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**Why do you write? What motivates you?**

I LOVE stories. I love reading them and I love making them up. I also love reading. The more I read, the more ideas I get for stories. I love the buzz of getting a new idea... and I love sharing my stories with children in schools.

**How do you start to write?**

I start by daydreaming. Then I move on to scribbling my ideas down very quickly on any old piece of paper. You should see how messy my rough work is! After that, I rewrite and improve. I type it all up on my computer and I put it away. I come back to my story or poem from time to time. I reread it and improve it if I can.

**How do you get inspiration for writing?**

I read a lot. I daydream a lot, and I keep my ears and eyes open. There are ideas all around if you just look and listen.

**Where and when do write? Is there a good time of day?**

I definitely prefer to work in the mornings when the day is still fresh.

**What achievements are you most proud of?**

Some of my books have been in print for a long, long time and thousands of children have read them. I like to think my books have helped children to learn and to laugh. I'm proud of that. I'm pleased that some have won awards.

I am very proud of my son who has grown up to be a lovely person.



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What was your favourite book as a child and what did it mean to you?

I think my favourite book was *Alice in Wonderland*. It is so clever. It has so much in it. And I loved the fact that it has poems in the story. It taught me that nonsense is very important!

What are your top tips for young budding writers?

Here are 7 tips in a little poem:

How to be a Writer in Seven Easy Lessons

Keep a notebook full of jottings.

Keep your head crammed full of thoughts.

Keep your eyes and ears wide open.

Keep all your senses on alert.

Read a lot.

Think a lot.

Dream a lot, too.

If you want to be a writer, that's what you should do.

Michaela Morgan has written the following books for Collins Big Cat:

978-0-00-732925-0 *Blast off to the Moon*: Band 4/Blue

978-0-00-718560-3 *Woody's Week*: Band 02b/Red B

978-0-00-718573-3 *Rat-a-Tat-Tat*: Band 03/Yellow

978-0-00-718636-5 *Funny Fish*: Band 04/Blue

978-0-00-718631-0 *Tiger's Tales*: Band 10/White

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