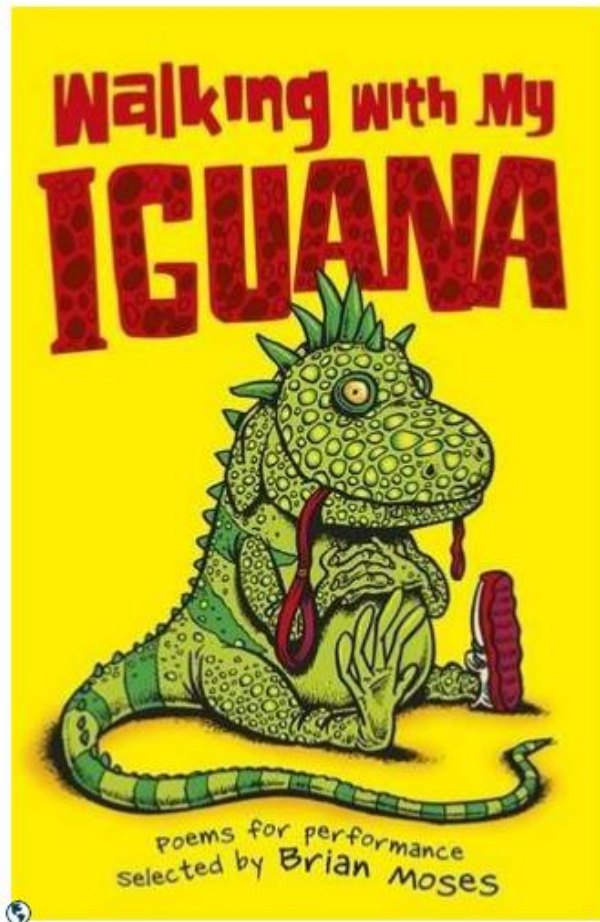


Who is this man? What questions might you ask to find out more?



Brian Moses (born 1950) is an English poet. He mainly writes for children, has over 200 published works and is well known as a children's poet. His poetry books and anthologies for Macmillan have sold in excess of 1 million copies.





Let's listen
to one of
Brian's most
famous
poems!

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/teach/resources/brian-moses-walking-with-my-iguana/>

What is a Poem?

What Poems do you know/
have you heard?



I'd Rather Be Doing Anything Today Than....

I'd rather be doing anything today than doing home learning.

I'd rather tightrope walk across Grand Canyon or tumble over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

I'd rather have my feet nibbled by piranhas or try to tiptoe past a sleepy lion.

I'd rather eat brussel sprouts for my birthday tea or bungee jump from the Empire State Building.

I'd rather wander through the town in my underwear or practise juggling with dynamite.

I'd rather kiss a pot bellied pig or sleep in a nest of vipers.

I'd rather walk through a haunted forest at night or be invited to tea at Dracula's Castle.

I'd rather have a spitting contest with a camel or be forced to eat sardine sandwiches.

Yes, I'd rather be doing anything today than doing home learning...

Because home learning's just not cool enough for me.

Things to discuss and think about:

- What do you notice about this poem?
- How does the poem make you feel? Why?

Task:

- Today you are going to be writing your 'I'd rather be doing anything than...' poem.
- Think about what you are doing today and what you would rather be doing!
- Be as creative and imaginative as you can!