

Author of the Week

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Julia Donaldson

Julia Donaldson CBE is an English writer and playwright, and was the 2011–2013 Children's Laureate. She is best known for her popular rhyming stories for children, especially those illustrated by Axel Scheffler, which include *The Gruffalo*, *Room on the Broom* and *Stick Man*. Before releasing her first book, Julia Donaldson was a singer-songwriter for children's television. She was inspired to turn her song, *A Squash and a Squeeze*, into a story book with pictures. This was her first book, published in 1993.

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