



Thursday 4th March 2021

## Reading 4 – *Treason*

### World Book Day

#### **Berlie Doherty – a short biography**

Berlie Doherty was born in Knotty Ash, Liverpool, the youngest of three children. She always wanted to be a writer, but when she was little there were many things she wanted to be - a singer, ballet dancer, air hostess, librarian... Her serious writing started at university, where she trained to be a teacher. Now she lives in an isolated cottage in the country and writes in a barn overlooking the Pennines.



“Writing about another time is like writing about another country – visually everything is different, and my job as a novelist is to recreate that time so the reader can walk through the stinking streets and the gorgeous halls of the Tudor period and feel at home there. I had to do a great deal of research. I visited many mansions, including the Palace of Hampton Court, where the boy prince Edward lived. I talked to many people who knew a great deal more than I did about the way rich and poor people lived in the early fifteen hundreds, the food they ate, the clothes they wore, the daily life.”

Berlie Doherty has written over 60 books, 35 of them for children. She is well known for *Street Child*, set in the Victorian period, and has won the Carnegie Medal twice.

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We have started reading *Treason*. Read the short biography of Berlie Doherty above. What questions would you ask her if you could do so? Think carefully – what would you like to find out more about?

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