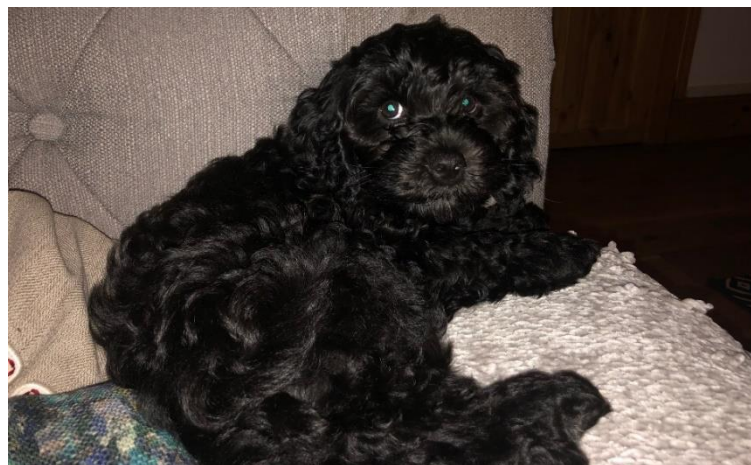


9 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT CLARE HELEN WELSH

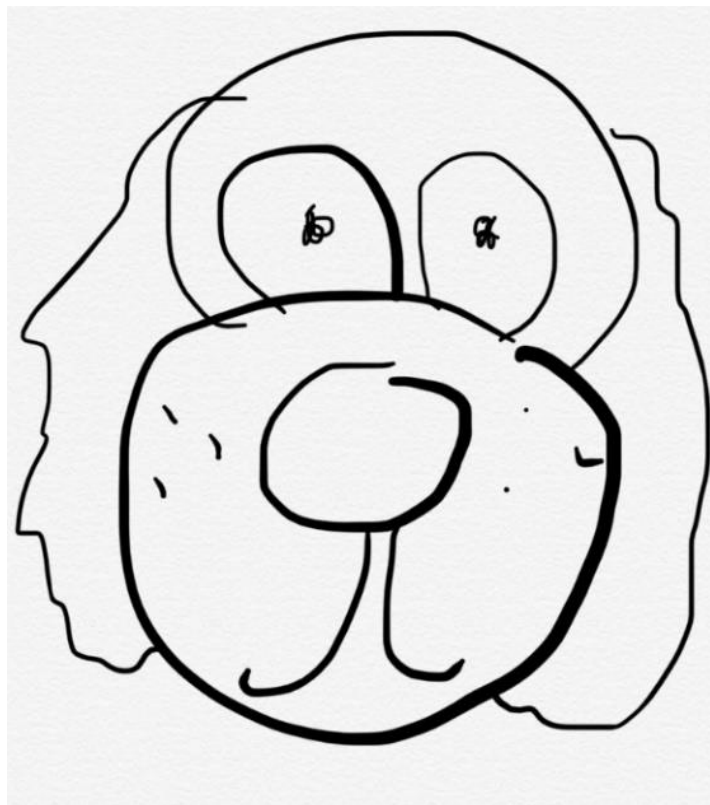


1. My office is a sofa in my living. I have a stool to put my feet up on and always write with something comfy, like a blanket or duvet or my dog, Hope.



2. When I finish a story, I read it out loud to my dog, Hope.

3. I don't draw the illustrations in my books, but I can draw my dog, Hope. What do you think?



4. When I'm not writing, I like playing netball.

5. I haven't always written children's books. I have also worked as a primary school teacher, as a waitress and I have answered phones at a call centre in France for people who wanted to book holidays. When I was in my twenties, I was Head Elf at his Grotto in Bristol, so I also know Santa Claus.

6. I know how to make lampshades. One year I gave everyone in my family a lampshade!

7. In 2019 I had cancer and my doctor gave me medicine that made my hair fall out. My children called me 'The Boiled Egg.'



8. When my hair grew back, it was black and curly, just like Hope's fur!



9. I am the author over 50 books for children.

Here are some of them:



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