

NICHOLAS ALLAN



Nicholas Allan is the author/illustrator of over thirty children's books.

When he was 12 he made a model of a galleon out of a walnut shell which was exhibited at the Royal Academy in London. Nicholas Allan is the author/illustrator of over thirty children's books. He wrote his first novel when he was 14, a story about a murder in a school. He sent it to Macmillan who, although they did not accept it, asked to see his next. Nicholas studied painting at the Slade School of Art. During this time he had his first radio play broadcasted by BBC Radio 4. He then completed an MA in Creative Writing at the University of East Anglia.

Nicholas worked as a waiter, three weeks in a publisher's office and as a part-time teacher of a life class before he published his first book, **The Hefty Fairy** (1989). Since then he has been a full-time writer and illustrator. Many of his books are bestsellers, including **The Queen's Knickers**, **Father Christmas Needs a Wee**, **Jesus' Christmas Party**, **Cinderella's Bum**, **Heaven**, and **Where Willy Went**. His books have won awards and been translated into twenty languages (see below). He is also the author of **Hilltop Hospital**, a book that has been adapted into a BAFTA-winning television series for CITV. The series has been shown in over forty countries. (see [Scriptwriting workshops & school visits](#)) His books have been adapted into Westend musicals, including *The Queen's Knickers*, *The Giant's Loo Roll*, and *Father Christmas Needs A Wee*, the latter touring annually.

Nicholas has been the Chairman of the Society of Authors' Children's Group and is currently the Patron of the Isle of Wight Children's Literary Festival. He has made many appearances on television and radio. (see below) He is also the author of **The Complete Guide To Gatecrashing** and one novel **The First Time**.

