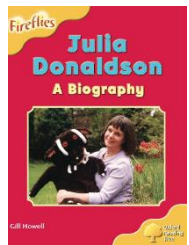


## 'Julia Donaldson, A Biography'



### Retrieval Questions with Rex Retriever

Rex Retriever will help you to go into a text and retrieve the facts.

### Vocabulary Questions with Vocabulary Victor

Vocabulary Victor will help you to look at how authors and poets have chosen to use certain words and phrases.



Read the title and ask your child what type of book they think this might be. Is it fiction or non-fiction? What features can they spot which show it is a non-fiction book? Do they know who the woman is? What will the information and pictures be about inside?

### Questions:

- *Page 3*  
Which Julia Donaldson book do children usually like the best?  
Can you read the sentence which tells us the answer?
- *Pause at Page 5*  
What is a family tree? Have you ever seen one before?  
What was Julia's cat called?  
How many sons did she have?
- *Page 7*  
What are Julia and her sister sitting on in the bottom picture?  
Where do you usually find these?
- *Page 8 & 9*  
How old was Julia when her father gave her a big blue book of poems?  
What are the two poems on page 9 written about?
- *Pause at Page 17*  
What hobbies did Julia have?  
How old was she when she got married to Malcolm?
- *Read to page 23.*  
How many books has Julia Donaldson written?
- *Read to the end*  
Which books have you read from the list?

**Extra ideas:**

- Can you make your very own family tree?
- Can you make a poster about Julia Donaldson and include facts and pictures from this book?
- Could you write your own poems similar to the ones Julia wrote on page 9?
- Using the internet, can you research more about Julia Donaldson and write another chapter about her for the book?