**Gill Arbuthnott**

Gill Arbuthnott was raised in Edinburgh and attended James Gillespie’s' school, the setting for Muriel Spark's classic novel '[The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie](http://www.booksfromscotland.com/Books/The-Prime-Of-Miss-Jean-Brodie-9780140022353)'. From there, Gill studied zoology at St. Andrews University before undertaking teacher training in Dundee. She worked for two years as a biomedical researcher in Southampton before returning to Edinburgh to take up a teaching post at Edinburgh Academy, where she has taught biology for the past twenty years. Gill’s first book was published in 2003 and since then she has combined writing and teaching (which means she has had to give up doing housework and being tidy). She had dreamed of being a writer since she was at primary school, and she is still amazed it’s happened. Not many people are lucky enough to have their dreams actually come true.

