

Me AND YOU



Anthony Browne

Three bears decide to go out for a walk in the park while their porridge cools. Meanwhile a little girl has lost her mum and lost her way and is walking the streets alone, until she happens upon a house...

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Anthony Browne is one of the most popular and stylistically distinctive children's book artists, with a number of outstanding titles to his credit including "Gorilla" and "The Tunnel". Anthony grew up in a village called Hipperholme, in Yorkshire. He loved art and would spend hours drawing with his father. After he left school, Anthony studied graphic design and then went on to paint the insides of people's bodies for medical textbooks. He found this fascinating, but after three years found that the work was becoming repetitive and instead began designing greetings cards. This in turn led him to illustrating children's books - his book "Gorilla" began life as a picture on a birthday card. Anthony lives in Kent and has two grown-up children. Anthony has won many prizes for his work, including the Kate Greenaway Medal (twice) and the Kurt Maschler Award (three times). In 2000, he received the highest international honour for illustration, the Hans Christian Andersen Award, for his services to children's literature - the first British illustrator to win the prize since 1956. He has also been announced as the 2009-2011 Children's Laureate, which is an enormous honour, but mostly a testament to his body of work.

Things you didn't know about Anthony Browne:

1. When he was a boy he wanted to be a journalist, a cartoonist, or a boxer.
2. He was once asked to present a programme on children's books, in a cage with some gorillas - but one gorilla bit him badly on the leg. It didn't put him off them, but, he says "you wouldn't catch me going into a cage with one again!"
3. He grew up in a pub and when he was little, would go into the bar, stand on a table and tell stories about a character he'd made up called Big Dum Tackle.
4. He wore short trousers until he was fifteen.
5. He thinks the character, Willy, is based on his own childhood.
6. When he was a boy, he wanted a real trumpet for his birthday, but he got a toy plastic one instead. He says his book, *Gorilla*, was partly based on that experience.
7. He loves rugby and played as a scrum-half for eighteen years.
8. His book *The Tunnel* was inspired by a very frightening tunnel he and his brother used to go down when they were boys.
9. When he was a medical artist, he would often eat his lunch in the mortuary.
10. He says he has never found the perfect pair of swimming shorts!

Picture Books

Bear Hunt
Changes
Gorilla Book
Hansel and Gretel
I Like Books
Into the Forest
King Kong
Little Beauty
Look What I've Got
My Brother
My Dad
My Mum
Piggybook



Shape Game, The
Silly Billy
Tunnel, The
Things I Like
Voices in the Park
Willy and Hugh
Willy the Champ
Willy the Dreamer
Willy the Wimp
Willy the Wizard
Willy's Pictures
Zoo



Books illustrated by Anthony Browne

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Night Shimmie



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