



Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Authors Live with Jacqueline Wilson**

Authors Live is a series of events broadcast live online for children to watch in school or at home, and then available on demand afterwards. The events are a fantastic way for families to share a love of reading. Recently at school your child has watched Authors Live with Jacqueline Wilson at school. You can share in your child's experience by watching the event at home, just visit the Scottish Book Trust website: <http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/authors-live-with-michael-morpurgo>

### **About Jacqueline Wilson**

Jacqueline Wilson was born in Bath in 1945, but spent most of her childhood in Kingston-on-Thames. She always wanted to be a writer and wrote her first 'novel' when she was nine, filling in countless Woolworths' exercise books as she grew up. As a teenager she started work for a magazine publishing company and then went on to work as a journalist on *Jackie* magazine (which she was told was named after her!) before turning to writing novels full-time.

One of Jacqueline's most successful and enduring creations has been the famous Tracy Beaker, who first appeared in 1991 in *The Story of Tracy Beaker*. This was also the first of her books to be illustrated by Nick Sharratt. Since then Jacqueline has been on countless awards shortlists and has gone on to win many awards. *The Illustrated Mum* won the Guardian Children's Fiction Award, the 1999 Children's Book of the Year at the British Book Awards and was also shortlisted for the 1999 Whitbread Children's Book Award. *Double Act* won the prestigious Smarties Medal and the Children's Book Award as well as being highly commended for the Carnegie Medal. *The Story of Tracy Beaker* won the 2002 Blue Peter People's Choice Award.

Jacqueline is one of the nation's favourite authors, and her books are loved and cherished by young readers not only in the UK but all over the world. According to a recent Mori poll, Jacqueline was voted English children favourite children's author. She has sold millions of books and in the UK alone the total stands at over 25 million!

In 2002 Jacqueline was awarded the OBE for services to literacy in schools and from 2005 to 2007 she was the Children's Laureate. In 2008 she became Dame Jacqueline Wilson.

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We hope that you enjoy watching Jacqueline Wilson with your child.

Best wishes,  
Scottish Book Trust Children's Team