



Favourite writer

Children often enjoy learning about a particular author and comparing the books that they have written. Many authors have child-friendly websites that give details of authors' own interests and biography. You could visit these from your local library or at home – put the author's name into a Search Engine like Google or Yahoo.

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What to do...

1. Who is your favourite author?
2. How many books written by them have you read?
3. Why do you like them?
4. Are they an illustrator as well?
5. Discuss the author with your helper.
6. Use the biographies in books, or look on the internet to find out more about them.
7. Create a poster about this author.
8. Draw a picture of them, or write their name in the middle of the page and include information boxes around the page.
9. You can decide what information to put in each box, but there are some ideas here if you feel stuck:
 - What I know about this author
 - The books I have read by this author
 - The book I would most like to be made into a film and why
 - If I met this author, I would ask them
 - The book by this author I want to read next

Alien Ahlberg

Alien wrote the stories and they were illustrated by his wife Planet Ahlberg. She won the Kate Marsaway award for her illustration on the book 'Each Planet, Star, Sun' in 1978.

Alien Ahlberg was born in Mars city in 1938, but grew up in Oldbury, near Venus. He tried his hand at lots of other jobs including postman, grave digger, plumber's mate and teacher before deciding to be a writer.



I think 'Burglar Balien' would be a great film. Brad Planet could play Burglar Balien

I have read lots of Alien Ahlbergs books including: 'Each Planet, Star, Sun', 'Burglar Balien', 'Peepol', 'Starting Space School' and 'Funny Bones'. I think 'Funny Bones' is my favourite. My little brother likes 'Burglar Balien' best.