



# KATHERINE RUNDELL

Katherine Rundell is a well-known author who writes exciting adventure stories for children.



## WHO IS KATHERINE RUNDELL?

Katherine Rundell was born in 1987 in Kent, England. She grew up in Zimbabwe, which is a country in Africa, before moving to Brussels, Belgium at age 14. She has explained that the childhood experiences of these different places had a strong influence of her first novel, *The Girl Savage*, which she wrote when she was just 21.

She studied English literature at university and started writing books after graduating. Katherine is now a multi-million-bestselling author whose novels for children have won many prizes, including the Waterstones Book of the Year, the Blue Peter Book Award and the Costa Children's Book Award. In 2024 she was named the British Book Awards Author of the Year, and her novel *Impossible Creatures* won the Children's Fiction Book of the Year.

## WHAT BOOKS HAS SHE WRITTEN?

Katherine has written many popular books, including:

- Rooftoppers
- The Explorer
- The Wolf Wilder
- The Good Thieves
- Impossible Creatures

Her books are full of thrilling adventures and unforgettable characters.

*Rooftoppers* tells the story of a girl searching for her mother among the rooftops of Paris. *The Explorer* takes readers deep into the Amazon rainforest, where a group of children must survive and find their way

home. *The Wolf Wilder* is a magical tale set in snowy Russia, which follows Feo who rescues wolves and fights to protect them. *The Good Thieves* is packed with daring escapades in New York City. *Impossible Creatures* invites readers into a world of mythical animals and breathtaking landscapes.



## WHY DO CHILDREN LIKE HER BOOKS?

Children enjoy Katherine's books because they are full of adventure and surprises. Her stories are full of rich description which creates a sense of wonder and makes readers feel as though they are exploring jungles, rooftops, and secret places. Her characters are brave and clever, and the books teach important lessons about friendship, courage, and never giving up. Katherine's writing is exciting and makes you want to keep turning the pages!



## FUN FACTS

- Katherine is a Fellow of St Catherine's College, Oxford. This means she is recognised as a distinguished academic and participates in the college's teaching, research or leadership.
- She has also penned two books for adults; *The Golden Mole* and *Super-Infinite: The Transformations of John Donne* have both been recognised with literary awards.
- Katherine wrote *Rooftoppers* whilst studying for her masters degree. She was influenced by her own hobby of clambering on Oxford's college roofs.
- She begins each day with a cartwheel and believes that reading is almost exactly the same as cartwheeling: it turns the world upside down and leaves you breathless.



## FIND OUT MORE...

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgjP7dOM4\\_w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgjP7dOM4_w)

## EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Katherine Rundell born?
2. Which of her books is set in the Amazon rainforest?
3. What important lessons do Katherine's books teach?
4. Where did Katherine grow up?
5. What animal does the character Feo protect?