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TOP WRITING TIPS FOR JUNE

Over the past few weeks, I have been talking to a few authors about how they work, so here are some tips to help you with your own writing.

Some of us from Inkpots met **Maz Evans** who wrote **Who Let the Gods Out** a few weeks ago. She was telling us that she wrote the book then put it away in a drawer for five years because she thought it was rubbish. Now she tells all young writers to never give up – you may have to work on your stories, but never give up on them

Another author who has been helping us out is **Robin Stevens**, author of the **Murder Most Unladylike** series. Robin's books are mystery stories. This is what she said if you are ever planning to write a mystery too:

To write a mystery story you need to plan carefully! Before you begin to write, make sure you know the answers to the following five questions: who, what, where, when and how. If you are really clear about all of the details of your crime, you'll be able to be confident about writing your mystery, and you'll be able to trick your readers!

Finally, I heard David Walliams being interviewed on the radio. He talked about where he got inspiration from for all of his wonderful characters. He said that it was from everyday things – so he always tells children to keep their eyes and ears open – and be super observant.

Happy writing and drawing in June, Inkpotters!