



Eva Ibbotson

*Eva Ibbotson wrote *The Dragonfly Pool* and many other novels.*

Eva Ibbotson was born in Austria on 21st January 1925. At that stage of her life her name was not Eva at all: she was called Maria Charlotte Michelle Wiesner.

Her parents separated when she was very young so Eva spent most of her time at her grandmother's house. When she was eight years old Eva moved to Edinburgh in Scotland to join her father. She didn't stay with him for very long before moving to London to live with her mother in 1934.

Eva was sent away to boarding school. She loved her time at Dartington Hall School, set in the countryside of Devon. When she grew up she went to university in London and Cambridge. She met a young man called Alan Ibbotson and they married in 1947.

The couple lived in Bristol then Newcastle and they had four children. Eva trained to become a teacher and she began to write short stories. Her first full-length book was called *The Great Ghost Rescue*. Although it was published in 1975 it was not until thirty-six years later that it came out as a film.

Eva was the author of many books for adults as well as for children. Her adult books are very popular in Germany but in this country she is better known for her children's books. Her titles include *Journey to the River Sea*, *The Secret of Platform 13*, *The Dragonfly Pool* and *The Star of Kazan*.

Eva Ibbotson died on 20th October 2010 at the age of 85.