

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH



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WHO IS THIS
MONTH'S
AUTHOR?

Julia
Donaldson

Julia Donaldson is a celebrated UK children's author famous for her rhyming stories, known for books like The Gruffalo and Stick Man, and was the UK's Children's Laureate from 2011-2013.

She has written over 150 books, including the popular Julia Donaldson Songbirds series used in schools.

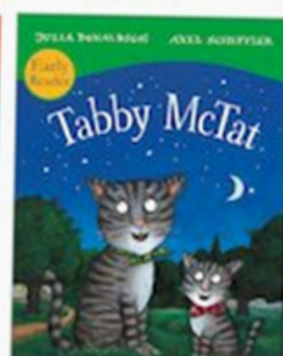
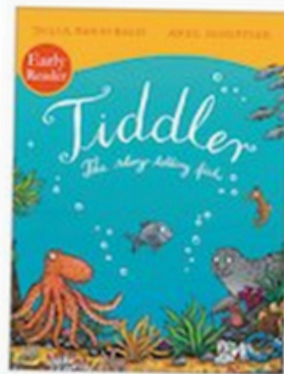
Before becoming a writer, she worked as a teacher, a publisher, and performed songs with her husband Malcolm.





BOOKS BY JULIA!

- **The Gruffalo:** This classic story features a mouse who encounters a fearsome Gruffalo in the deep dark wood.
- **Stick Man:** A tale about a Stick Man's adventures as he tries to get back to his family tree.
- **Zog:** The story of a accident-prone dragon who learns to be a knight.
- **The Snail and the Whale:** A story about a tiny snail who travels the world on the tail of a whale and saves the day when the whale gets into trouble.
- **The Highway Rat:** This humorous story features a mischievous rat who steals food from other animals along the road.
- **Tales from Acorn Wood:** This series includes titles like **Fox's Socks** and **Rabbit's Nap**. Mirror-Belle series.



Send in your
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We would love to see
photos of you with some of
Julia Donaldson's books.
Maybe you have read one
as a bed time story or have
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S. F.
Said

SF Said is a British writer known for creating popular children's fantasy and science fiction books.

He was born in Lebanon in 1967 and moved to London when he was 2 years old.

- SF Said is a passionate advocate for reading and libraries.
- He has judged several prestigious UK book awards, like the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize.
- He has also written articles about children's and young adult fiction for newspapers like The Guardian.

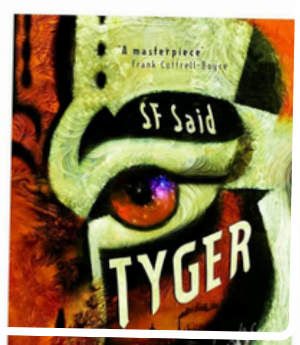
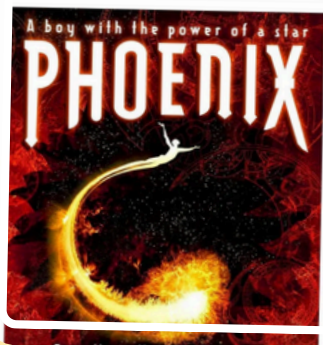
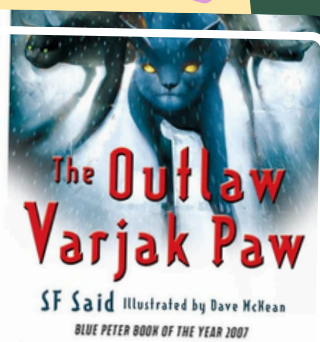
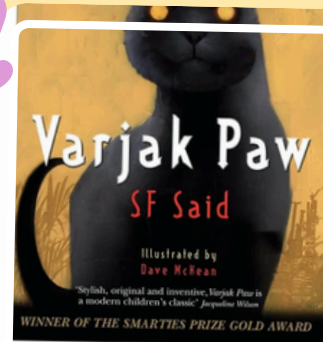




BOOKS

BY S.F. SAID!

- **Varjak Paw:** This was SF Said's first book, published in 2003. It won the Nestlé Smarties Book Prize and has been translated into 14 languages. The book is about a Mesopotamian Blue cat who leaves his home and learns the "Seven Skills of the Way" to fight a dangerous enemy. It has also been adapted as a play and an opera.
- **The Outlaw Varjak Paw:** The sequel to Varjak Paw, published in 2005, won the BBC's Blue Peter Book of the Year Award.
- **Phoenix:** An epic space adventure for readers aged 9 and up, published in 2013.
- **Tyger:** His fourth novel, published in 2022, won the Foyles Children's Book of the Year Award.



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