

Malorie Blackman



Malorie Blackman had a variety of jobs before she became a full time writer and spent many years working as a Database Manager for Reuters travelling extensively within Europe and the United States.

After 82 rejection letters, her first novel, **Not So Stupid!**, was a selected title for the 1991 Feminist Book Fortnight, and Malorie participated in the first BBC TV Black Women's Screenwriting Workshop in 1991. She has written a number of books for young readers including the **Whizziwig** series, which have been dramatised successfully for children's television.

Malorie's books for Transworld include **Operation Gadgetman!**, **Hacker**, **Thief!**, **A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E.**, **Dangerous Reality** and **Pig-Heart Boy**. **Hacker** and **Thief!** both won the Young Telegraph/Fully Booked Award - Malorie is the only author to have won it twice! **Hacker** also won the W H Smith Mind Boggling Book Award in 1994.

Pig Heart Boy tackles the controversial use of genetically altered animal organs for human transplants. This she does with great feeling, skilfully exploring the complex emotions the issue arouses. The book received great praise from the critics and was shortlisted for the prestigious Carnegie Medal. The BBC adapted **Pig-Heart Boy** for children's television to great critical acclaim and it was awarded a BAFTA for Best Children's Drama.

Noughts & Crosses is her most ambitious novel to date. Aimed at teenagers, it is set in an alternate reality, where black and white are right and wrong. It is a stimulating and often provocative read in which two young people attempt to make a stand for their beliefs regardless of the horrifying cost to their own lives. It has received much praise and has won the 2002 Children's Book Award, the 2002 Sheffield Children's Book Award and the Lancashire Children's book Award. Most recently it was voted one the nation's 100 favourite books in the BBC Big Read survey. On request for a special novel for World Book Day in March 2003, Malorie wrote **An Eye for an Eye**, a sequel to the hugely popular **Noughts & Crosses**.

Knife Edge, the sequel to **Noughts & Crosses** has had huge critical acclaim. Described as "*a powerful story of race and prejudice*" in The Sunday Times and "*devastatingly powerful*" in The Guardian, is just as gripping, hard-hitting and uncompromising.

Cloud Busting, published in September 2004, tells the tale of Davey and Sam. Davey is the new boy at school and Sam takes an immediate dislike to him. But slowly Sam realises he enjoys Davey's company when they are alone until something terrible happens which changes their lives forever. The uneasy friendship they form is told in lyrical verse and this title is ultimately a celebration of friendship and individuality.

In July 2005, Malorie delivered the eagerly awaited and dramatic conclusion to the Noughts & Crosses trilogy: **Checkmate**. As Rose grows into a young adult, she unexpectedly discovers the truth about her parentage and becomes determined to find out more in order to honour both sides of her heritage. **Checkmate** has been long listed for The Carnegie Medal.

In her spare time, Malorie likes going to the cinema, the theatre and watching TV, enjoys playing computer and board games, and reads absolutely everything...except Westerns.

She lives with her husband and daughter in South London along with a large collection of books,

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over 10,000 at the last count. Malorie was awarded the prestigious Eleanor Farjeon award in 2005.

Books Available by Malorie Blackman

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Cloud Busting	0385607962
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Knife Edge	0385605277
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Pig-Heart Boy	0552546844
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Dangerous Reality	0552528404
Noughts & Crosses	0552546321
Knife Edge	0385605277

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