

An introduction by Philip Reeve

I have been writing stories ever since I learnt how to write but I never imagined I would see my stories in print until I finished *Mortal Engines,* which was about my first really big idea – moving cities!

Well done for having your own piece of writing in print already in this *We Are Writers* book. Stories and poems can be anything you would like them to be – they can be long or short, funny or scary, and about very, very big or very, very small things. The most important thing is to keep looking for ideas. Inspiration can be found anywhere so keep on looking, and make notes of your ideas so they can be used later.

Always be yourself when you write though. A story or poem belongs to you, and the very best ones tend to spring out of your own personality. And don't forget to keep looking out for ideas for your next masterpiece...

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