



ONJALI Q. RAUF

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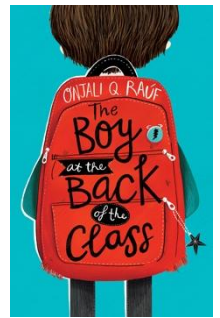
WHO IS ONJALI Q. RAUF

Onjali Q. Rauf is a British children's author who was born in February 1981. She is a proud activist and has founded two charities: a women's rights organisation, which is called Making Herstory, and a charity called O's Refugee Aid Team.

WHAT BOOKS HAS SHE WRITTEN?

Some of her popular books include:

- The Boy at the Back of the Class
- The Star Outside My Window
- The Night Bus Hero
- The Lion Above the Door
- The Letter with the Golden Stamp



WHY DO CHILDREN LIKE HER BOOKS?

Onjali's books show the true lives of people facing big challenges; *The Boy at the Back of the Class* helps us to understand what life could be like for refugees. Her books teach some very important messages, like how one child's kindness can make a big difference. She creates inspirational characters, such as Hector from *The Night Bus Hero*, who works hard to stop bullying. Children who are interested in history also enjoy Onjali's books. *The Lion Above the Door* shares stories from World War II that may have otherwise been forgotten.

FUN FACTS

- Onjali spent 9 years writing before any of her work was accepted by a publisher.
- Her first book, *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, won big awards such as the Blue Peter Book Award and Waterstones Children's Book Prize.
- Her books have also won awards in Japan, Switzerland and France.
- In 2022, Onjali received an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) award for her work in literature and helping others.



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXUZDIGxWSI>



EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What is the title of Onjali's first book?
2. Which award did her first book win?
3. What topic does *The Lion Above the Door* explore?
4. Which countries has Onjali Q. Rauf won awards in?
5. Which honour did Onjali Q. Rauf win in 2022?