

EPISODE **134**

Author Access with Sally Lloyd-Jones, Author of The Jesus Storybook Bible

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Meet Sally Lloyd-Jones



Sally Lloyd-Jones is the much-loved author of the Jesus Storybook Bible, and has written more than 25 books, including *Goldfish on Vacation* and *Hats Off to Mr. Pockles*. She can be found at sallylloyd-jones.com.

In This Episode

In this very special episode of The Read-Aloud Revival, we're sharing an author access event with the wonderful Sally Lloyd Jones. This was an event celebrating her book *Goldfish on Vacation*, which we read together as a community. Sally shares about her experience writing that book, and talks about choosing stories for *The Jesus Storybook Bible* and her newest book, *Hats Off to Mr. Pockles*.



The Listening Guide

Use this guide to skip to parts that most interest you, or listen to the entire podcast.

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- 4:38 A seat to Sally Lloyd-Jones
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- 1:01:27 Let the Kids Speak

"A picture book is a story told in two languages."

- Sally Lloyd-Jones



Quotes and Questions

* A notebook and a pencil ...

"That's my biggest tip to any budding writers or artists is keep a notebook and a pencil. **It's like having a camera on you, and you're never going to lose an idea** because you think, 'Oh, I'll remember that,' but my experience is you don't. Well, maybe when you're younger, you do, but when you're older you certainly don't."

* Picture books forever ...

"When she got this book, she dropped everything, went up to her room and read it and was thrilled with it. So that made me happy, and **that goes back to that idea that you never grow out of picture books. Sarah and I, we really believe you never grow out of picture books.**"

Sally, talking about her 17-year-old niece, to whom Goldfish on Vacation is dedicated

* Making a difference ...

"**It's the power of one person to make this huge difference.** He did one thing, he was generous with his time and had this lovely vision and out of that came all this joy, and then I got an idea for a book. Then we did it and now all these children are coming back to the fountain to read their book at the fountain. So it's fun how one person can make a big difference."

Sally, speaking about Brad who created the Goldfish on Vacation project

* Someone who came and mended things ...

"And another question I want to put to you children, because I'm going to leave it with you, **I wonder if the fountain man reminds you of anyone else?** If you love *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, have a think about that. Someone who came and mended things that were broken, someone who saw something abandoned and made it beautiful. I wonder if there's someone who might, you might be reminding yourself of. And that's all I'm going to say."

* Fresh and new ...

"One of the things I love about *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, is how it helps me as an adult reader who's heard these stories my entire life, **see the story fresh and new**, in a different way."



* **Don't even pay attention ...**

“If you have nonsense like I have in my head, I always wanted to be a writer, but I had big dreams, and at the same time, I had this kind of voice in my head telling me I wasn't good enough. I'd never be as good as that person. So, if you've got that voice happening, I would just say to you, that's what every writer has. Just don't even pay attention.”



Show Notes

Books from today's episode:

- [Fablehaven](#)
- [Owl Moon](#)
- [Strega Nona](#)
- [The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey](#)
- [The Complete Nonsense of Edward Lear](#)
- [The Tale of Despereaux](#)
- [The Vanderbeekers series](#)
- [The Jesus Storybook Bible](#)
- [The Giver](#)
- [This is Ireland](#)
- [Hats Off to Mr. Pockles](#)
- [Look! I Wrote a Book!](#)
- [This is New York](#)
- [Finn Family Moomintroll](#)
- [Apples to Oregon](#)
- [Miracle Man: The Story of Jesus](#)

Other links from today's show:

- Books by [C.S. Lewis](#)
- Books by [A.A. Milne](#)
- [Read-Aloud Revival Premium Membership](#)

Books Sally recommends for adult writers:

- [Bird By Bird](#) by Anne Lamott



- If You Want to Write by Brenda Ueland
- [On Writing](#) by Stephen King

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