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Sally Gardner is a multi-award-winning novelist whose work has been translated into more than twenty-two languages. She writes books for children of all ages from seven up. Sally was born in Birmingham and grew up in Gray's Inn in central London ("Sally Gardner Biography"). Sally Gardner grew up amongst the drama of London's law courts, as both her parents were lawyers. Having been branded 'unteachable' by some and sent to various schools, Sally was eventually diagnosed at the age of twelve as being severely dyslexic ("Sally Gardner").

On her homepage she writes: "I was badly bullied at school because I was different from other children. I had trouble tying my shoes, and coordinating my clothes, and I had no idea what C-A-T spelled once the teacher took away the picture" ("Sally's Story"). Sally is now a passionate spokesperson for dyslexia; she sees it a gift, not a disability, and is passionately trying to change how dyslexics are viewed by society ("Sally Gardner").

She worked at a theatre for 15 years, but gave up working as a set designer because she found her dyslexia to be a problem when drawing up technical plans for the sets ("Sally's Story"). Sally published her first book in 1993, thus beginning her illustrious career as a writer-illustrator to great international acclaim ("Sally Gardner"). She won several book awards, such as the Carnegie Medal, the Nestle Children's Book Prize Gold Award, and the Costa Children's Book Award ("Sally Gardner Biography").

"Sally Gardner Biography." British Council, literature.britishcouncil.org/writer/sally-gardner. Accessed 18 Dec. 2023.

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The Boy Who Could Fly

Call number: F GAR

One day the Fat Fairy turns up at Thomas Top's house to grant him a birthday wish. Thomas can't think what to ask for, so he wishes he could fly. That's how Thomas goes from being just an ordinary boy whom no one notices to being the most popular boy in the school. But it makes him sad that grown-ups can't see the wonderful things he can do.



Mummy, Don't Go out Tonight

Call number: P GAR

A little girl is worried that her mother is going out for the evening and her worries soon take on an epic scale. Maybe her mother will be kidnapped, or eaten by giants, or even worse, maybe her mother will run away and not come back... But her mother is going to go out and have fun and soon the little girl is finding distraction in the form of a very playful babysitter.

[&]quot;Sally Gardner." BookTrust, www.booktrust.org.uk/authors/g/gardner-sally/. Accessed 18 Dec. 2023.

[&]quot;Sally's Story." Sally Gardner, www.sallygardner.net/sallys-story/. Accessed 18 Dec. 2023.