**Susan Gates**



Susan Gates was born in Grimsby in 1950. Growing up she read a lot of science fiction and American literature, which she went on to study at Warwick University. When she was 18, she became a teacher in Malawi and went to University on her return to England and afterwards continued to teach.

Susan never thought about becoming a writer when she was growing up. "Writing seemed to be a different world that kids like me could never be part of—but I was wrong." she said in an interview.

Susan’s books have been shortlisted for many prizes over the years, including the Carnegie Medal.