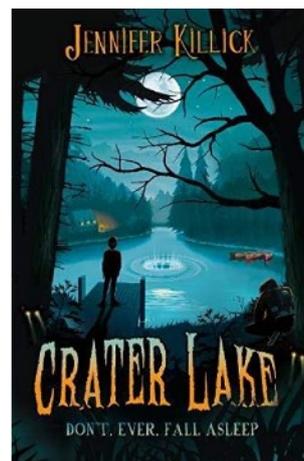

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Who is the mysterious bloodstained man who stops their coach? Why is no one around when Lance and the rest of Year Six arrive at the brand new Crater Lake activity centre? But this is just the beginning of the school trip from hell; a fight for survival that sees five pupils band together to save their classmates from an alien fate far worse than death. But whatever happens, they must Never. Ever. Fall asleep!



ABOUT JENNIFER

I have always loved stories. Growing up, I kept so many books hidden in my bed for reading after lights out that there was barely room for me! I also loved writing stories – my first being a tale about a baby bird called Snowy, who hurt her leg and had to hop her way to safety.

I started thinking seriously about being a writer when I was in secondary school, but didn't do anything about it because I didn't really believe it was possible. The thought of seeing a book in the shops with my name on it seemed too amazing to ever be a reality. I was afraid that I'd fail, so I didn't risk trying– and that is definitely the worst reason in the world!

Having my first son was the kick in the bottom I needed. Suddenly I had someone depending on and looking up to me, and it made me want to do better. Once he started school I applied for a Creative Writing MA at Brunel University, intending to write grown up novels full of tragedy and despair. But then I got the idea for 'The Really Big Stink' and from then on, writing for children was all I wanted to do.

I live in London, in a house full of children, animals and Pokemon. When I'm not busy mothering or step-mothering (which isn't often) I love to read, write and run, as fast as I can. My favourite things are books, trees and fluffy slippers, and my favourite place in the world is my home, where I can sit at the end of my garden, by the river, with tea and cake, coming up with story ideas in my pyjamas.