Shirley Hughes is the daughter of T.J. Hughes who owned the famous T.J. Hughes store here in Liverpool. As a child Shirley dreamt of becoming an illustrator, born in Wirral in 1927, she studied at Liverpool Art School and the Ruskin School of Fine Art, Oxford.

She married John Vulliamy, architect, and worked as a freelance illustrator before writing and designing her own books. She has published more than 60 titles, including Dogger and the 'Alfie' series. She has three children: Ed Vulliamy, a journalist, Tom, a scientist, and Clara, an illustrator. Her book, Alfie's Shop, is one of eight £1 titles released for World Book Day on Thursday.

Curtis Watt is a performance poet, rapper, beat boxer, actor, presenter, musician, workshop leader and author of Children's History of Liverpool.

Frank Cottrell Boyce was born in Liverpool in 1959. He graduated from Keble College, Oxford, where he continued his studies to receive a doctorate in English.

Frank Cottrell Boyce adapted novels for the screen and soon began written children's fiction. In 2004 his debut Millions won the Carnegie Medal. His novel Framed was shortlisted for the Whitbread Trophy Book of the Year as well as the Carnegie Medal. His 2009 novel Cosmic was also shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal.

Tom Slemen, a Liverpool writer, columnist and broadcaster, famously known as the author of the best selling Haunted Liverpool series of books.
Roger McGeogh was born in Litherland. He is more well known as a former member of the Scaffold.

More recently Roger is famous for his poetry and his association with Liverpool poets and famous for his place in the bestselling anthology, "The Mersey Sound".

Alan Gibbons was born in Warrington, Cheshire, later moving with his family to Crewe. He began to write for his pupils as a teacher, but never tried to get any of his work published. He started to write professionally in 2000 and won the Blue Peter Book Award in the category "The Book I Couldn't Put Down" category for Shadow of the Minotaur.

At the Abingdon Joint School's Event in February 2013, he discussed some of his new books including 'Raining Fire' and a new project called 'Hate Crime', now renamed Hate.

Brian Jacques

When Brian Jacques he was a small boy he wrote a story about a bird cleaning a crocodile's teeth. Brian's teacher could not, and would not believe that a ten year old could write so well. When young Brian refused to falsely say that he had copied the story, he was caned as "a liar". He had always loved to write, but it was only then that he realized he had a talent for it. It was 30 years later when an English teacher changed his life Mr Durband. At the age of 15 Brian left school and became a Merchant Seaman and travelled many lands. When he finally settled back home in Liverpool he got a job at the Royal School for the Blind as a truck driver delivering milk. It was here that he started writing "Redwall" of the nature of his first audience, he made his style of writing as descriptive as possible, painting pictures with words so that the schoolchildren could see them in their imaginations.

Mr Durband his old English teacher read his first book "Redwall" and unknown to Brian he showed it to a publisher and this led Brian writing the "Redwall Series"