

Malorie Blackman

Who is Malorie Blackman?

Malorie Blackman is a popular author. She has written lots of books for young children, older children and young adults.



Early Life

Malorie Blackman was born on 8th February 1962. She liked visiting the library when she was younger. She enjoyed reading lots of different books, like adventure and sci-fi stories.

Before she became a writer, Malorie had a job working with computers.



Becoming a Writer

When she first started writing stories, Malorie sent them to people hoping that they would publish them. To begin with, nobody said yes to publishing her stories. Two years later, somebody replied saying that they would like to publish her writing. Her first text called 'Not So Stupid!: Incredible Short Stories' was made into a book in 1990.

When Malorie thought about the books that she read when she was younger, she noticed that none of the main characters were Black people. She wanted to do something to change this so she started writing books with Black characters.

Did You Know...?

Before her first book was published, Malorie got 82 letters from people saying that they didn't want to make her writing into a book. She never gave up though and has now written over 70 books!

