



Gervase Phinn

Professor Gervase Phinn taught in a range of schools for 14 years before becoming an education advisor & school inspector. He is now a freelance lecturer, broadcaster & writer, a consultant for the Open University, Honorary Fellow of St. John's College, York & the Fellow & Visiting Professor of Education at The University of Teesside.

Gervase has published many articles, chapters & books, edited a wide range of poetry & short story collections. His academic texts include: **Young Readers & Their Books**, **Touches of Beauty—Poetry in Primary School & Reading Matters**. Additionally, he has published collections of his own plays, poems, picture books & short stories including his anthologies of verse: **Classroom Creatures**, **It Takes One to Know One**, **The Day Our Teacher Went Batty!** & **Family Phantoms**. His books of stories for children, **What's the Matter Royston Knapper?** & **Royston Knapper: The Return of the Rogue** were published by Child's Play & became best sellers.

Gervase is probably best known for his three best selling autobiographical novels: **The Other Side of the Dale**, **Over Hill & Dale**, **Head Over Heels in the Dales** (which he read on Radio 4 programme **Book of the Week**), **Up & Down in the Dales** & **The Heart of the Dales**.

Television & radio appearances include **Esther**, **Midweek**, **You & Yours**, **Open House with Gloria Hunniford**, **North East Tonight**, **Today**, **Calendar**, **Breakfast Television**, **BBC World Service**, **The Heaven & Earth Show**, **The Des O'Connor Show**, **Quote-Unquote**, **The Big Toe Radio Show**, **Just One Chance**, **Book at Bedtime**, **Book of the Week** & **A Good Read**.

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, he has a particular interest in children's reading & is widely known as a lively & entertaining speaker.

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