

Name; Jago Silver (my work is just published under my first name, Jago)

Age; 31

Do you have children? Yes, Lily Peach (5) and Rudy (1)

Could you please give me some details about yourself, hobbies etc. I don't have much time for hobbies to be honest, I'm a bit of a Mac geek and like to spend time at the beach, and I read, a lot.

Could you please give me some details about your career, why you chose it, how you got into it etc.

I've always liked drawing and after a brief time thinking I wanted to be an archaeologist (whilst doing my A Levels) I stayed on at college to do an Art & Design GNVQ (now a National Diploma)

I graduated from Falmouth Art College with a 1st Class Degree in Illustration. I was approached at my degree show by someone from Oxford University Press and signed a two book deal with them. A year or so later my agent (Ronnie Herman, Herman Agency, New York) approached me and since then most of my work has come via her.

When illustrating for children, how do you determine the images are suitable?

My own judgement I guess and the publisher (and sometimes the author) will give me lots of feedback as well.

If you were to buy a book for a child would you buy it specifically for the illustrations on the front page, inside, or not for the illustrations at all? Please explain your answer.

I'm a sucker for the illustrations and I would definitely buy a book based on the cover and/or interior illustrations. I would also definitely not buy a book if I didn't like the illustrations.

How do you think the colour scheme affects children's books? Please explain your answer

Colour schemes are good for setting the mood/emotion/atmosphere of an illustration so they're very important.

How important do you feel illustrations are in children's books and why.

Extremely, they can alter the whole feel of the story

When remembering books from you childhood do you remember storylines or illustrations more?

Both I think

Please feel free to add any other comments you find suitable to my question.

I will send you a link to a couple of interviews I've done which have a bit more detail

Thank you ever so much for your time in answering these questions.

Sorry if my answers are brief, hope this is of some help.