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INKPOTS INTERVIEW WITH MAZ EVANS

Maz Evans is an Inkpots Hero and her books include lots of heroes too. She has published two books of a trilogy about Elliot and how some of the Greek Gods help him out of lots of difficulties. Elliot's special friend among the Greek immortals is Virgo and in the course of *Who let the Gods Out* and *Simply the Quest* they both must learn how to be heroes.

We asked Maz a few questions about her writing and ideas. The full interview is at www.inkpots.org/inkpots-interview-maz-evans

Did you start writing when you were a child?

Yes, I did. My first book was called "The Ladyberds in My Bathroom" which I wrote when I was 5. Strangely, it didn't get published, but I did write a lot when I was a kiddie.

Did you go to something like Inkpots?

Sadly, I didn't. Back in 1573 when I was growing up, there weren't exciting things like creative writing clubs – although I think we did a lot more story writing at school than children do today, so I had plenty of opportunities.

Where did you get the idea for your series of books?

It came randomly one day when I was watching the telly. I suddenly thought: "If the Gods are immortal – they are still alive. I wonder what they are doing now...?" And the seed was sown. Although it was a long, looooooong time until it grew into a story tree...

Do you keep a notebook?

I have so many notebooks! One of my many irritating habits is that I am constantly buying notebooks – then I write three things in each and I can't remember what is where! When I'm working really hard, I have a big notebook that I jot my thoughts down in – I try to keep one in my handbag, but I'm always losing or forgetting it, so often make notes on my phone.

Don't forget to email Gill to tell her about your hero and claim your copy of Maz's book. These are also the kinds of questions we're looking for if you want to take part in our hunt for new Inkpots Heroes.

Can't wait to hear about your ideas!