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“The concept itself is ingenious, the characters are varied, the setting interesting, and the writing style vigorous but controlled.” -- *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

About the Author

Diana Wynne Jones spent her childhood in Essex and has been writing fantasy novels for children since 1973. With her unique combination of magic, humour and imagination, she has been enthralling children and adults with her work ever since. She won the Guardian Award in 1977 with *Charmed Life*, was runner-up for the Children's Book Award in 1981, and was twice runner-up for the Carnegie Medal. She is married with three sons, and lives in Bristol with her husband.

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