

I was born in 1962 in Coventry (scarily ancient, I know). I wrote my first picture book for my little brother when I was eight or nine. I loved making comics, too - pages and pages of picture stories, features and competitions. I'd sell my homemade comic to a friend for 5p, then claim it back and sell it again to someone else; they didn't have photocopiers back then!"

Cathy has been writing fabulous stories ever since. Her books have sold over one million copies in the UK alone. She is the bestselling author of *Dizzy*, *Driftwood*, *Indigo Blue*, *Scarlett*, *Sundae Girl*, *Lucky Star*, *Gingersnaps* and *Angel Cake*. *The Chocolate Box Girls* is a sumptuous series starring sassy sisters, super-cool boys and one of Cathy's biggest loves - chocolate.