

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT:

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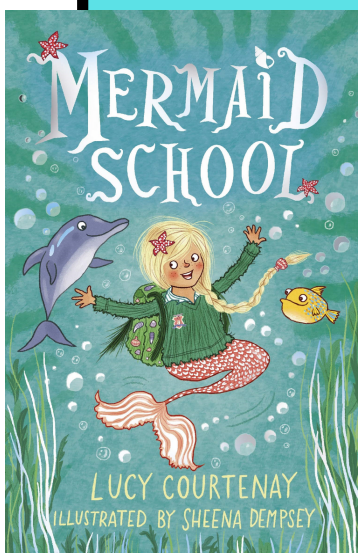
Lucy Courtenay has written over 100 books, both as herself and as a team writer on series such as Beast Quest. She works for a children's fiction publisher and is also a freelance editor. She has done lots of jobs ranging from tea lady to teacher. Her favourite smell is her whippet's feet. She tweets @LucyCourtenay1.



WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD BOOK AND WHY?

I adored Enid Blyton's mystery series and school books, but my absolute favourites were Willard Price's animal adventure books. I learned a lot of random facts about animals that I still remember today, including the ever-useful advice to close your eyes when you're within six feet of a spitting cobra or it will spit poison straight into your eyeballs.

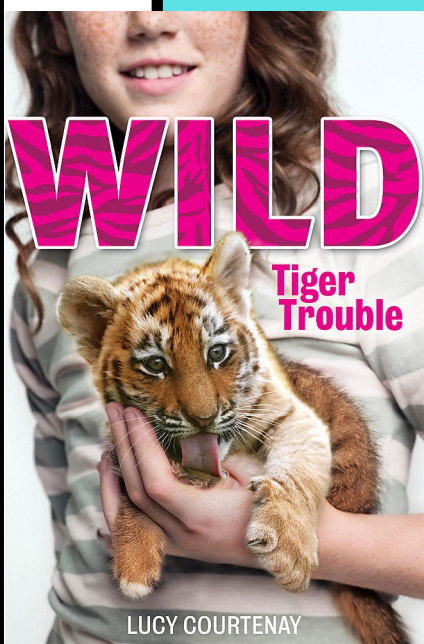
WHICH OF YOUR OWN BOOKS IS YOUR FAVOURITE AND WHY?



Such a tough question! I love the book I'm writing the most, until I write the next one. But there is a special place in my heart for my teen romance Movie Night because it feels 100% me.



WHY DO YOU CHOOSE TO READ?



I To escape, explore, imagine, time-travel. To put myself in horrifying danger from the comfort of my sofa. To indulge my secret dreams of having magic in my fingers, of finding worlds inside cupboards. To take a break from life's wind and rain. To gather fresh ideas and energy. Books are the human equivalent of a phone charger. Just plug me in.