

Y1 Information Text: Biography

Example Text

Julia Donaldson

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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!

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

Thank You Julia

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Text Annotated Genre Features

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² introduction

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³ key events and people in her life

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⁵ her personality

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² adjectives to describe

³ ideas and sentences joined with 'and'

⁴ common exception words spelt correctly

⁵ plurals spelt correctly

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