

CBeebies Radio Writer Phil Allcock has his First Picture Book Published

Phil Allcock is a biology graduate who was involved in research for some years, but then decided to pursue his love of writing. This began with some creative projects - including a fantasy trilogy that was published in the early 1990s. The first part was one of three books chosen for required reading in a university's fantasy literature module.

Since then, he has had 40 short children's stories transmitted on **BBC and ITV**, including six read by actor and singer **Paul Nicholas** on 'Playdays' and ten read by comedian and actor, **Lenny Henry**, on **CBeebies radio**. Despite this, 'Cantankerous King Colin' is his first published children's picture book.

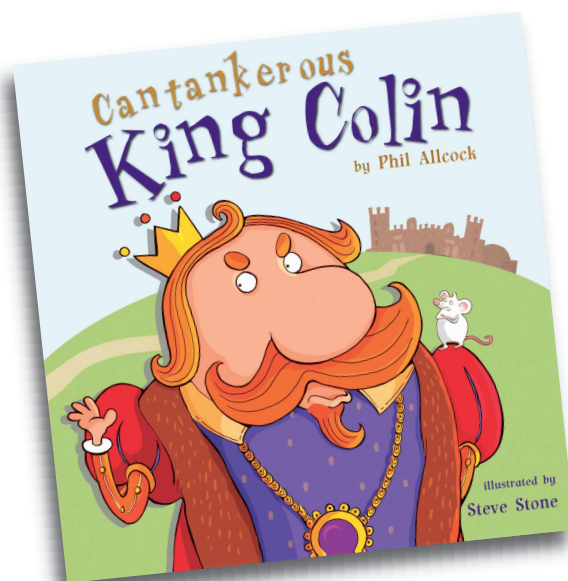
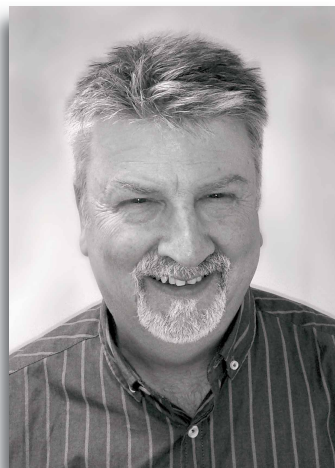
Fantastically illustrated by Steve Stone, **Cantankerous King Colin** thinks he can get away with anything, even being mean, because he is King. As in all good children's books he eventually gets his comeuppance!

A member of the Society of Authors, Phil has a wife, Jan, and two children, Ben and Lauren – as well as a mad dog, Chester. He is currently living on the edge of the New Forest but will be moving to Yorkshire in the summer of 2014.

Cantankerous King Colin, published by Maverick Children's Books, to be released on May 28th 2014.

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