

Finn Black

Interview mit Kevin Brooks

Wenn man die Lebensumstände und Anliegen einer Autorin, eines Autors kennt, verstehen man meist auch die Bücher besser. Oft macht dieses Hintergrundwissen neugierig auf weitere Bücher der Schreibernden.

1. Aufgabe

- a) Lies das Interview durch und übersetzt den Inhalt.
- b) Welche Antwort hat dich überrascht, welche Antwort findest du besonders wichtig, erstaunend oder eindrücklich?
- c) Begründe deine Wahl in mindestens 2 Sätzen.

Interview:

Name:

Kevin Brooks

Born:

1959

Lives:

Manningtree, Essex, England

Where did you grow up?

Exeter, Devon

What were you like at school?

Mostly confused and a little bit scared – pretty much the same as I am now!

What did you want to be when you grew up?

A writer or a vet or a rock star. I also wanted to be taller.

What did you do after you left school?

Left home and moved to London and tried to become a rock star, but failed after many years trying. Had hundreds of horrible jobs.

Why did you begin writing/illustrating?

I've always written in some form or other – poems, little stories, lyrics, – but I started writing novels about ten years ago.

How would you describe your books?

Stories about real people – their thoughts, their feelings, their hearts and their minds.

Where do your ideas come from?

Everywhere and anywhere and nowhere.

What is your ideal place and time for writing/illustrating?

I always write at my computer in my little room. Usually in the afternoon and evening, seven days a week, if I can.

Which book would you most like to have written?

Either Bill Gates' chequebook, or Cannery Row by John Steinbeck.

What is your favourite film?

The Outlaw Josey Wales

What is your favourite music?

Joy Division, The Cure, The Fall, The Jesus and Mary Chains, Velvet Underground.

What is the funniest joke you know?

Q. What's the difference between a weasel and a stoat?

A. A weasel is weasily recognised but a stoat is stoatally different!

What is your most precious memory?

Sitting on a wall when I was ten years old, wondering where your thoughts go when you die. (I decided that they float up into space and become fuel for the sun).

What are you most proud of?

My life.

What is your advice for aspiring authors/illustrators?

Read as much as you can, and write what you want to write, not what you think other people want you to write. And don't give up.

2. Aufgabe

- a) Recherchier zum Autor und zu weiteren Büchern von Kevin Brooks. Achte vor allem auch auf die wichtigen Anliegen des Autors. Was sind die Themen in seinen Büchern? Was will er seinen Leserinnen und Lesern vermitteln?
Rezensionen zu seinen Büchern findest du zum Beispiel auf der Seite:
<https://www.perlentaucher.de/autor/kevin-brooks.html>
- b) Wähle ein Buch aus, welches du besonders interessant findest. Du kannst auch für jemand anderes ein Buch aussuchen und empfehlen.
- c) Begründe deine Wahl in mindestens drei Sätzen.

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