



'IN THE SPOTLIGHT'

Each month we put a different person 'in the spotlight' and pose 12 wide-ranging questions to them. This month, we feature author Glenda Young.

1. Tell us an interesting fact about yourself that not many people know.

I really like funiculars and would LOVE to write a book about them where I travel the word and ride every single one – up AND down of course.

2. What book made most impact on you as a child?

Naughty Amelia Jane by Enid Blyton. It was the power of a short story, concise, to the point, with an emotional wallop in each one. I still have the book my parents gave to me when I was 7 years old.

3. What is your favourite film, and why?

The Sound of Music. My grandma took me to the cinema to see it about four times! When I was 50 I went to Salzburg on the Sound of Music tour which was magical.

4. What are your main hobbies/interests, apart from reading, of course?

I'm lucky to live close to the sea so I walk a lot, cycle regularly, I also love collecting seaglass and gardening.

5. What would be the three things you would like to have if you were stranded on a desert island?

A radio! A never ending supply of good food and drink. A boat that arrived once a week to ferry me to see people, but only if I wanted to.

6. What would a look at your bookshelves tell us about you?

That I'm an eclectic reader and I enjoy autobiographies of my favourite famous women, singers, broadcasters, writers.

7. If you could invite any three people, dead or alive, to a dinner party, who would they be, and why?

I hate dinner parties. Can I pass on this question! Also, I'm not good cook so even if I would like Margaret Atwood, Elvis Presley and David Bowie at my dinner party, I'm not sure they'd



want to come!

8. What kind of music do you like, and is there one favourite soundtrack?

I'm a huge Bowie fan and I really love reggae and ska music too. My favourite album of all time is David Bowie's Low.

9. What are your favourite charities/good causes, and why?

Cancer has touched too many of our lives and so I support charities such as Cancer Research UK to help scientists seek a cure. I worked for many years as a PA to Professors of cell biology, epidemiology, and medical physics, and saw first hand how money from such charities paid for ground breaking work.

10. Who is the person who has influenced you most/you most admire?

In writing terms, with my novels, I would probably say Maeve Binchy as I love her warm and enveloping style that invites the reader in to share her world.

11. What is your connection to Evesham?

I was lucky enough to win the Evesham Festival of Words Short Story competition 2020. My story was "The Fan Club Man" and it's based on something true which happened to me, that's all I'm going to say!

12. What would you list as your greatest achievement to date?

Being given a six book deal from Headline to write novels set in the village where I was born and bred and grew up. I couldn't be happier. Please find out more at my website glendayoungbooks.com