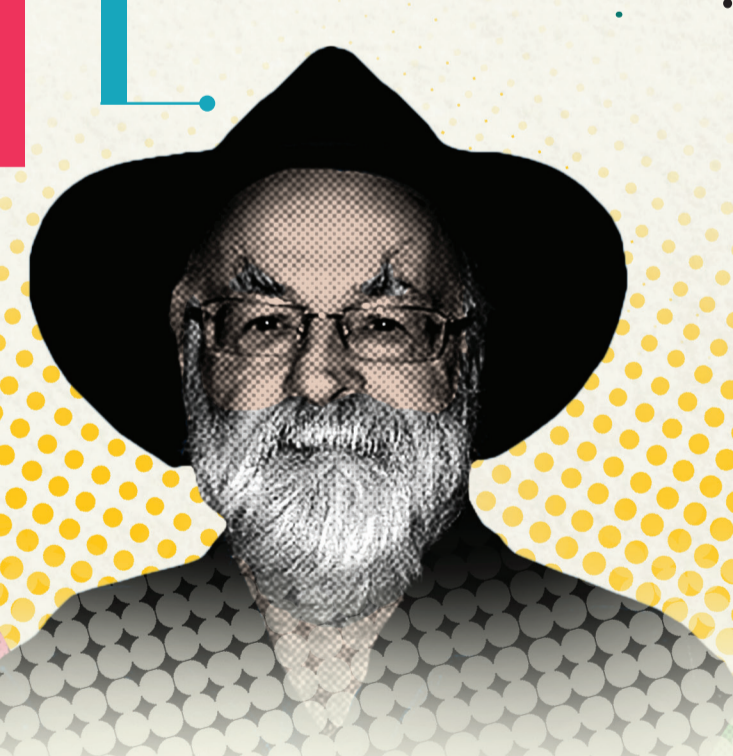


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