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AUTHOR PROFILE

JANET SLATER BOTTIN



AUTHOR OF *THE QUEUE THAT GREW*

Born in Masterton in 1940, Janet now lives in Otaki.

Educated at Eastern Hutt School, Lower Hutt, then Lansdowne School and Wairarapa College, Masterton, followed by Wellington Teachers' College and Ministerial training at Methodist Church of NZ, Christchurch. Worked at teaching and social work (youth) before bringing up seven children.

Janet made up her mind to write at about nine years of age. Janet's serious writing started when the NZ Listener accepted a humorous article she sent in – from then on there was no stopping her and she has won a few prizes for writing over the years.

Janet later became a script writer for Radio New Zealand's pre-school programme. TVNZ also bought a number of Janet's stories for their children's programmes.

Janet has published over sixty books for children, mostly picture books.

“Keeping your eyes and ears open and having a vivid imagination is the secret to writing,” says Janet. She shows no sign of slowing down (13 books published in one year is her current record) and her biggest seller to date is *The Big Block of Chocolate*. Published in 1985 there are more than 200,000 copies in print in NZ and the USA.

Janet enjoys visiting schools and says feedback from letters makes it all seem worthwhile.

Bike riding and walking are two of Janet's pursuits when not writing or researching.

Following on from the *Miss Primrose* series Janet has teamed up with Graeme Kyle to produce *The Queue that Grew*. A story showing that the grass is not always greener on the other side of the fence.

Awards:

2002 *The Fizzy Orange Soft Drink* (Janet Slater Bottin/Jeffy James)
WINNER Spectrum Print Design Award for Illustration

Current titles available:

<i>Miss Primrose and the Empty Corner</i>	1 86943 665 2
<i>Miss Primrose and the Missing Bulbs</i>	1 86943 594 X
<i>Miss Primrose and the Mystery Mouse</i>	1-86943-662-8
<i>Miss Primrose and the Stolen Salami</i>	1-86943-715-2
<i>The Big Block of Chocolate</i>	1 86943 565 6
<i>The Truth About Toffee</i>	1 86943 550 8
<i>The Fizzy Orange Soft Drink</i>	1 86943 446 3
<i>Ice Cream Snow</i>	1 86943 541 9
<i>Mr Magee Came Home For His Tea</i>	1 86943 626 1
<i>The Queue that Grew</i>	978-1-86943-798-5