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"Serious fun". -- Jan Mark Carousel, Summer 2002

About the Author

Sally Gardner is an award-winning novelist from London. Her books have been translated into 22 languages and have sold more than one million copies in the UK. Her historical novel for older readers, *I, Coriander*, won the Smarties Children's Book Prize in 2005. Two thrillers both set at the time of the French Revolution, *The Red Necklace* and *The Silver Blade*, which was shortlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize in 2009, followed. Actor Dominic West (*The Wire*) has bought the film rights to both titles. Her YA novel, *The Double Shadow*, was published in 2011 to critical acclaim. Sally Gardner's stories for middle readers include *Lucy Willow* and the popular *Magical Children* series of six titles: *The Strongest Girl in the World*, *The Invisible Boy*, *The Boy with Magic Numbers*, *The Smallest Girl in the World*, *The Boy with the Lightning Feet*, and *The Boy who could Fly*, which are also available as audio books. She has also written and illustrated picture books including *The Fairy Catalogue*, *The Glass Heart*, *The Book of Princesses* and *Playtime Rhymes*. Sally Gardner continues to be an avid spokesperson for dyslexia, working to change the way it is perceived by society. She is dyslexic and argues that it is not a disability, but a gift. Her website is www.sallygardner.net and you can follow her on Twitter @TheSallyGardner

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