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*"There is just so much in this phenomenal book that I can't do it justice here - you need to take a look for yourself - creative writing lessons will be transformed and pupil confidence and ability extended." - Sarah Brew, Parents in Touch*

#### About the Author

**Alison Wilcox** has extensive teaching experience in schools in England and Scotland. Colleagues describe her methods as 'innovative and inspirational to even the most reluctant of writers'.

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