Enid Blyton (1897 – 1968)

- She was born on 11 August 1897 in London, England
- Eldest child of Thomas Carey and Theresa Mary Blyton
- Two younger brothers, Hanly and Carey
- Went to St. Christopher's School in Beckenham
- She enjoyed physical activities but not maths
- Talented pianist, but gave up music when she became a teacher
- Her first book was Child Whispers, a collection of poems, published in 1922
- She wrote many books including the Secret Seven series, Famous Five series, Wishing-Chair series and the Magic Faraway Tree series
- She wrote hundreds of other books for young and older children
- Blyton's books have sold more than 600 million copies
- More than a million Famous Five books are sold worldwide each year
- Her books have been translated into more than 90 different languages
- The Magic Faraway Tree was voted no. 66 in the BBC's Big Read
- In the 2008 Costa Book Awards, Enid Blyton was voted the best-loved author, ahead of Roald Dahl, JK Rowling and Shakespeare