

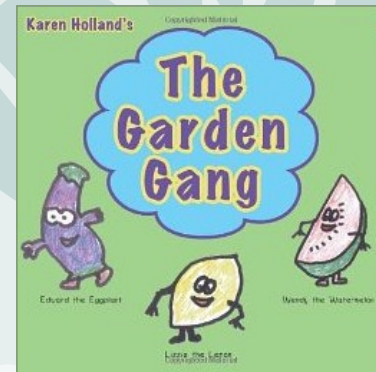
# Miss North



Head of Art

**Can you remember when you first learnt to read and who taught you?**

My mum taught me to read when I was about four or five years old, as well as my teacher from Oulton Primary School in Yorkshire, Mrs Flannagan.

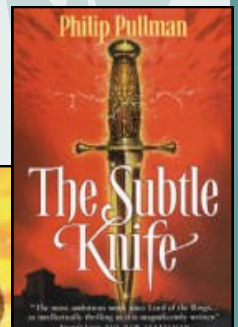
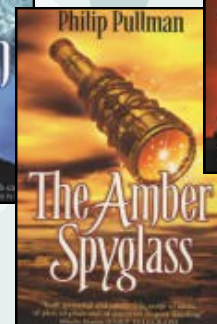
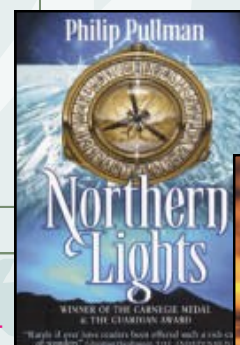


**What was your favourite book as a child and why?**

When I very young it would have to be the *Garden Gang* and the *Ladybird Books*. When I was a little older (eight or nine), it was a book called *The Weather Man*.

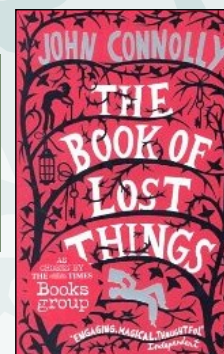
**What sort of reading do you do for pleasure now?**

I like fantasy books such as *Harry Potter* and Philip Pullman's *Dark Materials* trilogy - and of course all of the art books!



**What has been your favourite book of the last five years?**

I liked lots of things but it has to be *The Book of Lost Things* by John Connolly.



The book's epic villainy, mournful tone and tested morality is the essence of Connolly. Worst of all is the Crooked Man, who ranks with the Travelling Man, the Collector and even Mr Pudd among Connolly's most memorable villains. 'THE BOOK OF LOST THINGS' is peculiar and perverse and humane, with an incredibly lyrical finale . . .

**Why does reading for pleasure matter to you?**

I find that it is a good way of relaxing after a stressful day at school and it takes me out of the reality of my life.

